



**HANDS &
VOICES™**
ILLINOIS

ONLINE LEARNING GUIDELINES

for students who are deaf/hard of hearing



**GUIDE BY
YOUR SIDE™**
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ALWAYS BE PREPARED

Remember to charge your batteries every night and plug in your laptop/microphones so you are ready to learn every morning.



LIMIT YOUR BACKGROUND NOISE

- If you have something to say, raise your hand and wait until your teacher calls on you.
- Always keep your microphone muted until you need to talk.
- Always face the camera when you are talking.
- Use a big voice or make sure your hands can be seen to communicate.



USE YOUR ADVOCACY KNOW HOW

- Let your teacher know **IMMEDIATELY** if you cannot hear well or if your captioning or interpreter is not there or hard to view.
- Ask your teacher for slides and notes before each session, that way you can come prepared.
- Ask the teacher to wait after sharing their screen, this allows you time to get everything set to follow along.



ACCESSING YOUR SCHOOLWORK

- If possible have 2 screens available, this allows you to see the teacher and captions or interpreters at the same time.
- If you only have one screen, make sure you know how to view captions or interpreters and class at the same time.
- Link your computer to the TV so you can see everything on a larger screen.
- for a strong video connection plug directly in the router. Your parents can help with this.



KEEP YOUR DEVICE STILL



Keep your computer on a flat surface. Moving it around can make others dizzy and be hard for you to see what's going on.

HAVE GOOD LIGHTING

Make sure there is a light on your face so everyone can see you. Having a light behind you makes you look like a shadow to others in your class.



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