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OCS Digital Learning for Instructional Continuity

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Digital Learning Days Course from Georgia Virtual

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Best Practices

1. **Provide dynamic and engaging lessons**
    - Four key principles that ISTE recommends are:
        - Break learning into smaller chunks.
        - Be clear about expectations for online participation.
        - Provide immediate (or at least frequent) feedback through online knowledge checks, comments on collaborative documents and chat to keep students motivated and moving forward.
        - Include virtual meetings, live chats, or video tutorials to maintain a human connection.

2. **Design independent learning**
    - Remember many parents may still be working from home and not able to provide as much support as needed.
    - Streamline the information and make it easier for students to keep track of information and assignments.

3. **Communicate**
    - Check-in with students and/or parents to check in on academics and social-emotional needs.
    - You can check in with Google Hangouts, email, or by phone.
    - Our students understand the current situation. Give your students something to make them smile, such as a funny video, joke, etc.

4. **Encourage a routine**
    - While it may seem fun to work from home, it can be challenging to keep to a regular schedule. Encourage students and parents to engage in routine to complete online digital learning.
    - Some things that can help include:
        - Take regular breaks.
        - Making time to exercise.
        - Keep to a regular sleep schedule.
        - Designate a space to do your work.
        - Limit distractions when possible (turn off social media notifications, for example).
        - Set daily and weekly goals.
        - Make time to socialize, even if it’s virtual.

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5. **Use digital tools that students are familiar with and know how to use**
    - It can be very tempting to use free technology tools that are being offered. However, the privacy policies may not be compliant with current legislation.
    - Our recommendation is to limit the number of apps and tools in order to not overwhelm parents and students. Stick to what students know.
    - Consider making video instructions instead of text to explain online assignments.
    - Digital Learning is a great opportunity to review digital citizenship etiquette.
    - Consider including online collaboration activities that will provide an opportunity to practice what it means to be a responsible digital citizen.