

Active Daily Attendance

Research has shown that regular and active attendance at school is critical to long term success. In the early phase of virtual learning, where it was an emergency response and developing structure for all students, a student was considered to be attending class if they were logged into the virtual classroom. This will not be the case in the coming school year. Students will be required to do more than remain logged into the classroom. They are expected to participate actively in the classroom learning environment.

Active participation means engaging in the two-way communication that is used within the classroom during online instruction. Where possible students are encouraged to switch on their cameras and engage in interactive portion of the learning through audio and technological portion (electronic chats with the teacher and classmates, small group lessons/activities, interactive applications such as Jamboards, etc) of the learning. It is through this type of active participation that teachers can assess the impact of instruction and make adjustments to further student learning and achievement. Student participation and feedback is critical to building an effective instructional environment and plan.

Active participation also means completing the assigned tasks (synchronous and asynchronous) and turning them in for feedback. Teachers will provide feedback both synchronously and asynchronously as well as providing opportunities for that feedback to be incorporated into future work. This is the very nature of the learning cycle and key to building student success.

If your student is going to be absent from the classroom for a preplanned appointment, event, sick, etc., please be sure to report your student's absence. The link below provides further information on how to do this.

https://www.limestone.on.ca/families/report_a_student_absence

If your student has to leave the virtual classroom during the day or lesson for a short period of time (urgent, unplanned event beyond washroom breaks), please be sure to advise the teacher through the routine practice within the classroom that the teacher has established.

If you have questions or concerns about active attendance, please contact your teacher. If they can't address the issue, they will direct you as needed so we can support you and your student for a successful school year.