

## Is Online Learning Right for Me?

A survey to gauge a student's chances for success in an online environment

Students and parents should work together to complete this self-assessment. Answer the questions below then score the document. Your score is just an indicator as to whether you are a good candidate for online learning. It is **not** going to tell you how well you do in an online course.

Personal Attitudes For the following, Never=1 and At All Times=5

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I am a self-starter and do my schoolwork and homework without being told twice.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I stay on task when doing schoolwork.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I schedule my time well at school.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I schedule my time well outside of school.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I stay on task while doing work on the Internet.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I follow through on requests from my teachers.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ I answer e-mail in a timely manner.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ I turn in schoolwork on time.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I ask teachers for help if I need it.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to put in extra time for my online class.

Personal Attitudes Score \_\_\_\_\_

Attitudes cannot be learned or changed easily so an assortment of low scores should be a concern for a potential online student. If you scored less than 35 points then an online course may not be right for you. If you scored less than 25 points you should not take an online course.

Technology Skills For the following, No=1 and Yes=5

11. \_\_\_\_\_ I have easy access to a computer and the Internet at school
12. \_\_\_\_\_ I have easy access to a computer and the Internet at home.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ I know how to use a URL.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ I can cut and paste text information.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ I am a regular user of e-mail.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ I know how to use Internet applications such as chat and discussion groups.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ I know how to do Internet research.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ I have someone at school or home to help me if I have technical problems.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ I have access to a fax machine.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ The computer I will use for the class has Microsoft Word and Excel.

Technology Skills Score \_\_\_\_\_

Technology skills can be learned so "low" scores on these statements should not cause too much concern. However, if you scored a 1 on more than 4 items, you need to either get better access to the Internet and/or you need to find someone to help you improve your technology skills before you start the online class.