

## Personality Traits Needed to Succeed Online

- **Communicative:** Students who are able to participate in class through both written and spoken word will succeed in online learning.)
- **Motivated:** Students who do not give up easily when faced with challenging materials and are able to prioritize their workload will more likely be successful distance learners
- **Assertive:** These students aren't afraid to ask questions! They don't hesitate to ask for help with either content or technology. Consequently they are less likely to become frustrated and drop the course.
- **Methodical:** Students need to log on to their courses every day so that they don't fall behind. They need to make a habit of checking for assignments, reading email and contributing to discussions.

## Successful Online Learner Checklist

- I have ready access to a computer.
- My computer has ready access to the Internet.
- I enjoy reading.
- I like exploring new things.
- I ask questions when I need clarification.
- I enjoy working on the computer.
- I understand that an online class will require as much as, if not more attention than, a face-to-face class.
- I can work independently.
- I have supportive parents and school staff behind me!

## Providing Materials, Access and Support to the Student

- A computer and the Internet must be accessible every day, both at home and at school. Parents and the school will need to ensure that high-speed, broadband access to the Internet is available.
- If the ICN or other video classroom facilities are needed the school will need to schedule these.
- If textbooks, CDs, DVDs or other supplies are required, the student coach makes sure that they get to the student.
- Both pedagogical and technical support will be needed, especially by first-time online learners. Student success depends on committed student coaches, parents and instructors who are willing to spend time to make sure students are meeting deadlines, working on assignments and understanding the material.
- Note: Schools that have "at risk" students taking online courses will need to implement "safety net" infrastructure to help these students succeed.