



Starting the School Year: Building a Foundation for Student Success

At Shaker Regional School District, we recognize that learners are most successful when they feel safe - physically, emotionally, and socially. Our teachers are learner-centered, striving to inspire, motivate, and empower learners. As we begin the journey of learning together each year, it is essential to establish an inclusive and supportive learning community. The 2020-21 school year presents unique challenges and highlights the importance of safety and wellness, flexible thinking, and collaboration in our effective learning community. Learners will focus on the following skills and habits in the first weeks of school.

- Reacclimating to School
 - Learners will work together with their teachers to build consistent and effective routines for learning throughout the day. *Routines will be different for remote and in-person learning.*
 - Learners are committed to clear, common expectations within the learning community. *Expectations will be established for both in person and remote learning.*
 - Learners will work together with their teachers to make connections with each other and build a community in new and creative ways. *Learners and teachers will connect differently in person and remotely.*
- Social Emotional Learning
 - Learners will become more self-aware, advocate for what they need, and ask for help.
 - Learners will build their resilience.
 - *What have I learned from my mistake?*
 - *What can I do better next time?*
 - Learners will build their resourcefulness
 - *What am I missing?*
 - *What support do I need?*
 - Learners will build relationships with their teachers so they may build a partnership in learning.
 - Learners will ready themselves to engage in learning.
- Safety protocols
 - Learners will practice good hygiene, including frequent and thorough hand washing.
 - Learners will practice physical distancing, maintaining a safe space for themselves and others.
 - Learners will follow the requirements to wear a mask while at school, except during staff-directed mask breaks.



- Habits and Mindsets
 - Learners will understand and practice the Habits of Work that they need to succeed:
 - *Actively take responsibility for learning and present best work.*
 - *Solve problems using effective strategies.*
 - *Help themselves and others to do their best.*
 - *Organize materials and meet deadlines independently.*
 - Learners will build a growth mindset.
 - Learners will understand and practice the [Habits of Mind](#) that they need to succeed. *Teachers tend to focus on one Habit of Mind at a time.*
- Digital Literacy
 - Learners will understand how to use and care for their hardware.
 - Learners will be able to find and submit assignments, as well as contact their teacher using their remote learning platform.
 - Learners will be able to use other learning programs and applications to practice academic skills.
 - Learners will be able to keep their private information secure and stay safe while using technology.