

Online Teaching and Learning

What do students need to bring for online learning success?

- Organized
- Self-motivated
- Independent learners
- Access to adequate computer/Internet capacity
- _____
- _____

Watch out for: students who are looking for “easy credit”, for whom “anytime, anywhere” really means never and nowhere...

Tools to extend learning beyond the classroom...

- Electronic High School: www.schools.utah.gov/ehs
- iTunes U (K-12 coming soon): www.itunesu.com
- MIT Open Courseware: ocw.mit.edu (no “www”)
- Pioneer, Utah’s Online Library: www.pioneerlibrary.org
- My.uen: my.uen.org (no “www”)
- Moodle: moodle.org (not .com)
- Wimba: www.wimba.com (soon to be available through UEN for all K-12 in Utah, stay tuned!!)
- Web 2.0 sites such as blogs, wikis, Google software including Pages, Docs, Groups, etc.
- (www.google.com → More...; www.wikipedia.org or www.pbwiki.com)

Consider that preparing online learning opportunities takes a much larger investment up front – allow plenty of time to develop, refine and deliver materials. Once done, future use is much easier.

Providing CLEAR EXPECTATIONS up front, having timelines or SCHEDULED activities and providing OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERACTION are key to keeping students engaged and meeting your expectations.

Online professional development opportunities: UEN offers over 50 online class topics per year

- UEN-TV Workshops – 40 workshops on math, science, language arts, social studies, fine arts, educational theory etc. each year
- LearnKey: MS Office Programs – Excel, Word and PowerPoint 2007 fully online and now completely free
- Google Tools Online
- Internet Safety for Educators
- Pioneer, Utah's Online Library
- Smart Tools at www.uen.org
- WebQuests
- Next year: Learning with Video and multimedia?