

## The Learning Environment

- Work with your family to determine where your online learning will take place.
- Consider and balance your needs as a learner with your families needs.
- If other people are at home, ask for **respect and be respectful**.  
*Everyone* needs an environment that supports their best work.
- **Let your advisor know** if you and/or your family have any concerns for your learning environment at home.

## Behavior and Appearance

- AFS expectations of behavior and appearance still apply in this new learning environment.
- **Show up everyday**. Your advisor will take attendance every morning.
- When you are on camera for a Zoom session, **dress the same as you would for school**.
- **Always uphold the AFS expectations for online behavior and academic integrity**.
- **Respect everyone's privacy!** Never take or post images/video of your classmates or teachers.
- Social media is for social use - this is school :) Never post about our AFS experience without permission.

## Middle School Student Expectations for Online Learning



## Useful Tips

- Check and read your **email** every day!  
Respond to teachers and classmates promptly.
- Check **Google Classroom!**  
Complete your assignments and turn them in on time.
- **Mute** your microphone when you are not speaking during **Zoom** sessions.
- Be a self-starter. It takes discipline to work independently, so use your time wisely.
- Communicate your needs and ask questions.

**We all want you to succeed!**

## Discussion Boards and Chats

- Online discussions for a class.  
Use an **academic tone** in your posts to chats and discussion boards.  
Don't use slang, abbreviations, or emojis that you would use texting or chatting with friends, unless it's part of the assignment.
- **Give a title to your post** that has a keyword related to the topic.
- **Stick to one point** in your post, supported by evidence. Be concise. Long online posts are difficult to read.
- **Be specific!**  
Include a page number or a small part of the passage.
- **Do your best to contribute!**
  - **Say more** than "I agree" to move the discussion forward.
  - **Respond to a classmate's post**.
  - Give **positive feedback** to your classmates to create a positive environment.
  - **You can agree and disagree with a classmate**. Always provide evidence to support your perspective or question that of another.
  - **Avoid comments that can be hurtful or cause offense**. Saying, "No offense, but.." does not make it okay.
- **Contribute with real world application** of a concept that will deepen your discussions.
- **Feel free to change your mind!**  
Your post is not your thoughts forever.  
Your views will change based on *Continuing Revelation*.

**Let's make the very best out of this...and HAVE SOME FUN DOING IT**