



Tips for Teaching a **Dynamic** Virtual Class

- **Dress for success!** Our business casual dress code and professionalism expectations apply to virtual classes. Wear a big smile! Greet your students and any parents or siblings watching over your student's shoulder. Be animated and confident on screen. Likewise, dress your stage: Your background should be engaging, making the adventure come alive. Use banners, costumes or props according to the theme.
- **Your show!** Read your lesson plan and have your activities, flashcards and visuals ready to go. Any slideshows or videos you will share on screen should be on separate tabs, ready to go, for smooth transitions. Silence your cell phone or any other distractions. Speak a lot of Spanish during your Spanish show, keeping in mind your speed and clarity; after all we are teaching a new language!
- **Navigate virtual expectations!** Remind students of the expectations at the beginning of class. The chat feature should only be used when the teacher prompts students to do so. Unmute students' microphone only when activities require this. Contact your manager after class with any behavior challenges.
- **Age appropriate activities!** Your older students may be able to use technology such as the chat feature and other apps during the lesson. For younger students, think of ways of keeping the class upbeat with puppets and songs & fewer technology demands.
- **Move!** Students will still enjoy seeing you move and you asking them to stand up during some of the activities. Gesturing while singing the songs and movement games such as Simon says, pop up game and dance freeze are great ways to have students move.
- **Images & Visuals!** Some screen sharing during your lesson can be beneficial, however, instead of relying on screen sharing, use as many physical visuals as possible by holding objects, flashcards, or props up to the screen. This will help you stay interactive and keep a fast pace!
- **Communicate!** Before ending the class, don't forget to mention ways for students to practice their Spanish after class, including the parent portal and optional homework resources.

***Make sure you are logged in at least 5-10 minutes prior to class. Test your mic, speaker, sound and connection beforehand so you can hold your class uneventfully.