## How to Take Notes in Virtual School in

## 5 EASY STEPS

(for all ages!)



**WRITE DOWN KEY FACTS.** If your virtual school teacher repeats certain information or states that something is important, write it down! Examples of things to write in your notes are:

- Mathematical and scientific formulas
- Sample problems
- Key names, places, and dates
- Vocabulary words and definitions
- Theories or opinions
- Literary symbols, themes, characters, and plot points
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**PARAPHRASE INFORMATION.** Writing down new ideas in your own words helps reinforce meaning, builds vocabulary, and can help with comprehension. When you paraphrase, make sure you:

- Don't worry about writing in complete sentences
- Know that fragments and abbreviations are okay—as long as you can recall what they stand for!
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**FIND EFFECTIVE NOTE TAKING METHODS.** Note taking methods can vary, and so can what you write your notes on. Here is a quick breakdown of note taking strategies we recommend are best for your student, based on your student's grade level:

	Elementary	Middle	High
Handwritten Note Taking	X	X	X
Digital Note Taking		X	X
Hybrid Note Taking		X	X



**KEEP YOUR NOTES ORGANIZED—YOUR WAY.** A key component of successful note taking is keeping them organized. Here are options for students of all ages to stay organized.

	Elementary	Middle	High
Separate notebook for each class	X	X	X
One notebook or binder for all classes	X	X	Х
Physical note taking tools (highlighters, page markers, etc.)		X	X
Digital note taking apps		X	Х



**ENSURE NOTES ARE CORRECT AND CLEAR.** Go back and make sure your notes are accurate and readable.