



**School type:**

Elementary, Middle and High School

**Activity goal:**

Recognize students for virtual learning success and positive digital citizenship

**Prep time:**

N/A

**People required:**

N/A

**Space requirements:**

N/A

**Timing:**

Quarterly or by semester

**Materials:**

Virtual Learner Honor Roll Certificate

**Cost:**

Print your own

**Submitted by:**

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## OVERVIEW

Remote learning is a challenge under the best circumstances; doing it successfully in this year's challenging environment is an accomplishment to be celebrated. Students who are able to do their work well, and also be supportive and positive in their online interactions, deserve recognition. This certificate and program offer a framework for identifying the behaviors you want to see and rewarding them to encourage more.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Decide on the structure of your recognition program. Starter ideas include:
  - Use your honor roll criteria as a guide and use a rubric to evaluate students.
  - Make it an informal recognition, where each teacher nominates one student per week.
  - Make it achievable by most students, with basic requirements.
  - Do it quarterly, or monthly, or weekly.
2. Work with staff to develop a list of characteristics that describe a good virtual learner. Include both academic and character-related elements. For example:
  - Participates in scheduled sessions, fully dressed and attentively
  - Finishes assignments on time \_\_\_\_% of the time
  - Reaches out to teachers for missed or needed information
  - Responds to emails
  - Works cooperatively on group projects
  - Treats teachers and other students with respect
  - Maintains a positive social media presence

Note: Be sure to take into account the varying home environments students are dealing with, many of which involve people or situations they can't control. For some students, just finding time to concentrate and get online is a momentous challenge. You may want to consider having separate recognition for students who struggle with schoolwork but are very involved in school social media and supporting other students, for example.

3. At the designated time, provide a certificate and/or other reward to those students who meet the criteria you establish. Consider asking local businesses to donate discount coupons or prizes. Recognize these students at an all-school online event or in person when you are able.