

CREATING A SCHEDULE

It helps to begin the year with a plan. The school calendar is already set and available in your online school, but how/when you are going to get in the required lessons each day is up to you. We find making a plan helps most families. Even if the first plan turns out not to work, it's a step toward figuring out what does work, and that's the goal.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- ✓ Time of day your student is most alert
- ✓ Schedule the course your student struggles with the most when he/she is most alert
- ✓ Alternate courses by doing an enjoyable course followed by a course your student drags his/her feet to complete
- ✓ Schedule homework time for the evening so that if your student doesn't finish his/her work within the hour allotted for the course during the day there is a plan as to when your student will finish
- ✓ Time of day which is best for you to log attendance along with lesson progress and prepare for the next school day

Some questions for you to consider are:

- What courses does your student enjoy?
- With which course(s) has your student traditionally struggled?
- What family obligations do you have that you need to schedule school around?
- What extracurricular activities need to be fit in?

Keeping these things in mind will help you make an initial plan. It will probably need tweaking after a few weeks, but it will get you started, and that's the important thing right now. Everything doesn't have to be perfect these first few weeks; we just need to get started and see how things go.