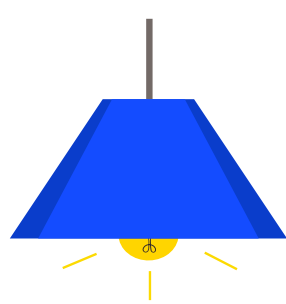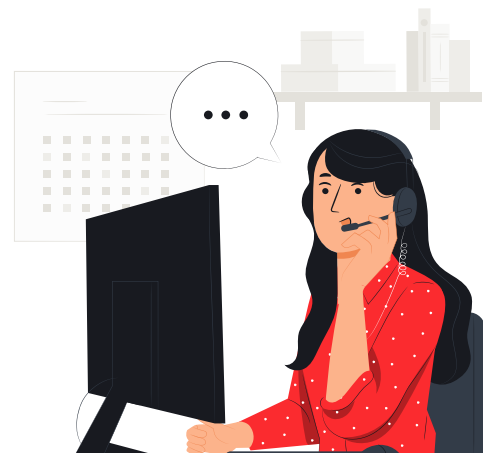# Top 10 Strategies for Teaching Special Education Online

1. Establish Your Therapy Station

Keep your computer 17-22 inches away so you can be seen from chest up. Camera should be eye level, so you can maintain eye contact.
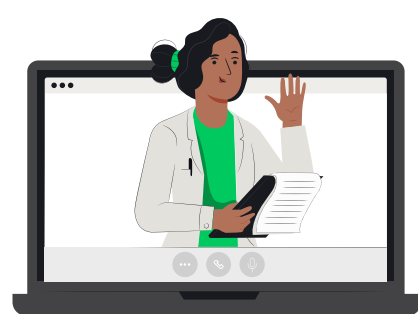
2. Have Good Lighting

Have your light source be directly behind your computer, off to the side, or from an overhead light.

3. Engage with Your Students

Be present, authentic and personable. Use enthusiastic body language, expression, and tone of voice.

4. Foster Personal Relationships

Get to know your students personally and incorporate what you learn into your personalized lesson plans.

5. Use Existing Tools

Use screen sharing to incorporate videos, online games, websites, pdf worksheets, and power points.
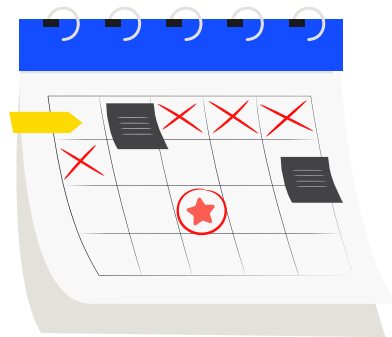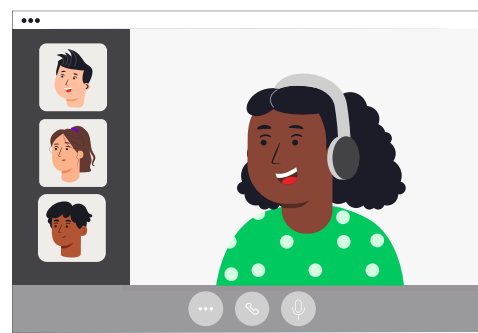
6. Be Prepared

Prepare lesson resources & materials in advance. Plan backup activities in case you run into technical difficulties.

7. Collaborate in Breakout Rooms

Use the breakout rooms to separate students into smaller groups & give them a specific question to answer or a small research project.

8. Set Clear Expectations

Let students know how you're going to communication & how often. Explain how homework & activities will work. Communicate what conduct is appropriate online.

9. Provide Prompt Feedback

Allow students to self-grade and self-assess with you one-on-one. Provide prompt feedback to redirect focus & reinforce positive behavior.

10. Have Grace

Remember you are not alone, everyone is in the same boat.