



## Online / Remote Tutoring FAQ

### Why Online Tutoring with PES?

PES uses interactive and collaborative avenues to deepen the efficacy of online learning. Through online instruction, we present ingenious lessons creating engaging and productive instruction. Far before the necessity of remote learning, we have been conducting online services, so we have years of experience honing the methods of online teaching. The strong relationships between tutor and student develop just as they would in person.

Online tutoring can have many benefits, most notably, the convenience of not having to travel to and from a tutoring center.

Unlike group zoom meetings, our lessons elicit frequent responses from our students. Those responses may be through screen manipulation (typing or moving word boxes or highlighting) verbally, or holding up a response card to ensure continual engagement.

Familiarity using computers and other devices is becoming a necessity. Providing our students with guided practice with technology to support learning carries over into all other aspects of online learning.

Remote lessons reduce social anxiety. For some, entering a new building can be exceptionally challenging. Online tutoring happens in the comfort of your home with your familiar surroundings.

### How Does It Work?

- We primarily use Zoom to set up video conferencing for online instruction due to its exceptional ability to allow student manipulation of the screen. Before our first day of instruction, we ask parents to go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and create an account. Depending upon your device, you may need to download an app.
- Audio headphones or earbuds with a microphone are nice, though not required.
- A strong internet connection speed is needed to run the Zoom interface. Before our first day of instruction, I offer a 10-minute "test run" to ensure that all systems are running well. This reduces the rate of technological issues during instruction time. Additionally, a responsible adult should be in the vicinity during instruction time, to ensure any technological troubleshooting can happen smoothly.
- Before each tutoring session, a direct link will be sent via email to join a zoom meeting which includes a private meeting and password protected.
- There may be materials required for a lesson, sometimes printed items. Those will be sent the day before as well.
- Location—to be most effective your student must be set up in a distraction free area that is quiet, with a non-rolling chair, clean work area, with needed materials ready to be used. This does require some pre-planning and we appreciate your efforts!



Providing students with technology help including speech to text usage and other remote learning "hacks" is perhaps most easily learned through the remote learning platform.

Our Remote lessons reduce one-on-one remote learning anxiety by demonstrating how one conducts themselves in a one-on-one remote setting.