

Learning Log FAQ Connect TK-8

What is the purpose of the Learning Log?

The Learning Log is an official and legal document required by independent study laws and attendance auditors to assign “time value” to student learning. It communicates the standards students are learning at home, the assignments accomplished during homeschool, academic classes provided by Da Vinci Connect and work samples submitted for the learning period. Specific information like student, parent and teacher names and signatures as well as the date. The work culminated must be present in order for attendance to be granted. Your supervising teacher will also use learning logs as an opportunity to provide feedback to you as parent Educators.

How do I access and submit each learning log?

You are responsible for submitting 5 learning logs for the duration of the school year (every +/- 50 days). You can access each learning log in your child’s Canvas account. Learning Logs will be posted at the beginning of each learning log period for families to access. You must log in using your child’s Da Vinci Schools email address. If you lose access or have questions on how to submit for each learning log, please reach out to Nancy or your supervising teacher. For each learning log, you will find one assignment, titled “Learning Log #__”. You must submit the completed learning log (we recommend completing it daily/weekly as not to be overwhelmed by the approaching deadline) with 3 work samples (1 reading, 1 writing, and 1 math) through Canvas by the deadline. You upload the completed learning log + 3 samples to the posted assignment in Canvas. Be sure to hit “submit!”

Can I submit the learning log before the due date?

No. Daily logs cannot be submitted early since they are supposed to be filled out daily. We do encourage you to submit work samples BEFORE the due date so that we can give feedback in case you need to make any changes before the due date.

What should I type in the “things we do everyday” box in the learning log?

This is the space where you can type the routine, systematic academic skills you practice with your student on a daily basis. If you were to find yourself typing the same thing in every space for everyday, it’s likely that it would be a good fit for this box :)
Some examples of what might fit in this box include (NOT specific to any particular grade level, or indicative of ALL that could be recorded here):

- cgi math word problem of the day
- read independently for 30 min.
- journal writing
- sight word practice

- spelling/phonics/grammar practice
- Khan Academy MAP Accelerator Math for 20 min.

What should I type in each comment box for their at home learning?

This is the space where you can either get more specific about what you did in the “everyday” box above, or you can elaborate on additional learning that you provided for your child (projects, writing assignments, field trips, experiments, tutors/learning co ops, etc.). It can be anything you want to highlight about your homeschool day! Remember, reading, writing and math MUST be included.

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- Today we gathered resources from the library for our city planning project while learning about primary and secondary sources. We also went to Toon’s Tutoring center for fractions. Kaitlin worked on the second draft of her All About Me book.
- Eureka Math lesson 2.3.1 on multiplication, read Ch. 2-5 of Charlotte’s Web and created a character analysis for Charlotte and Wilbur. Practiced sight words 100-200 and focused on spelling CCVCC words. Grammar lesson on subject and predicate.
- We went on a field trip to Tanaka Farms to learn more about the life cycle of strawberries.

Do I need to type anything for the days my child is on campus for their cohort day?

No. Selecting school day from the drop down menu will suffice.

What if my child is sick one day? How should I reflect that in the learning log?

If your child is so sick that they cannot engage in any educational activity, please feel free to select “absent (did not attend school or did any homeschool work” from the drop down menu) and allow them to recover without worry. However, if they are able to read/be read to, listen to a podcast or watch a documentary, etc. (even for a few minutes) please do select “homeschool work” and record those activities so your child can receive attendance credit for those days.

Can we go on field trips? How should we record a field trip day in the learning log?

YES! Field trips are one of the greatest benefits of homeschooling! We love to see your children learning out in the world! Please type a little more detail other than “field trip” so your supervising teacher can get a big picture idea of your experience. When recording a field trip day on your learning log , it might look something like this:

We went on a field trip to Tanaka Farms to learn more about the life cycle of strawberries.

How should we choose and prepare work samples for upload?

Please make sure each work sample has the **complete date** and includes your **student's first and last name!** You may upload documents, slides, scans, and photos of original student work. Learning Log samples can be uploaded as different extensions (.jpg, .png, .pdf, .doc), but please make sure to click on the file after you upload it for visibility and to make sure it is uploaded correctly. **We cannot accept google files (google slides, google docs, google sheets, etc—please download them to your computer and re-upload as a pdf).** If you submit a photo, please include a “comment” that gives a description of the learning that took place to create the sample, as well as the child’s name and date on the sample. **Please do not submit screenshots of completed “quizzes”, “levels”, or “games” online that do not show academic learning.** All work samples should visibly represent academic work as listed in the learning goals (either chosen by teacher or by parent educator). All samples must include a date and the student’s full name on the sample.

Should I expect feedback from my teacher on my learning log/student samples?

Yes! Our teachers spend many careful hours reviewing learning logs. You should expect to receive feedback as a parent educator and it may come in the form of a response directly through Canvas and/or an in-person meeting or phone conversation. If you/your child would like to receive specific academic feedback on a piece of work (either final product or in progress), please reach out to your teacher outside of the learning log process. Remember that work samples will remain with the teacher and will not be returned to students.

Can I include religious materials/study in my student’s learning log?

We cannot collect attendance credit for any religious materials used as independent study assignments, nor can we accept religiously affiliated work samples. Religious studies may be part of your homeschooling IN ADDITION to the learning you’re doing to meet the standards as listed in your learning logs, but cannot be counted for attendance credit.

See the Independent Study FAQ on the CDE website for more detailed information