



4 Myths About --- Online School ---



*If you're thinking about having your student join an online school for the first time, it's natural as a parent to have a number of questions. Yet, no matter how many articles, tweets, Facebook posts, or blogs you read, one question rises above the rest: **"Is online learning right for my child?"***

As you consider the benefits of online learning for your child, let's compare some of the common myths parents have about online learning with the facts:



Myth #1

Online school conflicts with parents' work schedules.

Here's the Fact: Online schooling offers parents and students far more flexibility than traditional schools. Every family's schedule is different, so online schools offer students access to lessons any time of the day. Parents can also log in to a parent portal to easily check student progress or send teachers a message whenever it works for them.

Myth #2

Online school won't work for an unmotivated learner.

Here's the Fact: Most kids want to learn; however, they can often become bored with the presentation of material. With an online school, kids receive more personalized attention and instruction of concepts instead of a lecture to a classroom of students. At an online school, students take control of learning with self-pacing and true accountability. This independence and intrinsic motivation prepare learners for college and life. Online teachers connect with students and parents, ensuring lessons are completed and understood.



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Myth #3

Online school doesn't provide a legitimate education.

Here's the Fact: Because so many homeschoolers have proven themselves as high achievers, homeschoolers are in demand on college campuses across the nation. For example, prestigious institutions like Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, Stanford, and Duke actively recruit homeschoolers. At the heart of every decision to attend an online school is each individual student. If online learning is what's best for your child, then it's quite simply the best decision. Online learning lets students break out of the factory and become unique, individual learners who can pursue the talents and abilities given to them.



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Myth #4

Online school prevents children from socializing with other students.

Here's the Fact: Online school gives students more time to make friends, join clubs, participate in sports, and be an active community member. Plus, in an online school, students can make friends with classmates without the fear of peer pressure, bullying, or stereotypes. They can even meet students across the world they would never know otherwise!



While there are a number of myths regarding online schools, the reality is that online learning opens many more doors for children than traditional school ever could. In fact, online school helps students who want a wider range of academic options and personal support more than a traditional school can provide.

In the end, perhaps the biggest question parents should be asking is not if it's right for your child but simply this: **“Am I willing to do what it takes to give the best education to my child?”**



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