

5 Myths ABOUT K-12 ONLINE SCHOOLS



Despite the growing popularity of online education, many people are still unsure about how online school actually works for K-12 students. Explore the five common myths and the realities of this educational pathway.

Myth

#1 Virtual public school is the same as homeschooling.

TRUTH: While both homeschooling and virtual public school allow students to learn at home, in virtual school, certified teachers use a rigorous curriculum to provide students with innovative learning materials that meet state standards. No need for parents to develop or teach their own curriculum!



Myth

#2 Virtual schools are all about technology.

TRUTH: High-quality online schools have a proven track record of delivering academic achievement, accreditation, state-of-the-art resources, and encourage in-person activities to ensure students have a well-rounded education and graduate with the skills they need to succeed.



Myth

#3 Virtual schools can't serve students with special needs.

TRUTH: Online public schools must follow the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) guidelines, just like their brick-and-mortar counterparts. And many schools, like Connections Academy®, provide a safe and inclusive environment for families that can work around their schedule.



Myth

#4 Virtual school students spend all their time in front of a computer.

TRUTH: In online school, computers are a tool to manage and track assignments, communicate, and deliver interactive materials. However, students also spend a significant amount of time doing hands-on science projects, art projects and physical education—just like they would in a brick-and-mortar school.



Myth

#5 Virtual schools limit quality social interactions for kids

TRUTH: Just like most kids, online school students spend time with friends, talk on the phone or online, go on field trips, play sports, and socialize with others in their school and community. Many families also find that the flexibility of online learning allows their students to participate in more extracurricular activities, volunteer, or pursue their interests.



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