

Transcript: What to Expect With Online School : Time Commitment

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Narrator: Choosing a school for

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your child is one of the most important decisions every parent faces.

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And online K through 12 education is one of many options, and

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like all choices, there are important factors to take into account.

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is the flexibility it affords them to determine how much time is necessary to

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spend on each day's lessons.

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Desiree: You know, sometimes you may be involved in, let's say math, and

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you just want to chip away at a few math lessons while you're involved

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in math already and you're just kind of on a roll, and so you can do it that way.

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Hope: See, if she has a doctor's appointment in the morning,

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then I know she has assignments that she can do later on in that evening.

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We are always very mindful to stay on track with her assignments,

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and I feel that's very important.

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Narrator: Another advantage parents find is the increased direct involvement

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in their child's daily classes. In the role of learning coach,

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parents support their child's pursuit of educational goals.

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Anita: What I like best about online school is being able to be here with my son and

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help him become an independent learner and

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find his own passions.

Narrator: Some students also find at learning at

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home presents fewer distractions than in brick and mortar school.

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Ethan: Having an online school allows me to focus more on the information and

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what I'm learning, as opposed to where I am and who I'm with.

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Rebekah: I'm concentrating on the teaching, and they're concentrating on me,

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they're not worried about what the 30 other people on the room are doing, and

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that is a huge, huge chunk of what makes this work for so many students.

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Narrator: While a virtual school environment has many advantages,

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there are also challenges, as it does require a significant time commitment,

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online as well as offline, to successfully complete required lessons.

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Elayna: I attend my live Class Connect Sessions three every day, five days a week.

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My lessons are not only on the screen, but have books, like my social studies,

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and my literature, and my science.

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Narrator: Some students find the amount of time required to be in front of a computer

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daunting, especially in grades 9 through 12.

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Rebekah: If you fall behind, you have a whole support system to get you back on track,

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but it is a five to six hour day, just like a regular class.

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Narrator: Our courses require students to work independently as well.

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This requires the oversight of a dedicated learning coach,

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especially when students are in the early elementary years.

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Anita: Kindergarten to second grade, you are all in, however many hours

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your child is working, that's how many hours you have to work. It's all hands on.

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You're helping them to move from this dependent learner,

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student on you, to an independent learner who's able to get up and

[00:02:42.520]

move through their work without you.

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Maria: It's so cool to see her when she clicks and she says, "Oh, I got that!"

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Narrator: Online schooling requires a time commitment from learning coaches,

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this time can vary based on the independence of your student.

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For parents who have never schooled at home, it could be a big adjustment.

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Hope: Some days, they're not gonna want to do anything, and

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that's where you as a learning coach have to kick in and encourage them,

[00:03:06.590]

do what you need to do, but let them know that this is school, and it's important.

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And there is no sitting back and not doing anything just because you don't feel like

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it, that's not the way the world operates.

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Narrator: K12-powered schools do not leave you to master the learning coach role and

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Hope: It gives me the opportunity to see her growing and developing and

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learning the things that she should,

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being able to give her that extra support because I know exactly where she is and

[00:03:37.230]

exactly what she is learning and exactly how to help her through.

[00:03:40.530]

So, that's what I just absolutely love about online schooling for her.

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Desiree: Sometimes, you may be involved in let's say math

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