

Transcript: What to Expect With Online School : Socialization

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Narrator: Part of every child's educational experience is not only the academics, but

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also the social skills acquired through daily interaction with peers and teachers.

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Alan: One thing definitely that was hard was going from seeing friends and

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people every single day to working at a computer all day.

[00:00:23.610]

And really making an effort to still participate in social life even though

[00:00:29.510]

it's not required of you, because it is important.

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Narrator: One reason some parents turn to online schooling

[00:00:35.190]

is to remove their children from a negative social environment at school.

[00:00:38.840]

Which could include bullying.

[00:00:40.570]

Mari: You don't have people, students that are just

[00:00:45.700]

calling you names or saying bad things about you, they are always friendly.

[00:00:50.700]

So, that's the most exciting thing that you're making friends.

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Narrator: Many K12 powered online schools offer school sponsored trips, clubs, and

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extra curricular activities to help get students engaged in their communities and

[00:01:03.185]

with each other.

[00:01:04.305]

Jennifer: Kids need to be kids, they need to socialize, they need to be

[00:01:07.265]

with each other and that's a huge part of their development and learning.

[00:01:10.745]

Elayna: I'm in a self-created club called a Puppy's Club.

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"Hey guys, and welcome to Puppy's Club today."

[00:01:18.320]

There is something called lunch bunch,

[00:01:20.196]

which is a class-connect kids can log into.

[00:01:22.600]

And there are also breakout rooms, where I host club and some other students host

[00:01:27.090]

their own student-made clubs.

Narrator: The more flexible schedule and lack of

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travel time to and from school allows online school students more time for

[00:01:34.850]

socialization and activities like sports, church groups, and volunteering.

[00:01:39.350]

Paola: Well I try to do as many extra circulars as possible.

[00:01:42.380]

I have a lot of friends through church and through volleyball, and

[00:01:45.090]

obviously some of my classmates are some of my friends.

[00:01:47.780]

Narrator: Some students may miss the all-day socialization with others that occurs in

[00:01:50.970]

a traditional brick and mortar school, and

[00:01:53.100]

may feel isolated by online schooling at home.

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Alan: FaceTime really helped actually.

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I could FaceTime friends during the day who are also home-schooled,

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and that really helped.

[00:02:01.340]

Sonja Howerton: I think there are great opportunities.

[00:02:02.910]

Oftentimes it just means putting yourself out there so

[00:02:05.350]

that you can find your lifelong buddies.

[00:02:09.370]

Hope: It's been blessing just to see her happy and still learning and confident and

[00:02:14.982]

knowing she's doing better than she had done in the previous years in school.

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Video montage of girls laughing and reading

[00:00:06.369]

around a table,

[00:00:07.504]

kids viewing scenery on a mountaintop,

[00:00:09.561]

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Alan: One thing definitely that was hard was

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parents and children reading,

[00:00:48.317]

and a girl holding a puppy.

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Narrator: One reason some parents turn to

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from a negative social environment at school,

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which could include bullying.

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Audio Description: Mari, 7th grader

[00:00:59.588]

Mari: You don't have people

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that you're making friends.

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Audio Description: Video montage showing

[00:01:15.311]

kids flying paper kites,

[00:01:17.040]

and students interacting indoors creating school projects

[00:01:20.216]

and outdoors during leisure activity.

[00:01:23.191]

Narrator: Many K12 online powered schools

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offer school sponsored trips, clubs,

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and extracurricular activities to help get students

[00:01:29.694]

engaged in their communities and with each other.

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Audio Description: Jennifer, high school teacher

[00:01:34.693]

Jennifer: Kids need to be kids.

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And that's a huge part of their development and learning.

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Audio Description: Elayna, 8th grader

[00:01:42.590]

Elayna: I run a self-created club called the Puppies Club

[00:01:47.220]

Hey, guys, and welcome to Puppies Club today.

[00:01:50.156]

There's something called Lunch Bunch

[00:01:51.772]

which is the class connect kids can log into.

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And there are also breakout rooms where I host a club

[00:01:57.483]

and some other students host their own student-made clubs.

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Audio Description: Video montage showing

[00:02:02.217]

kids participating in recreational activities

[00:02:04.906]

including basketball, football, trampolining,

[00:02:07.762]

and playing on jungle gyms.

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Narrator: The more flexible schedule

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and lack of travel time to and from school

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Audio Description: Girls studying at their home computers

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Sonja Howerton: I think there are great opportunities

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Audio Description: Hope, learning coach

[00:03:01.552]

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