

How does remote learning affect students long term?

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Remote learning has a negative effect on students mentally and the way they participate in school throughout the day. Remote learning has affected students' academic life negatively and the added isolation and stress from financial struggles has further added to their mental struggle as well. I chose this question because online learning is a major problem right now that society is failing to realize .

Remote learning has impacted student's education all around the world and there are various studies to back this. For example, according to "Last year in term one, 97% of our students passed their first term's credit. This year, our face-to-face students passed at 90%. However, our online students – passed their credits in the 60% range"(Berlie,2021). Majority of students have never experienced online learning, and many teachers have never taught online before. This learning curve has made it very difficult for both students and teachers. Additionally, these lower grades make it harder for students to get into college and get any academic based scholarships. Patricia Perez, a child developmental specialist said " recently worked with a mother whose 16-year-old son was losing interest in going to college after graduating high school. Before the pandemic, he was passionate about math and science and participated in his school's robotics and Model United Nations clubs, but his mood started changing after states began closing schools in the spring"(Perez 2021). Many students can relate to losing motivation and not wanting to do their work. Online learning really impacts your mental health. She also states that it's because "he isn't motivated anymore," being away from an actual school environment and people pushing you to do work or to be successful can affect you and make you wanna change your plans for the future. For some people, all they have is the

motivation that comes from their peers and teachers and suddenly losing that can really affect a student's life.

College has always been an expensive decision that a student has to make a decision on. But due to the ongoing pandemic and the slowing economy and loss of jobs, paying for college has become harder and harder. "Due to Covid -19 68% of parents of college-bound students say they are worried about paying for their child's college education. As you would expect, the pandemic has put some strain in families' finances," said Manny Chagas, Discover's vice president of student loans" (Burke, 2020). This additional financial stress has made students less motivated to complete their assignments and stay on top of their work. Some students have to work instead of coming to school, and this leaves them no time for assignments. All of these factors have made it harder for students to be successful and happy.

Parents seem to get frustrated when they know their student is not paying attention during class. One of the reasons parents may see some children skipping assignments or playing online games during a study hall period is linked to the fact that relationships at school inspire motivation for many kids. "Kids are not used to learning in isolation," Doll says. "In classrooms today, teachers have students learning in groups, discussing lessons, and asking peers for help." Another reason is in classrooms today, teachers have students learning in groups, discussing lessons, and asking peers for help." Those moments of working alongside a friend or asking a teacher for guidance allow students to feel connected to others, and this sense of belonging influences students' engagement in class. Kids don't feel involved in class when they're isolated away from others and if the teacher can not create activities to make students interact during class then engagement will keep decreasing. Further, it's harder to stay engaged when you are at home because some students may not have a quiet place to do work and study. Others may have bad wifi or families that interfere with their learning.

These various reasons show why remote learning has been especially hard on students and affected them negatively. After years of learning a certain way, students had to do a complete 360 and had to watch their lives flip upside down. Fortunately, people are getting the vaccine and students are slowly but surely transitioning back to in-person learning. This will help students like myself who struggle with learning through a computer screen.

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