

### Online vs. Face to Face Education

Recently in this decade there have been many students who are switching to online learning. To many of the students, it may seem easy because they do not have to go to school and “waste” an hour in class listening to the professor lecture. In their house, they can dress the way that they want without anybody saying anything. The only problem with online is that it is taking away the social and interaction part of the whole class system. With online classes the student is restricted to how much they can interact with the teacher unlike in classrooms because the student can ask as much questions as they want. Even though online is getting big with the way life is today nothing can replace good old fashion face to face teaching.

Online does have a few advantages and it takes some adjusting to get use to it. In Abby Ellin’s article a teacher named Dr. Cyndi Wilson Porter was asked to do an online class. At first, she did not like the idea, but she still did it. Soon after Dr. Porter started to like online teaching and said “On the ground, some students respond and others don't; online, everyone does”. This is true in many ways. I know because I am one of those students who do not respond because the teacher already knows that I am there. I feel that I don’t need to say anything in class because other people are talking. In online teaching, the teacher will have no idea if the student is even there unless the student does something like write something or if they have a camera they can

say something. Other than that there is no way that the instructor will know if the student/participant is putting any attention to them.

Online education can do something that face to face education cannot do; and that is, reach a large variety of people from all over the world. In today's life almost everyone who graduates from high school try to find jobs right away because money plays a big role in our life now. Many of those people have things to pay off or maybe they just want to help out with the bills around the house. Others have a family and cannot go to a college or a university because they are taking care of them. Judy Heiman says that "Not everyone can attend or afford to go to colleges because they are so busy in life today." Online is cheaper than regular colleges. Online classes will work with your schedule instead of you needing to fix your schedule in order fit with your classes. If your busy in the day you can take the online class at night or whenever you have time really.

While online teaching has some things where it is stronger, face to face teaching has other advantages such as physical interaction with the professors and students around you. Many things happen at a regular basis at a school and one of the most important ones is interaction with your classmates or the professor. When a student is in trouble, he or she can ask the teacher for help. The teacher can walk over from their desk to help the student out. In the process of helping him out, the teacher can also point out other parts that he or she was doing wrong and help out more. Questions that the student have can be answered faster and more in depth. The teacher can also take their time answering the question.

One of things why interaction is important is because that is the way people get to know others. Having friends can also help out with projects such as school plays and making videos. A good example would be my friend Omar, for his senior final he had to make a report on a king and he decided to make a video. He gathered a small group of friends together and made his video. Thanks to having friends he finished his video and passed the class. Interaction pays off at school. The more friends you have the more help you can get from them and some friends have things that others don't. The more you interact with the school the more people you will meet.

Both online and face to face teachings have advantages that I did not know of. I personally like the face to face interaction because it is what I am accustomed to. Robert W. Hanna had professors take surveys to see which type of teaching they liked better. Robert W. Hanna stated that, "Faculty preferred the traditional paper method, mainly because they believed it would produce a higher and more accurate response than the online method." Those professors like the traditional way because they are also accustomed to being in a class with actual people they can see, and when they test the students they can tell if the students are paying attention in class or not by their scores. In online teaching, the teacher cannot tell if the student is cheating on the test or not. One thing that face to face teaching lacks is that it cannot teach everyone that they want. On the other hand online teaching can reach a different number of students from all parts of the nation and probably even the world. Other than that face to face seems to be the better choice if the student or person are looking for a serious education.

Each one of the different types of teachings has something that the other does not. The only thing that matter is what the student chooses. The student can go to university so he or she

can get help with tutors or teacher if they have the time. There are others who don't have the time and prefer online because it works to their advantage and they don't have to change anything on their schedule. Everyone is different and so are the online and face to face teaching but at the same time both of them help out the student.

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