

Aim: Creating an outline for our argumentative paragraphs.

Do Now: Take out your argumentative essay outline and the "Virtual Ed" article.

Think of the two titles you will be writing about.

Thesis - With virtual education, your home becomes your own virtual classroom.

Reason #1 - Students are able to complete work at their own pace.

Details - "Virtual learning does not need to replace classroom learning entirely, but it can help students work at their own pace."

If students can work at their own pace they have a chance to understand the content more.

Reason #2 - Virtual schools will prepare students for college.

Details - "We need to develop technology skills that will help us in whatever we do."

Technology will help students improve on what they need to know.

Reason #3 - Virtual schools help students have more flexible schedules.

Details - "Students often juggle extracurricular activities, sports, and school work, and cyber schools could help them manage everything."

Cyber schools allow students to complete work on their own time.

Counterclaim - While some people may say virtual schools don't benefit students because their parents need to check in on them, they are wrong because it helps

parents know what is going on in their child's education.

Conclusion - There are many reasons why virtual education is good for students.

Thesis - Students should not use virtual education.

Reason #1 - Students miss out on social opportunities.

Detail - "Students who go to virtual school will miss many of the benefits of being in a real school."

If a student goes to school virtually, it could negatively impact their communication skills.

Reason #2 - Students could have difficulty staying motivated and task.

Details - "Students who take online courses can set their own schedules, which will cause problems for students who have trouble staying motivated."

Virtual schools could cause organizational problems because of their lack of structure.

Reason #3 - Virtual schools ask parents to do too much.

Details - "Online schooling puts stress on parents because they have to supervise what their kids do at home. Many parents have full-time jobs."

Virtual schools unfairly ask the parent to take on the roll of a teacher.

Counterargument - Wh

Thesis - Virtual Schools do not benefit students.

Reason #1 - Students are not socializing with their peers if they go to school virtually.

Details - "I don't know how I could sit at a computer all day without actually interacting with my peers and teachers."

Virtual schools cause students to miss out on socializing with friends, playing sports, and joining clubs.

Reason #2 - Virtual schools ask a lot of parents.

Details - "Many parents have full-time jobs. How are they going to run their child's education, excel at their jobs, and take care of other responsibilities at home?"

Virtual schools cause parents to check up on their child and take time out of their day.

Reason #3 - Virtual schools make it hard for students to stay on task.

Details - "Students who take online courses can set their own schedules, which will cause problems for students who have trouble staying motivated."

Virtual schools don't allow for students to ask questions that may keep them on task and motivated.

Counterargument - While

Some people may say virtual schools are good because students have unlimited time on a task, they actually are not good because students will not get all the educational opportunities they need.

Conclusion - Virtual schools are not beneficial to students.