

Why Asynchronous Instruction Doesn't Make The Grade



As school districts navigate the teacher vacancy crisis, many are turning to online options conducted synchronously or asynchronously. For those evaluating online instruction options, consider these key areas:

Student Achievement



Asynchronous

New learning environment with less support and accountability



Synchronous

Similar to proven brick-and-mortar learning environment

What's the Grade?

Livestreamed synchronous learning environments have the same student performance outcomes as brick-and-mortar learning environments according to this [recent study](#).



1:1 Instruction



Asynchronous

Students need to take more initiative, teachers are not available during instruction



Synchronous

Immediate individualized attention, better teacher-student relationships

What's the Grade?

Synchronous instruction enables greater individualized instruction and there is a [proven direct correlation](#) between 1:1 instruction and student achievement.



Student and Teacher Satisfaction



Asynchronous

Reliant on message boards for socializing, students have to wait for feedback



Synchronous

More social environment, help is immediate

What's the Grade?

Students and teachers are happier in synchronous classrooms. They reported being 8% and 7% less satisfied, respectively, with asynchronous classes.



The Classroom Experience



Asynchronous

Requires students to complete independent quizzes and communicate primarily on message boards



Synchronous

Replicates the brick-and-mortar class experience—interactive discussions and high student engagement

What's the Grade?

Synchronous classes contain 62% more live interactive lectures, which [students overwhelmingly prefer](#).



Peer Learning



Asynchronous

Independent work, written communications, impersonal experience



Synchronous

Live group work, usage of social skills, better relationships with peers

What's the Grade?

Synchronous learning enables social experiences that, according the [Harvard School of Education](#), ensure **greater academic success**.



Active Learning



Asynchronous

More reliant on digital quiz, lecture, and discussion platforms



Synchronous

More time conversing and listening directly to each other

What's the Grade?

Synchronous learning reduces anxiety. A [recent study](#) reported that students feel overburdened by the number of digital tools they need to learn and use for their asynchronous courses.



When evaluating online instruction options, it's clear - asynchronous courses don't make the grade

Synchronous learning environments provide a better experience, learning, and communication, leading to greater student achievement, satisfaction, and teaching effectiveness.

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Proximity Learning livestreams certified teachers into districts to teach synchronously. With over ten years of experience teaching K-12 courses across the country, we're the perfect solution to connect your students with the expert teachers and experience they deserve. Proximity Learning currently has over 600 teachers instructing over 3000 synchronous classrooms across over 150 school districts.

