

K¹² TOP 5

WAYS TO KNOW IF YOU'LL THRIVE AT A K¹² ONLINE SCHOOL



1 Families do well when they believe an individualized education is important to their student's future success.

We have found a common characteristic among parents who choose a K¹²-based public or private school: a drive to remove barriers that restrict their children from reaching their true potential. These parents are motivated to choose an education that is well suited to their child's unique needs. They understand the power of individualized learning and are willing to get personally involved in their child's schooling.

2 Students who thrive in an online school respond well when encouraged to be independent.

Many schools talk about the importance of discipline and taking responsibility. Successful K¹² students live, learn, and thrive by embracing these critical qualities, and we help them get there over time. Students who have previously been distracted in a traditional school find they can finally focus in the online school. When the source of an alienating or frustrating school experience is lifted, such as bullying, many students respond with enthusiasm and hard work.

3 Parents willing to take an active role in their student's education will do well. So will their kids!

For K¹² students in early grades, a parent typically plays the active role of Learning Coach, working in partnership with the child's teacher, supervising younger students closely on their assignments and tracking progress and attendance in the Online School. In the elementary years, the typical time commitment is 3 to 6 hours. And have no fear: we provide a tremendous range of supportive resources to help you become an effective Learning Coach. Naturally, less time is required as students enter the middle school years where the average is 1 to 4 hours. By high school, perhaps 1 to 2 hours are needed, consisting mainly of tracking progress and the usual dose of moral support.

4 Those who stick with their K¹² online school program tend to enjoy great success.

Changing from a standard school to an online school can be a challenging transition. There are no magic bullets for doing so, other than determination—along with the willingness to use the supportive resources K¹² makes available. And, especially for those who need to improve academically, it is an evolving process, not a sudden transformation. Bear in mind that each student entering a K¹² partner school is provided with an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP). Based on this comprehensive assessment, students receive a customized program. The ILP—along with guidance from our teachers, the engaging nature of K¹² online schooling, and the support you provide as Learning Coach—truly makes learning come alive and helps students thrive. What's more, there is much evidence to show that the longer children remain in a K¹² online school program, the better they do. So, all we can say is: please stick with it!

5 Parents who insist on high standards find K¹² online schools are a good fit.

Since our founding in 1999, K¹² has gained a reputation for being the "gold standard" in online education. Our approach is based on decades of research into how students learn, with interactive, media-rich lessons that engage young minds, plus superior instruction and support from the country's most experienced online teachers. While an individualized education meets students where they are, make no mistake: the K¹² curriculum is fairly rigorous. That's because we want students to learn, and learn well. Setting the bar high turns out to be the best path for success in school—and in life.

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