



Joyful Love of Learning

Dear PES families,

While COVID-19 has required our students temporarily to continue their PES education remotely, most of you have already realized, after having finished our first full week of learning from home, how truly amazing our teachers are! Their ongoing efforts to teach our children, no matter the location, provide me with an answer to the often-asked question: what is the difference between remote learning and homeschooling? While the obvious *similarity* between the two is that both types of learning take place at home (or not in a physical classroom on campus), I'd like to share with you some of the most *distinct differences* between remote learning and homeschooling for those who have posed the question themselves or been asked by others:

Remote Learning	Homeschooling
Faculty research, select, and facilitate learning virtually via various school chosen platforms, software, and websites	Parents research, select, and facilitate learning via various parent-selected platforms, software, materials, and websites
Faculty and school administration determine accredited, state-approved age/grade appropriate curriculum content	Parents must research and determine what age/grade appropriate curriculum content to use and accreditation is not guaranteed
Faculty take the lead in daily/weekly preparation, organization, and distribution of all curriculum materials	Parents prepare and organize all weekly/daily curriculum materials
Faculty are 100% responsible for grading/assessing student work	Parents are 100% responsible for grading/assessing student work
School provides all curriculum materials, including hard copies and digital platforms used	Parents secure all curriculum materials, including hard copy and digital platforms used

We are not oblivious to the challenges and frustrations that can occur when trying to support students in their remote learning. Sometimes technology, time, and temperament can work against us in our efforts to best support our children while learning remotely, and PES is here to help in any way we can to make this short-term transition as seamless as possible. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, school director, and/or me if you need anything! PES is committed to continuing to provide our families with the quality education they deserve, and the love and support they need.

Warmest Regards,

Kerin Hughes

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