

Hello, My name is Reagan Stelting and I am a freshman at Olathe South High school. I am reading the real words of Olathe Students about virtual learning.

You just feel alone and if you don't understand something a teacher says it isn't guaranteed that they will be able to help you. We miss so much interaction with our fellow students and our teachers can't reach us kids as much. It is exhausting sitting in front of a screen for 7.5+ hours a day and sitting down most of the time. Also 4 minutes doesn't give me enough time to move around as a passing period.

It SUCKS. I hate it!

I don't think that virtual learning is going good. For the past three weeks all I have been is stressed, overwhelmed and extremely frustrated. My eyes have been hurting and I have just been feeling down and angry all the time. It's really hard to learn when I can't figure out how to work the technology so that I can learn.

Every single day I wake up and I don't want to wake up, I feel like every day is the same thing and it gets harder and harder with every passing second. There's nothing enjoyable about this experience and I'd rather drop out and prepare for college rather than spend one more second being a puppet for this unreliable and unbelievable school district that not only has ruined my senior year, but ruthlessly dragged it through the mud and stomped on it until it couldn't handle it anymore. Nothing about my life is positive right now and there is nobody to blame except the school district and their bogus decisions. Listen to your students, they know more than anybody

I have been very stressed with virtual learning. I feel like it is very hard to focus on what the teacher is saying and it's hard to ask questions. This is my 8th grade year and I'm sad.

Learning at home has been stressful for my mom. She has taken a pay cut to stay at home some with me. I am sad I didn't get to play football this year.

I finished with a 4.2 GPA last year and this year I already have 2 D's. It is so hard for me to learn and focus virtually and I would do anything to go back in person.

Virtual learning is really affecting my mood. All this covid stuff has made me really depressed and virtual learning feels like the icing on the cake. I can't focus and I just keep falling asleep during my classes.

My eyes hurt. I get headaches. I miss my friends.

I hate on line. The teachers try but I get confused and no one is there to help me. I miss my friends and sports. I feel like people have forgotten about us

I get very confused and I have trouble focusing on virtual. I get three times more stressed out on virtual as well. It is very confusing and I absolutely hate it.

It's horrible. I hate "learning" this way. I made my choice, why was my choice ignored?

I miss human connection and being able to experience sports and activities with my peers. Our choice was taken away from us and everything we work so hard for is now off limits with no end in site. It feels awful!

Virtual learning just isn't the same as normal learning. I get less exercise and don't get to see anyone all day. Sports being cancelled is just so frustrating because I love sports and all the other schools are doing sports.

I have fought so hard with my anxiety and depression and have made great stride until now, now I'm falling back into that deep dark place with being isolated from everyone.

Virtual learning sucks. I can't focus. My teachers can't get it to work or just can't teach well on it. Nothing is good for students being online. I have been more depressed than I have ever been while being in online school. We need human interaction, both teachers and students

I don't like online school. It is really hard for me. I'm really sad that we don't have band anymore. It was the only good part of my day.