

How's hybrid going so far?

The group feels that it's still too early for a solid opinion, but everyone enjoys seeing the kids and are experiencing better attendance and engagement.

Here are some areas of concern:

- 1) Five minute passing periods are way too short.
 - a) No time to help students and clean, let alone go to the restroom
 - b) Really difficult for teachers who are switching classrooms
- 2) Zooming during class
 - a) It's tough to manage online kids and in-person kids
 - b) Kids are showing up 20 minutes late to zoom; by then the teacher has stopped monitoring it or has closed it
 - c) Tech issues
- 3) Social distancing
 - a) Need more guidance on partners and small groups
 - b) Feels like we're back too soon-- "Social distancing is pretty impossible."

SEL Assemblies and follow-up

- 1) Modified assembly schedule is the preference. A/B and AP teachers especially feel they can't give up an entire class period to an assembly. A 20-minute class is better than nothing.
- 2) Assuming assembly will be zoomed to teachers, who will project to classroom.

Question: If we have high rates of vaccination, is there any possibility of coming back to a regular schedule?

Email response from a teacher who wasn't able to attend:

Good things~

Face to face with my kids

I can actually support them with academics because non-verbal nuances are so much more telling than a small screen

Better attendance with face to face

Easier to communicate struggles when we are looking at the same problem together

Things of concern

Exhaustion with the constant effort of splitting myself into many small pieces to meet the needs of kids in a several academic genres

Cleaning - not sure what's in the spray that I use but I'm sure it will kill me in 30 or so years

Continuity is lost to some degree with the back and forth

Kids want to attend every day

They are more needful of snacks, fluids (my paycheck only goes so far and the water fountains are only for filling bottles) and short breaks as well as one on one with me.. SEL stuff

and still have a fierce headache every day which I know comes from being on the computer all day..

but..I do love my job and live in hope for our future..