

# SCHOOL OPTIONS COMPARISON CHART

## Traditional School Model

\*Many districts have emergency plans in place for in-person school to migrate to teacher-driven online classrooms due to Covid restrictions

### Opportunities

Socialization with peers

Extracurricular choices

Instruction from a OSDE Cert. Teacher

Access to ALL services that public school provide (PE, Art, Music, Library/Media, SpEd, OT, PT, Speech, Gifted/Talented, Counselor, AP classes)

If school moves to completely virtual, current teachers are the ones leading your student

Familiar- families have already built schedules

### Obstacles

Potential virus exposure

Could change: in-person instructions is based on state guidelines

Classrooms, lunch rooms, etc may not look and feel the same as 'pre-covid' classroom culture

### Tips

Work to establish a strong bond with your child's teacher

Read daily communication

Ask for logins to access the websites that they have at school to enrich curriculum

Be flexible!

Let kids express feelings

## Blended AB Schedule (Traditional Model)

2 days on campus, 3 days of online virtual learning

### Opportunities

Students receive some instruction from a Cert. teacher

It's temporary  
They get to go to school two days and have some sense of normalcy

Current teachers are the ones leading your student

### Obstacles

Miss half of the in-person instruction while learning at home

Families need childcare for young children on days not in school

More parent involvement

### Tips

Connect with other families that might be able to provide care for your children, if you are a working parent.

Read Daily Communication sent out by the teacher/school

Possibility for older students to create study groups

## Homeschool

<https://centralokhomeschoolchoirs.com>  
<https://okhomeschoolbands.com>  
<http://okcstorm.com>  
<http://okcpatriots.com>  
<https://www.okcbroncos.org>  
<https://www.homeschooloklahoma.org> \*\*\*\*\* tons of resources and info  
<https://www.classicalconversations.com>  
<https://www.okcknights.com>

### Opportunities

Flexible schedule and learning style

More time spent together as a family and well rested kids

Ability to travel for curriculum

Little to no concern about ridicule/social pressure/bullying/school safety

Exposure to socialization outside peer group

Stability during difficult times (new baby, illness, loss)

### Obstacles

Need to find friend groups, sports leagues, choirs, bands, Special Ed services outside of school

Parent dependent. Less time for yourself as a parent.

Adjustment period to a major lifestyle change

### Tips

Don't try to duplicate a classroom/schedule designed for multiple students

Don't assume you are stuck with one curriculum or homeschool group, if it isn't working find what does

Give grace but don't make excuses

Give students some ownership over their schedule/environment/assignments (choice of order of subjects for the day, reading on couch, or writing assignment vs. presentation)

# Virtual Academy

## Opportunities

Student is enrolled in a public school district and has access to a teacher mentor, but curriculum is provided by an outside vendor

- It's temporary
- Student has access to a teacher mentor
- Schedule flexibility & student can learn at their own pace while staying with school academic plan
- Some schools provide technology to student
- Access to public school extracurriculars. Money stays in district in if you choose to go back to traditional school model.
- Less worry about exposure.

## Obstacles

- Difficult to establish relationship and bonds with teachers
- Typically ran at a state or national level - many contributing factors
- Many virtual academies use Common Core National Standards (Not Oklahoma State Standards, this makes it difficult for students to pass state tests and stay on track for the next grade level)

## Tips

Ask your district: "Who is the vendor?"

If you have a high school student Athlete, that is interested in playing college sports, they need to be using Apex as their curriculum. Edmond is using this, Deer Creek is not.

PC and OKC - Virtual for first 9 weeks

# Online School - Epic

## Opportunities

Variety of curriculum choices provided by a public online charter school; certified teacher provides an individual learning plan

- Support/partnership with a teacher
- Flexible daily schedule & independent learning
- Organized, efficient, learning driven systems. Epic has 10 years of experience
- Free! Will supply laptop, internet, curriculum, supplementals. Learning fund will pay for extra curriculars, drivers ed, classes, etc. as long as you are signed up before October.
- Have EpicLive Classes for many topics. High School has 100's of amazing elective classes.
- The world is going virtual and your students will be ready.

## Obstacles

- Parent directed. Parents of younger children will need to help with maintaining good work habits.
- Kids stuck at home in front of a computer. Lack of socialization. Could be hard for children with attention problems.
- No school breakfast or lunch.

## Tips

Can put your kids on schedule with public school peers. Full time working parents will have a hard time with elementary kids, but I imagine there will be lots of that this year. Having a daily schedule is very important.

Epic is getting 1,000 kids a day. There are not any teachers left in the metro with availability. If you are considering this option, hurry. They are hiring more teachers.

I am available for any questions. - Kristin Pickett, epic teacher

I always suggest to my parents that the students have a church or some sort of group they are apart of. Social is important.