

## THE GOOD AND BAD SIDES OF DISTANCE LEARNING MODALITIES

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The new normal has been implemented nationwide following the emergence of the Covid 19 pandemic. The government and Department of Education decided to implement this system to continue the academic year, avoid a problem, and halt the education process. Distance learning is accompanied by the use of modular and online learning. The traditional face-to-face system has been replaced to assess the situation and avoid further problems arising from the pandemic.

Changing from traditional face-to-face classes to distance learning has come with varied opinions from the public. This also has an advantageous and disadvantageous impact as well as an effect on both educators and learners. First and foremost, the implementation of distance learning is deeply connected and integrated with high-tech technology. Digital technology is a necessity to access online learning modality. This area has been an issue, and different sides of the public arise. The problem in the digital divide due to inequality in techno usage and access is a problem. In addition, not all students and anyone have the capability to obtain access to this. The unexpected changes in the education system have also brought students and teachers a challenge to adapt to the situation. They are learning through virtual classrooms, and modules are not enough to sustain face-to-face class effectiveness. Also, a subject to this issue, not all learners are capable of learning independently. External factors such as noise, unexpected interruptions, loss of internet, the emergence of disasters, etc. are also a factor to consider in this kind of learning.

On the other hand, the new normal of having distance learning as a tool in the education system has brought a flexible way of learning for students, enabling them to manage their time and handle time management. Implementing distance learning also is beneficial in avoiding the further spread of Covid 19 to students. The health and safety of every individual are a priority in this kind of situation. Distance learning teaches time Management and other skills such as being responsible enough to take care of your life and studies independently. Students who had otherwise busy schedules now have much more time available to them due to the closing of school activities. Distance learning forces students to understand the best ways they learn and implement those ways at the best times.

Overall, distance learning has pros and cons to consider and deal with. But most importantly, we can cope with the good and bad sides of distance learning and start to adapt and continue giving importance to pursuing education amidst this pandemic. Learning its advantages and disadvantages is beneficial to us to be aware and learn to deal with those things and survive.

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