Interview Questions about Remote Learning

Designed for Primary, Elementary, Middle, and High School Students

The pandemic has completely changed the ways in which children engage with friends and family, in school and with their educators, and within their local communities. Without notice, they have had to adapt socially, emotionally, physically, and academically. In this session, we aim to amplify the voices of K-12th grade students as they share their experiences learning and engaging remotely during the pandemic.

View this recorded session at: https://youtu.be/9vgJDQQcneI
Learning from Primary School Students

(P-2nd grade)

Methods for accessing information:

- Artwork as a mediation tool
- One-on-one interviews

Questions:

- Draw a picture of your class last year (or draw a picture of kindergarten, 1st grade, etc.). Tell me about your picture. Now draw a picture of your class this year (or draw a picture of 1st grade, 2nd grade, etc.). Tell me about this picture. (their descriptions might lead into asking some of the questions below or asking other relevant follow-up questions)

- What is the same about last year and this year (i.e. kindergarten and 1st grade)? What is different?

- What is something you have really liked doing this year in _____ grade? What is something you don’t really like about school this year?

- What is something that helps you in school/virtual school? What is the hardest part about school/virtual school?

- When do you get to see or play or talk to the kids in your class? What could your teacher do to help you see or play or talk to the kids in your class more?

- What is something that your teacher does that makes you feel important?

- What is something that you wish your teacher knew about you?
Learning from Elementary School Students

(3rd-5th grade)

Methods for accessing information:

- Group interviews
- One-on-one interviews

Questions:

- Tell me about yourself and how you have been dealing with the pandemic. What words (3-5) would you use to describe your experiences during the pandemic?
- What have your teachers done to get to know you?
- How has school changed for you from the first few months of the pandemic (spring) to this school year (fall)?
- What’s something about your learning experience this school year that you didn’t like?
- When it comes to learning remotely, what do you need help with? What makes remote learning hard for you?
- What was your favorite experience in school this year?
- How well do you know the kids in your class? What have your teachers done to help you get to know your peers? What do you wish you were able to do to get to know your peers?
- How have you been feeling about not being able to see your friends as often as you might have in the past?
- What are you most proud of accomplishing during remote learning?
- What’s something that you wish your teacher knew?
Methods for accessing information:

- One-on-one interviews
- Surveys/polls

Questions:

- Tell about yourself and how you have been dealing with the pandemic. What words (3-5) would you use to describe your experiences during the pandemic?

- What have your teachers done to get to know you?

- How has school changed for you from the first few months of the pandemic (spring) to this school year (fall/winter)?

- What’s something about your learning experience this school year that you didn’t like?

- What do you need from your school to be successful in remote learning? What do you need help with? What makes remote learning hard for you?

- What was your favorite experience in school this year? The experiences can be social or academic.

- How have you grown as a learner during remote learning? How have you been progressing in school?

- What are you most proud of accomplishing during remote learning? Any big victories?

- How well do you know the kids in your class? What have your teachers done to get you to know your peers? What do you wish you were able to do to get to know your peers?

- How have you been feeling about not being able to see your friends as often as you might have in the past?

- Have you changed during this pandemic/virtual learning experience? If so, how?

- What’s something that you wish your teacher knew? This could be good and/or criticism/negative.
Learning from High School Students

(9th-12th grade)

Methods for accessing information:

- One-on-one interviews
- Surveys/polls
- Self-reporting (students record their own responses)

Questions:

- Tell about yourself and how you have been dealing with the pandemic. What words (3-5) would you use to describe your experiences during the pandemic?
- What have your teachers done to get to know you?
- What do you need from your school to be successful in remote learning? What do you need help with? What makes remote learning hard for you?
- How has school changed for you from the first few months of the pandemic (spring) to this school year (fall)?
- What are the reasons students might not attend remote learning, be late to remote learning, or miss a class meeting throughout the day?
- What’s something about your learning experience this school year that you didn’t like?
- What was your favorite experience in school this year?
- How have you grown as a learner during remote learning?
- What are you most proud of accomplishing during remote learning?
- How well do you know the kids in your class? What have your teachers done to get you to know your peers? What do you wish you were able to do to get to know your peers?
- How have you been feeling about not being able to see your friends as often as you might have in the past?
- What have you learned about yourself during the pandemic?
- What’s something that you wish your teacher knew?