



Top Distance Learning Myths Debunked

MYTH: Distance learning schools aren't as good as traditional schools.

FACT: In contrast to traditional education settings, PASC uses a proprietary modular curriculum design, so courses are adapted to fit a student's individual needs. Content can be rearranged and customized for individual learning paths based on testing and discussions with academic advisors and instructors. Further, students have clear, achievable goals in lessons each day, which allows them to focus, see accomplishment and stay motivated.

MYTH: Students in online schools run the risk of being isolated and have little interaction with their peers.

FACT: Students at PASC can have very active social lives, and often find that themselves forming relationships with people they would otherwise never meet because of social or geographic barriers. The flexibility of an online program can also allow for a deeper level of involvement and exploration of extracurricular activities without getting in the way of academics. We strive to foster well-rounded students with a sense of interest and pride in both their local and global communities.

MYTH: Colleges won't accept degrees from distance learning high schools.

FACT: In addition to meeting minimum graduation requirements, PASC students will be encouraged to pursue a college preparatory education. Career and college counseling will be offered to students, especially in the 10th-12th grade. Students will be provided options for PSAT, SAT, and ACT prep, college application help, and college information. Your student's Provost Academy courses are aligned to South Carolina state standards and are designed to fit graduation requirements for South Carolina.

MYTH: Lack of a traditional school environment means less communication with faculty.

FACT: Provost's proprietary software tools allow parents to be easily involved and informed about their student's learning experience. Academic Advisors are assigned and will develop a close relationship with each student and their family so that everybody can work together to achieve success. Guidance Staff ensures students are well rounded.

MYTH: Distance Learning costs money.

FACT: PASC is a free public high school just like the one students would attend in their local school district. There is no tuition. PASC provides a computer, all required course materials, and will reimburse up to \$20/month for high speed internet. As with most schools there may be minimal costs to families for optional extracurricular activities and fieldtrips, and peripherals like binders, pens, etc.

MYTH: Online schools are faster and easier than traditional schools.

FACT: While some online students choose accelerated programs, others select online schools that let them do their work slowly, over a longer period of time. Just like traditional schools, some online institutions are known for being easier and others are known for being harder. PASC fosters customized, flexible curriculums fit to the needs of the student.

MYTH: Distance learning students can easily cheat.

FACT: With PASC's proprietary user tracking software, contents and length of lessons are accessed. Analysis of this data can help to ensure students are using the content properly. Also, software tracks scores from daily assessments, which allows advisors and parents to know immediately if students truly understand the material. Independent research also shows that distance learning students are more proactive and motivated than those in traditional learning environments.