

## Making a few Adjustments

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Throughout the past 6 months life as everyone knew it drastically changed. In March 2020, the well-known disease, the Coronavirus, hit families around the globe. This virus spread and it quickly infected and killed many while it made its way around the globe. I was in sixth grade when the pandemic shut down not only my school, but schools everywhere, forcing students to begin remote learning. Luckily, this year I started seventh grade with being able to go back to in-person instruction.

Each class is separated into two cohorts, blue cohort and gold cohort. I am in the gold cohort. The schedule is that the blue cohort goes in on Mondays, Tuesdays, and every other Wednesday while gold goes in on Thursdays, Fridays, and every other Wednesday. Parents also have the option for their children to be fully remote if the new implemented schedule wasn't for them. Each cohort only has about 12 students in order to fit the capacity limit and to provide a safe learning environment. Along with this each desk is 6 feet apart from each other, and everyone has to wear masks to prevent the spread of germs.

Thankfully, all the teachers are very understanding during this time and make their students and their education their top priority. When my cohort is remote, we have zoom meetings beginning at 8:00am and ending at about 2:10-2:15pm.

Although the idea of zoom meetings and google classroom assignments was initially foreign to me, it was something I adjusted too, like many others. In the beginning there were a few obstacles I faced with the new hybrid learning, such as the struggle to concentrate when at home, or the struggle to make connections when actually in school because of the time spent at home learning. However, these challenges were ones that were able to be conquered over the past months. When I began struggling to focus or concentrate at home, I realized that I had to make a more productive workspace that didn't include any other distractions. By solving this issue, I resolved my other obstacle of "making connections" because I got more of an understanding with an improved work environment.

Currently, the majority of my cohort is remote so it leaves me and a few other students left in the classroom when we go in. While smaller classes can have its pros, the thought of having my whole class back is something I look forward to. Fortunately, the teachers continue to make learning fun and classes lively while still abiding by the new rules.

All in all, learning, and school in general, has had many alterations and changes for teachers, students, and faculty. Even so, these alterations helped teach students to create a routine or schedule that they can oblige by for the best educational experience. This experience molded many students into better ones because of their perseverance and motivation through these crazy circumstances we're facing. In this day and age, education and learning is very different from before, but it's not impossible; all you need to do is make a few adjustments.