

# Ask A Glendale Teacher

Edition 2

→ **The Myth of Choice** ←

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1. *Why can't all families have the choice of whether or not they send their kids to on-campus instruction?*

This sounds like a perfect solution, right? Here's the problem with having only *some* students return to the classroom: it will affect every child regardless of what your family chooses.

- a. *I just want to send my kids back into the classroom. Can't things go back to how they were?*

**Our classrooms will look nothing like they have in the past.** Students will *not* roam their classrooms, have story time on the rug, have festivals or carnivals, have “reading buddies,” do group activities or learning stations, or do assignments on paper. Recess, snack, and lunch will not be the joy that we all remember them as. Why? **Because all of these “normal” activities require sharing materials or being close together.**

- b. *I would keep my kids safe at home. Won't distance learning stay the same?*

**If some students are back in the classroom, distance learning will change dramatically.** Whether instruction is delivered through live-streaming or through switching between in-person and distance learning, the teacher will have to divide their attention between groups, creating less time to focus on your child or plan engaging curriculum. Your child might even be reassigned to a different teacher. Neither option is good for kids.

**Glendale educators believe that we should be focused on providing the highest quality education that we safely can and right now that's Distance Learning.** Every day, Glendale teachers work to make the learning experience better for your children.

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