



General eSchool Talking Points

- Public eSchools are public charter schools (sometimes called community schools). They are REAL PUBLIC schools.
- Public eSchool students are public school students. They are REAL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
- Public eSchool teachers are certified teachers with the state of Ohio. They are REAL teachers.
- **Public eSchools do NOT take money away from traditional public schools.** Only state dollars follow students to their school of choice, local dollars stay with the traditional district.
- All public school students deserve equal funding no matter what type of public school they go to.
- Enrollment caps for all public eSchools (instituted by the state 2014) are bad for our kids, bad for true school choice in Ohio and limits parental choice.
- Public eSchool students don't just sit in front of the computer all day.
- The one-size-fits-all approach no longer works when it comes to education. Families should have the right to choose a learning environment that best meets their children's needs.
- **Public eSchools in Ohio are highly accountable to the public.** They must meet the same federal and state requirements as a traditional district school. But unlike traditional public brick and mortar schools, a public eSchool can have its charter revoked if it's not performing financially or academically. Beyond that, recent closures of schools that aren't meeting the state's rigorous financial accountability requirements show that eSchools ARE being held accountable.

- **There is no such thing as a “for-profit school”** – our schools don’t make a profit. They simply contract with a private provider for a service – just like traditional public school districts do every day all over Ohio.
- Public eSchools are not exempt from other costs their brick and mortar counterparts must manage, including school counselors, psychologists, special education and other state-required services.
- Our children’s education should not be limited by geography. Technology has made a positive impact in many areas of our lives – education should be no different.
- **No matter what arguments you’re faced with, you can always respond with this one point – Tell them to “Trust parents, like me, to know what is best for my child.”**

REMEMBER if you don’t the answer to a question you’re faced with just say "I'm not sure and I don't want to misinform you. Can I get back to you with the correct information?" Relay any such questions to someone with the Coalition (e-mail us at Info@OhioSchoolCoalition.org) and we can get you the answer you need.

AND you can always refer anyone (particularly legislators) to our web site at www.OhioSchoolCoalition.org or encourage him or her to contact us at Info@OhioSchoolCoalition.org.

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