

# The Declaration of

## Independence

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It has come to a point in time where it has been addressed that as an E-Learner I am being drained from the amount of work I have to complete in a single day. Therefore, I have suffered from lack of sleep and I'm falling behind during class, as a result of not staying healthy and I do the same routine every day, not to mention I never get a day to relax. I am abandoning E-Learning, for it has only decreased my brain activity until I'm no more.

As a result of this, I feel like I have a right to not spend more than 10 hours a day per week on E-Learning. It's my job to be a middle school student, not complete college level work. Also, homework should not be more than 4 pages long, maximum. I trust that I retain content better when my teacher's are the ones helping me learn, instead of online learning through Edgenuity, because the grades I get are not accurate along the lines of what I know, it all revolves around the accuracy. Moreover, I find it within myself that managing my time wisely between Soccer, friends, family, and school is considered additional stress on a middle school student, such as myself; I think there should be some solution on how to manage my life, focus on the important factors, and still be healthy in my decisions. Going along with that, I think that I should be able to have a full amount of sleep every day, instead of staying up to 2:00 am, just to reflect my effort that I put into every single one of my assignments.

To add on, there are many challenges within the whole entire E-Learning experience. First of all, the Clever app, Edgenuity, gives me 8 or more assignments a day, and I have to keep up with the pacing, otherwise you will be piled with more work to do every day. Not to mention, the Unit Tests take a lot of brain cells to study, rather than an average test in brick n mortar, would. To continue on, the only time I get to not be a couch potato during my school days is Lunch, but very often I skip it, due to having to finish homework from all the classes, so I can discover time to do homework inside my busy schedule. Not to mention, some of my teachers are unaware of how hard and long their assignments tend to be, since I always reach out to my teachers when something is off, it is a matter of time of whether or not they will extend the due date for me and meet all of my deadlines. Also, I get in a routine of doing the same steps every day, but out of nowhere the guidance counselor decided to change my schedule on me and forgot to reach out to me about my new schedule, which immediately made it the job of my teachers who already expected that I adjusted to the new changes. This also lead to Edgenuity and Canvas being behind which meant I am forced to try and catch up while managing all my other assignments, and it wasn't even in my control on whether or not I got to stay in my same routine. Plus, it is extremely hard for teachers to reach out to me individually and help me out when they have a busy schedule, much like the student's and they have to keep moving on with the content and the pace of the rest of the class. Furthermore, when I catch the cold or become ill I don't have a choice, on whether or not I should go to school, because it's considered online school I have to do class at home even when I am felling queasy.

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To continue, the only major form of communication to reach out to my teacher's is to text them, and usually they don't get the text message until near the end of the day since they are busy teaching other students. So, when I send my teachers an email, it is very difficult for them to understand what my actual question is, without me asking it in person, like in Brick n mortar. Luckily, I am able to reach out to my classmates and connect with them on what we do not understand, the only problem is if they have the same question as me and I do not have the answers it is very hard for us to learn from each other, and ask questions past the school, hours in which E-Learning students stay up later than teachers. Finally, I got support from friends and family members which convinced me to re-address my complaints to my Guidance Counselor, but with my unfortunate luck, that was when Hillsborough County Public Schools took away my Algebra Support, which was a class that gave me loads of time to get my homework for other classes done, and focus on studying for upcoming tests. As a result, I got Journalism which is an awesome class but it is hard to catch up on the entire unit that I missed, which I literally was unable to attend, and now I have to make a Video News Segment every week in order to find time in my week to film my B-Roll, and A-Roll.

Therefore, as a representative of the United States of America, I hereby declare that I'm deserting E-Learning and leaving it out to dry. For my choice to go to E-Learning was a vicious one, that from this day forward I will never make again. I believe that as a citizen of The United States of America, and as a student who attends Farnell Middle School, E-Learning should never be a factor in an 8th grader's health, or of any student's health for that matter. I certainly believe that I have the right to sleep after all the hard work that I've done every single day of the week. I, Hannah Frankenberry, strongly declare independence away from E-Learning, from now, until forevermore.



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