

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #159

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Topic *	Length of on-screen learning time
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What is your relationship to ACPS? *	Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student
Enter your comments here OR upload below:	<p>As a parent of a 2nd grader, I have witnessed frustration, boredom and the monotony experienced by my child while sitting behind a computer for almost 6 hours a day. As an adult, I am not expected to do this so why do we think 5-8 year old kids can do it? I am not convinced that my child is benefitting academically from all this screen time, especially while she sits 10-20 minutes multiple times a day while her classmates get settled and all synced to the same learning app. It seems as though returning to a classroom will not happen until 3rd or 4th quarter, so it is imperative that we find the best schedule now for our younger students. The model used for summer learning seemed to work better, with only about 3 hours of instruction and more time for exploring and playing. In these challenging times, the kids need more creative activities on their own time instead of constant Zoom time and worksheets. I encourage the school board to dig deep and find a learning balance for our youngest learners. All this time on Zoom is not the answer. Thank you.</p>
