How does a One Schoolhouse course compare to the classes at our school?

One Schoolhouse courses are structured to be as rigorous and creative as the classes at top independent schools around the country. That’s by design. Teachers and students come from independent schools and expect courses to challenge and engage learners. We’re proud that 98% of our students say they’re challenged in our courses. Our AP courses receive the same approval from the College Board that brick and mortar schools earn for their classes.

What kinds of students take One Schoolhouse courses?

Highly motivated students across the United States and abroad take One Schoolhouse courses to challenge themselves and go beyond the courses their home schools can offer in brick and mortar classrooms. Some students want to study a topic that isn’t covered in their school’s curriculum. Others have completed the sequence of courses their school offers and are ready for new challenges. The need for flexibility drives some students to register for our courses, and others want to explore what it’s like to learn online. One Schoolhouse students are enrolled at some of the top independent schools in the U.S., and plan to go on to four year colleges, many of which are highly selective.

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What does learning online look like?

The same kind of learning takes place in online courses and face-to-face classrooms, but we use different tools online. Instead of seminar-style discussions, we use discussion boards and video chats to create dialogue among students and provide opportunities for reflection. Group projects use wikis for creative collaboration within classes. Students in science classes do labs--some use online simulations, while others use household objects for hands-on exploration. Throughout all the activities of online learning, we know that a student’s connection to the teacher is paramount, so we offer video meetings, opportunities for reflection, and regular feedback.
Where do One Schoolhouse teachers come from?

One Schoolhouse hires caring and engaged teachers from some of the top independent schools around the country. Eighty percent of our faculty holds a master’s degree and/or a terminal degree. Many teachers come from our consortium schools. All are experienced teachers in their discipline and are specially trained in creating and managing personalized online learning spaces.

Over 600 schools partner with One Schoolhouse

including 37 international schools

How big are One Schoolhouse classes?

Just like most independent schools, our classes are small, with an average section size of 18 students. We believe that small classes build community and connections between students and teachers. We offer both all-girls and all-gender sections in many of our courses.

How much time does a One Schoolhouse course take?

In our year-long courses, students spend about 6-8 hours each week on non-AP courses, and 8-10 hours each week on AP-level courses. Some students do work during the school day, while others do it after school or on the weekends. Most of the work, but not all of it, is completed online through our Learning Management System.

What kind of support do students receive from One Schoolhouse?

We believe that strong connections help students thrive, so teachers are available to meet with students regularly on multiple platforms: email, video chat and text. If students need more consistent and repeated support than one teacher can provide, there’s a team in place. The Director of Student Support connects online teachers and home schools, passing recommendations for support on to One Schoolhouse Advisors and sharing information from schools with online teachers. When appropriate, schools or One Schoolhouse may reach out to parents with updates. Together, we make sure students have the resources and strategies they need to move forward in the course.