

Pocono Mountain School District

What Is The Difference Between Asynchronous And Synchronous Learning:

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What is Asynchronous Learning?		Asynchronous learning is a general term used to describe forms of education, instruction, and learning that do not occur in the same place or at the same time. The term is most commonly applied to various forms of digital and online learning in which students learn from instruction—such as prerecorded video teacher lessons or web-based learning tasks that students complete on their own—that is not being delivered in person or in real time. In addition, asynchronous learning may also encompass a wide variety of instructional interactions, including email exchanges between student and teacher.
Examples of Asynchronous Learning		 Instruction is not occuring live Students learn on their own schedule Offers students the flexibility to work at their own pace and complete their online assignments outside of what would be considered the normal school day Course content is created and made available to the student Teacher provided materials (videos, learning activities, links, group assignments) can be accessed at any time Feedback is provided through collaborative tools such as email and Google Suite Pre-recorded videos, teacher recorded lessons, student paced lessons, collaborative documents, class assignments, web based resources and Google Suite.
What is Synchronous Learning?	Ť	Synchronous Learning is a general term used to describe forms of education, instruction, and learning that occur at the same time, but does not have to be in the same place. The term is most commonly applied to various forms of online learning in which students learn from teachers and collaborate with peers in real time, but not in person.
Examples of Synchronous Learning	000	 Students learn at the same scheduled time Requires students and teachers to be on-line at the same time Direct interaction between teachers and students Allows for immediate feedback and clarification Check-ins, question and answer, discussion and presentations occur at specific times in an on-line setting Office hours, video conferencing, collaborative documents, lectures and presentations, teacher paced lessons, time for students to share ideas with classmates/teachers, simulations/resources such as animations, video clips, or other multimedia avenues, group activities.