

Grade 6—Targeted Standards Review—Week 1

Some students taking online classes to avoid bullies at school

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1. How does the article show that online schools are better than brick and mortar schools for students who are victims of bullying?
 - a) By describing the various facilities and extra curricular activities offered at online schools
 - b) By stating the advantages of online schools as compared to regular schools
 - c) By illustrating the progress of bullying victims after their enrollment in online schools
 - d) By explaining that online schools help them get better at studies while pursuing their hobbies

2. The article mentions several possible reasons for taking online classes, in addition to escaping bullying. Choose **three** of these reasons found in the text.
 - a) Having more time to practice building skills such as dance
 - b) Not getting along with teachers
 - c) Not being able to attend school due to health issues
 - d) They are struggling in certain subjects
 - e) Fear of being in public places (agoraphobia)

3. Read the following paragraph:

Davis added, "The kids are so **savvy** that they're kind of escaping notice of the adults in their lives. As soon as we get on whatever the next hot social media site is and start monitoring kids," they move on. If teachers and parents are on Facebook, students say, "Well, Facebook isn't cool anymore, we're going to move to Twitter. And we're going to move to Instagram.' It's hard for us to monitor them."

What does the word savvy mean as used in this paragraph?

- a) happy
- b) popular
- c) smart in a calculating way
- d) greedy

4. Select the sentence from the article that best reflects a callous attitude toward bullying.
- a) One-third of all U.S. children – an estimated 13 million students nationwide – are targeted each year, according to the White House.
 - b) Hooten talked to her daughter’s teachers and school administrators, but their only suggestion was the Kelsey should “find another group of friends.”
 - c) “Because of cyberbullying, students can’t escape it,” said Susan Davies, who trains school psychologists to recognize and deal with bullying.
 - d) The Ohio Virtual Academy is not immune to cyberbullying, but, according to Kristin Stewart, who is the head of the school, it has a zero-tolerance policy.
5. The author of the article suggests that online coursework may be a viable alternative to students who have been victims of bullying. Select two sentences from the article that that support this claim.
- a) “Nearly a quarter of parents who enrolled their children in online K12 programs said bullying in school was one main reason.”
 - b) “About 94 percent [of students] said going [to school] online helped end the [bullying] problem.”
 - c) Ohio Virtual Academy “hasn’t been that good at educating” students.
 - d) Students also choose online schooling because “they are struggling in certain subjects, because their families rely on them to work, because they have children of their own, or because they want to challenge themselves.”