

HANDOUT 5.1A Two Student Emails

Dear Principal Jones:

I am writing to express my concern about the online instruction my class and I have received from Ms. Edwards, my English teacher, during the COVID pandemic. My class received assignments twice a week that took me on average 1 hour to complete. Most of the materials were review, but she did not provide instruction for any of the new material. My other teachers all provided various ways for me to ask questions or seek clarification. Ms. Edwards did not. All she did was post the work. I understand that some teachers are less comfortable than others with digital platforms, but I also understand that the District provided training for how to engage classes using Zoom and other technologies. I feel as though I lost a semester. I realize nothing can be done for me, but I hope that your intervention might result in other students having a richer experience moving forward.

Sincerely,
Dana Williams

Now that you've read Dana's email, mark the following scale:



Principle Jones,

You need to talk to Ms. Edwards right away. I got a D in her class just cause I didn't do all of the work. But who could? She gave us assignments twice a week. I have other classes you know. And I have to watch my little sister when my mom's at work. And most of it was busy work anyways. So why do it? I feel as though nobody should get a bad grade under the circamastances. Plus, she should of told me I was going to get a bad grade, but all she ever do was post work. It's just not fair. You need to do something right away!

Chris Miller

