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MySchool POD Family Discussion Guide

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Introduction to PODs

- **What is a POD?** A POD is a group of families (usually 3-4) that bring their kids together in somebody's home where kids can complete their virtual school with the help of a dedicated learning coach.
- **If you're thinking about it - here are three things to keep in mind:**
 1. **It may feel a bit uncomfortable.** Some aspects of forming a pod, even with friends, could feel uncomfortable. You'll have to talk about sensitive subjects and potentially tell somebody you know that you're not comfortable with forming a POD with them. What helps?
 - **Acknowledge** the awkwardness and the need for transparency early on with the other families.
 - Use the **Camppedia Family Discussion Guide** to collect all the relevant information without any pressure.
 - **Take a deep breath** - you're doing something difficult but necessary to care for your family in the way that you're comfortable.
 2. **It can be time consuming.** You can DIY the whole thing - just plan to spend a lot of time coordinating. If you hire the instructor directly - you'll want to think about possible tax implications and may want to find a company or an accountant to help. You can let groups like **Camppedia** do the legwork for you. Our services are **free** for parents.
 3. **It will be worth it.** PODs give you significantly more control and customization relative to other options so you can have peace of mind that you are finding the right solution for your family.

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- **Step 1** – ask each family to complete the following guide and share it with the group
- **Step 2** – discuss independently and decide if you're comfortable moving forward; share decision with group
- **Step 3** – set up a meeting to finalize arrangements with families who are still interested

Answering honestly and understanding that what works for one family may not work for another is key to making a POD work



Part 1 of 3 – Lifestyle match

	Family 1	Family 2	Family 3	Family 4
1. Our family’s lifestyle is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. HIGH ISOLATION. We spend most of our time at home. Adults wearing masks leave the house to pick up groceries or food, but don't work outside the home. We rarely see other people and when we do it's outside. b. LIMITED INTERACTIONS. We spend most of our time at home, but we occasionally meet with a limited number of people who follow similar precautions, mostly outdoors. We sporadically go inside stores, but we always wear masks and practice physical distancing. No restaurants, bars, or gatherings of more than 10 people. c. CAREFUL SOCIALIZATION. We meet socially with friends and family. Our kids sometimes play with other children. We are comfortable going out in public as a family once in a while, even to restaurants. We observe physical distancing and wear masks when going into stores or businesses. d. RETURNING TO NORMAL. We've returned to our favorite restaurants and stores, and we enjoy spending time with others who are comfortable getting together. We don't always wear masks in public. 				
2. Working outside of the home? (if yes – identify who and in what setting)				
3. Do any of the kids attend daycare?				
4. Do you have people coming into your home (if yes – describe who: housekeeper, care worker etc)				
5. (add your own question here)				

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Part 2 of 3 – POD Logistics

Family 1

Family 2

Family 3

Family 4

1. How many kids will you have in the POD?

(please specify grades)

2. Safety precautions for POD members :

- a. everybody should wear a mask at all times and attempt to maintain some distance
- b. everybody should wear a mask when in close proximity
- c. everybody should attempt to maintain some distance & practice good hygiene
- d. no additional safety measures

3. I am willing to host the pod in my home

(Yes / some weeks / entire duration)

4. I am wiling to provide snacks / lunch (please specify)

5. The home environment for the POD would be

- a. Very quiet, separate pace (e.g. basement / play room)
- b. Some hustle and bustle
- c. Very active

6. We have fire arms in the home

(if yes, describe how they're secured)

7. Ideal POD composition:

- a. All kids are in the same class
- b. All kids are in the same grade at the same school
- c. All kids are in same grade in same school district
- d. Kids can be in different grades, but not too far apart
- e. I'm flexible

8. POD Schedule

- a. For the duration of virtual instruction
- b. Extra time to help with homework
- c. Full day
- d. Other

9.

(add your custom question here)



Part 3 of 3 – Instructor Preferences	Family 1	Family 2	Family 3	Family 4
1. I expect the coach to adhere to the same general lifestyle as my family				
2. We don't want the coach to have another part time job				
3. Level of experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Certified teacher (current or expired) b. Does not have to be a certified teacher but should have a bachelors degree and previous experience with kids c. At least previous experience with kids or tutoring kids 				
4. Interaction style <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. More on the strict side - prioritizes kids getting their work done first b. More on the warm / fun / goofy side c. Other: specify 				
5. Schooling needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. My kids are pretty self sufficient - they just need some light assistance b. My kids need more hands on help to ensure they stay focused and complete homework 				
6. Other needs (Select all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Help with lunch b. Provide additional enrichment activities c. Provide tutoring in addition to homework help d. Other – please specify 				
7. (add your custom question here)				

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