

# Virtual Village Talk: Pandemic Learning Pods

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## ARTICLES

**Our Note:** How ironic that today's articles on Pandemic Pods happen to be in news outlets catering to the wealthy via subscription!

**Our Ask:** If you have a subscription to those outlets and are willing to copy the full article for us, please contact Benita and I will share it as a follow up.  
email: [be@wearethemany.org](mailto:be@wearethemany.org)

*The Wall Street Journal* - Subscription only

### **New York Parents Forming 'Pandemic Pods' Hunt for Classroom Space**

#### **Opting to keep their kids out of school, some are repurposing gyms, rooftops and parks into learning areas**

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/new-york-parents-forming-pandemic-pods-hunt-for-classroom-space-11598713200>

*The Washington Post* - Subscription only

### **For parents who can afford it, a solution for fall: Bring the teachers to them**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/fall-remote-private-teacher-pods/2020/07/17/9956ff28-c77f-11ea-8ffe-372be8d82298\\_story.html?outputType=amp](https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/fall-remote-private-teacher-pods/2020/07/17/9956ff28-c77f-11ea-8ffe-372be8d82298_story.html?outputType=amp)

*The New York Times* - Limited # of free articles, then by Subscription only

### **• \$25,000 Pod Schools: How Well-to-Do Children Will Weather the Pandemic**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/30/nyregion/pod-schools-hastings-on-hudson.html>

### **• The Latest in School Segregation: Private Pandemic 'Pods'**

#### **If they become the norm, less privileged kids will suffer.**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/22/opinion/pandemic-pods-schools.html>

### **• What Happens When No One Invites You to Their Pandemic Pod?**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/28/realestate/pandemic-pods.html>

### **• Pods, Microschools and Tutors: Can Parents Solve the Education Crisis on Their Own?**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/22/parenting/school-pods-coronavirus.html>

*PureWow.com*

### **Your Guide to Pandemic Learning Pods: The Costs, the Logistics and the Push for Equality**

<https://www.purewow.com/family/pandemic-learning-pods>

*Forbes* - (Our Note: Equity is not what we think it means in this article!)

### **Wonderschool Seeks To Equitably Enable Pandemic Pods**

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/new-york-parents-forming-pandemic-pods-hunt-for-classroom-space-11598713200>

*News 8:*

### **A Class in COVID: Parents create 'learning pods,' search for additional education help as some schools plan all online classes**

<https://www.wtnh.com/community/back-to-school/a-class-in-covid-parents-create-learning-pods-search-for-additional-education-help-as-some-schools-plan-all-online-classes/>

*San Francisco Chronicle:*

### **'Pandemic pods' present health risks, too. Experts offer safety tips for kids, parents, teachers**

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Pandemic-pods-present-health-risks-too-15455714.php>

*North Forty News:*

### **Pandemic Pods and Legal Unknowns**

<https://northfortynews.com/category/business-education/pandemic-pods-and-legal-unknowns/>

*CNN:*

### **Parents and teachers worried pandemic pods will widen education gap**

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/25/us/school-pod-inequities-wellness/index.html>

*ABC 7 - WJLA*

### **Nanny-Share on Steroids - Pandemic pods: hiring an in-home instructor could cost close to \$100,000. Is it worth it?**

<https://wjla.com/news/local/pandemic-pods-a-nanny-share-on-steroids-with-a-lot-to-consider>

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## Pod Groups

**Our Note:** Please do your own research. We found many for-profit companies listed in group forums looking to be hired.

### Facebook Groups & Pod-Matching Sites

#### School Pod Mom

<https://www.facebook.com/schoolpodmom>

Our Note: Their website says that they match parents with pods groups and they may have access to a scholarship fund for tuition

#### Pandemic Pods - National (Private group · 40.9k members)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pandemicpodsf/about>

#### Pandemic Pods - Brooklyn (Private group · 927 members)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pods.brooklyn/about>

#### Pandemic Pods - Manhattan (Private group · 430 members)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pods.manhattanny/about>

Our Note: This group has a High School Pod Component

#### The Learning Pod Network

[https://learningpodnetwork.com/?fbclid=IwAR03IZRhI\\_HdnmzklGqb\\_a5RfPzlw0E8nHxrzmh-24mUD7OIFzKxxH5kbgI](https://learningpodnetwork.com/?fbclid=IwAR03IZRhI_HdnmzklGqb_a5RfPzlw0E8nHxrzmh-24mUD7OIFzKxxH5kbgI)

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**Watch out for this Eventbrite invite - it might be a scam!**

**Learning Pods 101: Everything you need to know before starting one?** *Lorem ipsum*

Company Name: ESOTERIC ACADEMIC SOLUTIONS

<https://e-academicsolutions.com/>

Hi Benita,

*Hoping this note finds you in good health, spirits, and peace of mind. Sorry about confusing with the link to the seminar.*

*We usually close the meeting at 7:05 pm to all participants who join the meeting late. However, if you like to have this seminar on a 1-on-1 basis please make an appointment with link below:*<https://calendly.com/nathanielhaynesworth/virtual-coffee>

*Your personal seminar will last 30 minutes. Have a great day!*

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*"A house without books is like a room without windows." - Horace Mann*

## Info Meetings for NYC Parents

### Equity, Pandemic & Pods

**September 3, 2020 05:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

[https://nyu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_g7xkXo8NQDupv7LTsF3iXw](https://nyu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g7xkXo8NQDupv7LTsF3iXw)

### Eastern Regional Forum: Practices for Successfully Reaching African American Students

**A Black Education Network (ABEN)**

**September 19, 2020 11 am - 7 pm (\$50)**

<http://tinyurl.com/EastABENforum>