

Quick Facts for Parents Provincial At-Home Learning Winter 2020



On November 24, 2020, the Government of Alberta announced the following health requirements impacting education.

Mandatory restriction – Provincewide – Starting Nov. 30

Grades 7-12 students

- Move to at-home learning Nov. 30 to Jan. 8, except during winter break*
- Resume in-person classes Jan. 11
- Diploma exams are optional for the rest of the school year. Students and their families can choose whether to write an exam or receive an exemption for the January, April, June and August 2021 exams.

Grades K-6 students (including Early Childhood Services)

- Continue in-person learning to Dec. 18
- Move to at-home learning Jan 4 to Jan. 8
- Resume in-person classes Jan. 11

At-home learning for students in gr. 7-12 from November through January will not be the same as COVID teaching in March - June 2020. Since school divisions have anticipated this likelihood, we are much more prepared for it. Because this situation is a shorter, defined duration, it allows learning already underway to pivot to at-home, and then return to regular class in the new year.

It is critical that students maintain their studies during at-home learning. Following are some key points of what can be expected during these upcoming weeks:

- Classes will move forward together with shared expectations that the gr. 7-12 assignments get completed between now and the return to classes on January 11.

- Teachers will have ongoing personal contact with their students. This may include individual, small group, or large group meetings virtually, or by telephone. Teachers and individual students may meet in person for scheduled appointments if needed.
- Students will be assessed based on the same expectations that would occur in the classroom, even though alternate methods of instruction and assessment may be employed. In order to provide evidence of their learning, students are expected to participate in the required learning activities and assessments.
- All schools remain open and both staff and students may be present. While regular classes are cancelled, gr. 7-12 students may make appointments to go to school to access academic or other supports. Required guidelines such as physical distancing and wearing masks must be followed.

Schools are not closed. Teachers will be available by appointment to provide academic support to their students.

Grade 7-9

- Learning will focus on core mathematics, language/literacy, science, social studies and wellness (with a focus on physical and mental health) curriculum outcomes
- Complementary courses will continue wherever possible and as per the students' current enrollment.
- MINIMUM average of 12 to 16 hours of work per student per week. Teachers may opt to maintain the same hours of instruction as regular school schedules.

Grades 10-12

- Learning will focus on specified and core course requirements for high school graduation, including English, social studies, mathematics, and sciences.
- Complementary courses will continue wherever possible and as per the students' current enrollment.
- MINIMUM average of six hours of work per 5-credit semestered course per week; average of 3 hours of work per 3-credit semestered course per week. Teachers may opt to maintain the same hours of instruction as regular school schedules.

Please connect with your community school for more information on the following:

- Families for whom technology use is not an option will be accommodated with paper lesson materials.
- The Family School Liaison Program services will continue. Counselling services will be available and will work to offer flexible support virtually or at the school.