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AT-HOME LEARNING WITH ONGOING ENHANCED DISTANCE LEARNING



GENERAL OVERVIEW

Should the closure of our schools be extended, or should some families choose not to send their child back to school, we will continue to offer distance learning opportunities. Distance learning for the 2020-2021 school year will be delivered online wherever possible. Schools will offer additional options where online learning is not possible.

SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING

Under this model, schools will implement minimum expectations for students to have direct synchronous contact with their teacher or educator on a regular basis. Synchronous learning means learning that is occurring at the same time between student and teacher/educator, and can be used as for whole class instruction, smaller group learning, and/or one-on-one learning.



DEVICE & CONNECTION SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



Schools will distribute Chromebooks and other Board-owned devices to support families in distance learning. Our Board has also supported families in acquiring internet connections at home for distance learning. If your family needs support, please reach out to your child's principal or teacher.

FOCUS OF INSTRUCTION

The primary focus of instruction through distance learning will be on the achievement of overall expectations across all subjects and grades. Students participating in distance learning will be timetabled and provided with a schedule of classes that are teacher-facilitated as they normally would be.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



The Ministry of Education has advised that unless otherwise directed, at this time students will be required to earn 40 hours of community involvement hours to graduate in 2020-21. Students should continue to seek out and accumulate community involvement hours, keeping in mind local public health unit recommendations and the possibility of virtual community involvement. Secondary students will also be required to complete the literacy graduation requirement to graduate in the 2020-21 school year.