



Fact Sheet

Option for Learning: 100% At-Home Remote Learning

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The health, safety and well-being of students and staff is a top priority as schools are reopening. Although school boards have been asked to prepare for three possible delivery models for the 2020-2021 school year, the return to school in the fall of 2020-2021 will be voluntary and based upon parent choice.

For parents who choose not to send their child(ren) back to school, school boards will be prepared to offer remote learning. **This requirement will only be in place for as long as public health circumstances and the ministry require adapted delivery of education.**

Parent/Caregiver Requirements

- ✓ No later than August 18, 2020, parents will be required to provide their decision to their child(ren)'s school that they are voluntarily choosing to engage their child(ren) in 100% At-Home Remote Learning. All parents will be contacted by SGDSB personnel before August 18.
- ✓ Parents who are choosing to enroll their child(ren) in 100% At-Home Remote Learning will also be required to notify the school in writing of their intentions.
- ✓ Parents will be required to meet virtually with the school principal to discuss the arrangements.
- ✓ Students enrolled in At-Home Remote Learning will be required to remain in that model until:
 - Public health circumstances and ministry direction no longer require school boards to engage in adapted delivery, thus indicating that all students are to return to school or to engage in Home Schooling; or
 - At the end of a semester; or
 - In discussion with the school principal at a mutually agreeable time (considering assessment, course progress, course type, transportation arrangements, etc.) that is best for the student.
- ✓ Parents will connect regularly with their child's teacher to support learning.
- ✓ Parents can expect the full range of assessment, evaluation, and reporting, including virtual parent-teacher-student conferences. Exams will be replaced by culminating activities such as individual projects.
- ✓ The school will deem the range of virtual Special Education supports necessary for each student according to their IEP. The IPRC and IEP process will be conducted virtually. Ongoing two-way communication between the home and school will be essential.



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- ✓ There may be materials that parents will be required to make arrangements to pick up from school. Paper packages will only be provided in situations where access to Internet is not available.
- ✓ Parents must be aware that school board delivery models may have to change if required by public health advice and ministry directive. We will do our best to minimize impact on students.

Requirements for 100% At-Home Remote Learning (See also Requirements for Remote Learning Fact Sheet)**

- ✓ Every effort will be made to place students who are working from home with an educator from their community school, however this may not be feasible.
- ✓ Technology will be provided to students to allow them to connect remotely.
- ✓ Students will be provided with a schedule of classes that are teacher facilitated and that support all areas of the curriculum (and all applicable curriculum expectations), as they normally would during school instruction.
- ✓ Students will have synchronous contact (whole class, small group or one-on-one when necessary) with teachers and education staff on a regular basis. Students will be expected to engage in independent learning as well.
- ✓ Students will continue to receive curriculum-based learning tasks as communicated through the Edsby platform.
- ✓ Students in high school can enroll in Independent Learning Centre (ILC) modules or eLearning options by connecting with their guidance department.
- ✓ Students who are learning from home are required to connect electronically with their child's teacher to engage in learning.
- ✓ Students who are learning from home will not be permitted to engage in extracurricular activities (e.g. sports, clubs, etc.).
- ✓ In most cases, high school programs such as Cooperative Education, Dual Credits and Specialist High Skills Major will NOT be achievable through remote learning. Alternative course selections will need to be made. Please contact your guidance counselor as soon as possible.
- ✓ High school students learning from home will be required to meet all graduation requirements, including the completion of EQAO and community service hours.

This Fact Sheet has been designed to provide information for school communities considering the changes required by COVID-19. For any questions, concerns, or accommodations, please contact your child's school principal.

*** Adapted from the Ministry of Education "Approach to Reopening Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year"*