

Transition Program

Transition classes are designed for children and families who currently may not feel comfortable to return to school full time. It is for families with the ability to dedicate a significant amount of time to support the learning of their child at home, in partnership with a classroom teacher. There is an expectation that children will participate in an increasing amount of face-to-face instruction with the teacher and their peers over time.

Guiding Principles

The Transition Program is structured to gradually increase face-to-face instruction to support a gradual transition to full-time in-class instruction on January 4, 2021. It offers:

1. A safe learning community for students and their families, who are not yet ready to return fully to face-to-face instruction;
2. Continued focus on student well-being, belonging and sense of connection.
3. Support for students and families with vulnerabilities who may require special assistance;
4. A focus on literacy and numeracy development and the provincial Core Competencies; and
5. Meaningful inquiry-based explorations of the curricular competencies within a blended learning environment.

Schedule

Please communicate with your child's transition teacher to receive specific class schedules.

What will my child do in a Transitional Program?

Your child will engage in blended learning activities, with a carefully constructed mix of traditional face to face and digital learning. Truly, it is a blend of both models. It prioritizes time

with the teacher and the whole class for important social connections, a sense of belonging and social emotional development.

While the time and place may vary, all students, teachers and families will focus on the Provincial Core Competencies: Communication, Thinking, and Personal & Social Responsibility. Continued development of literacy, and numeracy skills, as well as inquiry-based explorations of the 'big ideas' outlined in the provincial curriculum will round out the program.

Where Do I Go for Support?

Please start with your transition program teacher who, similar to a regular classroom teacher, works with a team of professionals to ensure that your child has access to necessary supports.

Additional supports are available to students. Visit www.abbyschools.ca/covid-19 for more.

