

TRANSITION PROGRAM

Fact Sheet for Elementary & Middle Schools



At the Abbotsford School District, we strongly support in-class instruction as the preferred method for most students, because having students in the classroom is the best way to minimize learning gaps, and provide the academic, social and emotional supports essential for learning. We are confident in the health, safety, teaching, and learning plans we have established in our district's Restart Plan. However, we know that this is not a typical school year, and in response to parent interest, we are offering families a blended learning option that supports the learning needs of their children.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the school district will offer families an online, blended learning option that supports children's academic, cognitive and social-emotional development. Our district's "Transition Program" will include a combination of online and face-to-face learning, meaning that subjects will be taught both in the classroom (face-to-face) as well as online. The intent of this program is to gradually increase the amount of face-to-face learning in support of a gradual transition to full-time in-class instruction, while allowing students to remain enrolled at their registered school.

 BLENDED LEARNING <i>Instruction will be provided online each morning. The face-to-face learning time will focus on social and emotional learning, core academics and curricular competencies.</i>	 SCHOOL COMMUNITY <i>Students will still be enrolled in their neighborhood school and part of the school community.</i>	 PARENT SUPPORT <i>Students will spend most of their time at home, so parents will need to dedicate substantial time for support and guidance.</i>	 START DATE <i>We anticipate this program will start the week of September 21, 2020.</i>
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SAMPLE SCHEDULE

What families can expect

Monday

MORNING SESSION | Blended (Online) Learning

AFTERNOON SESSION | Teacher Collaboration Time

Tuesday - Thursday

MORNING SESSION | Blended (Online) Learning

AFTERNOON SESSION | In School Small Group Instruction

Friday

MORNING SESSION | Blended (Online) Learning

AFTERNOON SESSION | Parent Support

Intentional connection to parents is built into the program so that they can learn various strategies to support their children at home. Teachers will continue to liaise with parents to provide guidance for the home learning portion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The In-School portion will begin with one afternoon per week and gradually increase to three afternoons per week. The intent of the gradual increase in face-to-face instruction is to develop comfort and confidence in returning to school.

The Transition Program classes will be staffed with a teacher who would be assigned to a given school. In some cases, a teacher may be assigned to a group of schools.

Students who are on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or an Annual Education Plan (AIP) will be supported through this program model. If your child has a medical condition that prevents them from learning at school, please contact your local school directly for more information.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE



Parents must commit to their choice by September 4th at 4pm. Interested families must contact their principal or school counsellor for registration details. Those opting to augment instruction with distributed learning should contact an AVS.