

TRANSITION PROGRAM

Fact Sheet for Secondary 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.

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|  <h3>BLENDDED LEARNING</h3> <p><i>The current structure for all secondary students supports the Transition Program by offering a blended model of one block face-to-face every morning and one afternoon block online..</i></p> |  <h3>SCHOOL COMMUNITY</h3> <p><i>Students will still be enrolled in their neighborhood school and part of the school community.</i></p> |  <h3>PARENT SUPPORT</h3> <p><i>Students will spend most of their time at home, so parents will need to dedicate substantial time for support and guidance.</i></p> |  <h3>TRANSITION DATES</h3> <p><i>Enrollment in face-to-face courses will be reviewed at the end of each quarter (November 13, January 28, and April 21).</i></p> |
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SAMPLE SCHEDULE

What families can expect

QUARTER 1 (Weeks 1 - 5)

MORNING SESSION | Block A - Face-to-Face Instruction

LUNCH | Staggered Dismissal Home

AFTERNOON SESSION | Block B - Blended (Online) Learning

QUARTER 1 (Weeks 6 - 10)

MORNING SESSION | Block B - Face-to-Face Instruction

LUNCH | Staggered Dismissal Home

AFTERNOON SESSION | Block A - Blended (Online) Learning

Every Wednesday will include teacher collaboration. This dedicated time will connect educators and build a community of teachers who are skilled in the use of blended approaches, furthering student support.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Families will have the flexibility of further customizing this program by enrolling their child in the distributed learning program at Abbotsford Virtual School (AVS), to make all courses online.

This Transition Program will be staffed with teachers from within your child's secondary school. This could be augmented with teaching staff from AVS.

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.