

For Families
YOUR SECONDARY STUDENTS’ LEARNING IS CONTINUING

As learning at home continues in BC, many questions naturally arise. Here are some answers.				
How is learning continuing when in-class instruction has been suspended? Teachers are communicating with students and families to provide a variety of learning experiences. Communication may be by telephone, email, or online learning platforms.	What is a learning plan? Students will receive a learning plan from their teachers. The learning plan will outline learning activities appropriate to the courses in which they are currently enrolled. The learning plan will also provide students with opportunities to support the development of the core competencies of communication, thinking, and personal and social responsibility.	Will students receive assessment feedback during this time? Teachers will continue to provide assessment feedback on a regular basis in order to support your students’ learning. Students will also have opportunities to reflect on their core competencies development.		
Will there be regular communication from teachers? Teachers will communicate with students about their learning plans on a regular basis. If there are questions about the learning plan, we hope you and your child will connect with teachers to work together to understand what is reasonable to complete at home.	<table><tr><th>Gr 8-12 Suggested Daily Learning Time</th></tr><tr><td>Students’ daily learning time should not exceed a total of 3 hours per day for all courses. Gr 8-9 Students will engage in a wide variety of learning activities based on a smaller set of learning standards, big ideas, and competencies. Gr 10-12 Students will engage in individual or group projects and teacher-led activities to demonstrate the competencies required for course completion.</td></tr></table>	Gr 8-12 Suggested Daily Learning Time	Students’ daily learning time should not exceed a total of 3 hours per day for all courses. Gr 8-9 Students will engage in a wide variety of learning activities based on a smaller set of learning standards, big ideas, and competencies. Gr 10-12 Students will engage in individual or group projects and teacher-led activities to demonstrate the competencies required for course completion.	Who has the prime responsibility for learning at this time? Teachers and schools have primary responsibility for students’ learning experiences. We understand that every student and family’s situation is different. If you would like your student to engage in extra learning beyond what teachers provide, you are welcome to do so. There are many ideas that can be found on the School District’s Learning Resources page and the Ministry of Education’s Keep Learning BC website.
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Are students expected to engage in the learning plans provided by their teachers or can families do their own home schooling for students in grades 8 and 9? Home schooling is an alternative method of teaching and learning that is outside of the BC education system where a family member delivers the educational program without direct support from the registered school. If you are thinking of homeschooling and not engaging in the learning provided by your child’s teacher and school, you should review the obligations and understand that choosing this option will result in your child no longer being enrolled as a student in the Richmond school district. More information can be found here . Home schooling is not permitted in Grades 10-12.	Will students be writing Graduation Literacy and Numeracy Assessments this spring? The Graduation Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10 Assessments have been cancelled. Only students who have not completed the Numeracy 10 Assessment as required for graduation will be writing an assessment this spring. Will students be receiving a progress report at the end of June? In June teachers will provide progress reports about students’ learning in a similar format to what you have been receiving during the school year. Students’ progress will be determined based on learning provided by teachers before spring break and after spring break. Students, as required, will also complete a self-assessment of how they are developing their Core Competencies of communicating, thinking, and personal and social responsibility.	Will students in Gr 12 need to complete their Capstone project? Students will be completing their Capstone projects with the support and guidance of their teachers. Will students in Gr 12 be able to transition to post secondary learning? The Ministry of Education is working with post secondary institutions to ensure the smooth transition of graduating students.		