

Parent Update

May 5, 2021



Hello everyone,

We wanted to touch base regarding yesterday's provincial government announcement, which includes a shift to at-home online learning for students in K-12 beginning on Friday, May 7th. Because Friday, May 7th is a non-instructional day in Chinook's Edge School Division, we will be moving to at-home online learning on Monday, May 10th.

To summarize, here are the key points that are important for you to know:

- All grades K-12 in Chinook's Edge will move to at-home online learning effective Monday, May 10th.
- For students in grades 9 - 12, your child can expect the at-home experience to essentially mirror and follow the bell schedule of the regular school day.
- For students in grades K - 8, the expectations for your child will be outlined in their teacher's Google Classroom, or through email by 8:30 a.m. on May 10th. Learning at these grade levels will involve daily Google Meets but the specific plan for times during the school day will vary somewhat depending upon the grade level and the teacher.
- Students with complex needs at all grade levels can continue to access services and supports from the school. Families will be contacted by student services, their school principal or, in some cases, their child's teacher to determine if their child's programming will be moved online or if they will continue face to face.
- Pre-K programming will continue to be face to face in the school.
- All students in grades K - 12 will return to face to face learning after the May Long Weekend on Tuesday, May 25th.

The Central Office team is working closely with the administrative teams in all of our schools to ensure a smooth transition as we adhere to the government directive and move to at-home online learning.

We understand that the recent announcement may be difficult for some students and their families. As we adjust to at-home online learning for the next two weeks your child may experience some emotional distress. If your child faces distress, please do not hesitate to access the Kids Help Phone by calling 1-800-668-6868, texting CONNECT to 686868, or visiting <https://kidshelpphone.ca>. You can also reach out to the Family School Wellness Worker at your school for further support.

I would like to personally thank you for remaining patient and flexible throughout these challenging times.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools