



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

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COVID-19 Update #12

While we work through this unprecedented time, the communications we are sending you are being created quickly as information comes in. With that in mind, please note that as the new information comes in, what might have been said in one communication may have changed in another. Our goal during this time is to keep the staff, students and parents of the Brandon School Division up to date with the latest information and ask for your patience as we work through this extraordinary time.

Key Messages

- There are a total of 250 confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 cases in Manitoba.
- Baseline marks as of March 20th will be used for all grades, which receive percentage marks on their report cards.
- Students will be able to improve their mark through new assessments.
- All students will be expected to continue learning and complete assignments. Those that do not, will have future learning recovery requirements in September.
- Percentage grades still apply for grades 7-12, as per the Manitoba Provincial Report Card Policy and Guidelines.
- The Graduates and Adult Learners Working Group advised that on track to graduate means:
 - On track to obtain the required number of credits this school year; and
 - Obtaining a passing grade for those credits, either as of March 20th, or improving their grade to passing during through continued learning during suspension of classes.
- A separate working group will be formed to address the specific issues related to Tech Vocational programming.
- It is still too early to know whether there will be continued restrictions in place for large gatherings to hold graduation ceremonies.

High School Apprenticeship Program (HSAP) and the Credit for Employment (CFE) Programs

- As provided by Manitoba Education, High School Apprenticeship Program (HSAP) and the Credit for Employment (CFE) programs are suspended, as well as all other programs involving work experience, including Career Development Internships and the Community Service Student Initiated Project. Decisions around students continuing to work for the employer are solely the responsibility of parents or guardians. It is important for students to understand their right to refuse work if they identify hazards in the course of their duties.
- Hours accumulated to date for HSAP will be held until the program is reinstated, at which point those hours would be credited to the participants in the HSAP program. Credits required by Grade 12 students for graduation will be granted to ensure that students are able to graduate on time.
- If parents support the student's continued employment through HSAP during suspension, there may be opportunity for students to apply for retroactive hours towards accreditation.

Accepting the Challenge

Response Planning for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Learning during COVID-19 Suspension of Classes

- Manitoba Education has prepared guiding principles and learning expectations (see attached). The document has been translated in French (see attached). Manitoba Education is also developing a series of FAQs.