



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

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COVID-19 Update #11

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, we also want you to know that as new information comes in, what you might have been told in one communication could and probably will change in the next communication. 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 224 confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 cases in Manitoba.
- To assist in the planning, Manitoba Education has established planning teams related to seven priority areas. The teams include:
 - Distance and Online Learning Technology
 - Child Nutrition
 - Students without Technology
 - Clinical Supports and Special Needs
 - K-8 Assessment and Learning
 - Grade 9 – 12 Assessment and Learning
 - Graduating Students and Adult Learners
 - All working groups have French language representation
- Plans can be made at the local school level to arrange for pick-up/drop off of learning packages and for students to access locker contents in a way that continues to promote social distancing protocols.
- Manitoba Education has launched a new portal called [My Learning at Home](#). Teachers will continue to be the primary guide in helping students meet curriculum expectations, but parents/guardians who may wish to enhance their child's learning will have the ability with [My Learning at Home](#).
- The collection of resources on the [My Learning at Home](#) site can support well being, learning growth, and encourage meaningful family-centred learning.
- A continuation of assessment for every class is expected.

K-12 Learning and Assessment Guidelines

- K-8 Learning and Assessment and Grade 9-12 Learning and Assessment Working Groups has developed the following guidelines around the expectation of hours per day for students at different grade levels.
- **K – Grade 8**
 - Students in K-8 will proceed to the next grade in September. Learning and assessment will continue.
 - Teacher-directed learning will focus on literacy and numeracy with opportunities for science and social studies, physical education/health education and the arts through cross-curricular planning.
 - Learning can be done through hands-on activities, print materials and/or online platforms.
 - It is recommended that teachers plan an average of five hours per week of curriculum-based learning for students in K-4, and 10 hours per week for students in grades 5 – 8.

Accepting the Challenge

- **Grades 9 – 12**

- Students in Grade 9 – 12 will receive a baseline mark as at March 20, 2020. They will have the opportunity to increase their mark through the period of learning at home.
- All high school students who were on track to complete course credits will receive, at minimum, the grade they had achieved at the time of the suspension of classes. Specific planning will take place to ensure that all students with sufficient credits to graduate will graduate. Special efforts will be made for Grades 11 and 12 students to ensure they have the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary for their post-graduation goals.
- Teachers will prioritize learning outcomes/expectations and plan specific curriculum-related tasks for students. Where feasible, teachers of multiple subjects may work together to develop cross-curricular learning experiences.
- It is recommended that Grades 9 - 12 teachers plan for 3 hours of curriculum-based learning per course per week for semester courses, and 1.5 hours of learning per course per week for non- semester courses.
- Technical vocational teachers will continue to focus learning on theory outcomes. Special efforts will be made to allow students to complete the practical outcomes/expectations when regular classes resume to ensure students meet certification and Apprenticeship Manitoba requirements.
- The Grade 12 provincial assessments scheduled for May/June 2020 are cancelled.

Parent Survey

- We would like to thank all of our parents/guardians for taking the time to fill out the survey we sent out last Friday. The feedback we received from the survey will help us continue to plan and make sure the needs of the students and parents are fulfilled.