

## **VIRTUAL LEARNING**

### **Background**

The Division recognizes that parents may exercise the decision to educate their child(ren) through Virtual Learning. Parents must register their child at a GYPSD school in order for the principal to arrange for the child to access virtual learning. Students will be supervised and supported by Division teachers.

### **Procedures**

1. Students eligible to register in virtual learning include:
  - 1.1.1 Children who become six (6) years of age after September 1 of the school Year in which they are to be enrolled and who are recommended for enrollment by school personnel, in consultation with the parents;
  - 1.1.2 Children who become six (6) years of age or more by September 1 of the school year in which they are to be enrolled; and
  - 1.1.3 Students who are less than nineteen (19) years of age on September 1 of the school year in which they are to be enrolled.
2. Virtual Learning resources and material will be approved by GYPSD staff.
  - 2.1 A student enrolled in virtual learning will be provided education appropriate for the age and abilities of the student, including the following:
    - 2.1.1 The skills and competencies taught in each subject area and the other learning objectives to be achieved;
    - 2.1.2 The resource materials used to achieve the learning objectives; and
    - 2.1.3 The methods of assessment and the intervals between assessments.
  - 2.2 Principals reserve the right to decide if a student is suited for virtual learning.
  - 2.3 Students will enroll at their local school of choice, if they are not enrolled already;
  - 2.4 Students desiring to access virtual education will be assigned to a timetable within an existing cohort (if in elementary or junior high school), or timetabled accordingly in existing high school, core classes;
  - 2.5 All assigned teachers will arrange for regular Google Meets, post virtual presentations, materials, and offer a platform for virtual students to communicate with the teacher and each other; and
  - 2.6 It is the Principal's responsibility, as the school administrator, to assign teachers or create an instructional cohort in order to leverage staff FTE within their scope.

3. Division staff will carry out ongoing assessment of students enrolled in the virtual education program.
4. It is essential that students participating in the virtual education program have access to a computer with internet access and a working camera/microphone. At the discretion of the local principal, parents of students who are receiving virtual education through the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, may book a desk at a local Learning Connection school for face-to-face support.
  - 4.1 Students, registered in the virtual education program through Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, may request admission to school-sponsored, extra-curricular activities at the discretion of the Principal. If costs are involved, parents will be informed of the costs prior to approval.

Reference: Section 3, 33,196, 197 Education Act  
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