



Reopen Chinook Learning Delivery Options

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Dear Chinook Families,

While many families will choose to send their children back to school with the protective provisions we have outlined in the Reopen Chinook plan, we understand there are families whose children require accommodation due to diagnosed medical conditions; some families will choose home schooling to be provided by parents or caregivers; and there will be families who are just not comfortable having their children at school, even with all of the protective provisions, and will want some form of access to remote at-home learning. Based on this data, we are working on learning delivery options for students for the 2020-2021 school year.

In order to plan for a safe and successful school year, we will be requiring a **pre-registration form to be completed for each student in Chinook's public schools by Thursday, August 20th**. Our goal is to keep our students and staff safe while providing learning options that will meet the academic and emotional needs of all students and their families.

Schools will be sending the main highlights of their school-specific reopening plan to you today. This is so families can make informed decisions with as much information as possible, given the current pandemic environment where data is constantly fluctuating and guidelines are frequently updated by the government. Please read the information from your school before completing the pre-registration form.

Chinook students' official first day of school is September 3rd as indicated in our calendar, and the official day back for teachers is August 27th. Administrators, teachers and support staff are continuing their planning and will need to consider the recently revised guidelines and in-class student enrollment numbers specific to their school. Additional details and class-specific information will be shared with families as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding while our staff give the time and attention needed to create safe and healthy learning environments.

We would like all families to read through the information on each learning delivery option below before completing a form for each of your children.

OPTION 1

In-classroom learning at school with protective provisions, as outlined in the [Reopen Chinook](#) plan and subsequent communications - all students and staff will be expected to follow the requirements and protocols of their school and classroom in the interest of the health and safety of everyone.

OPTION 2

Learning delivery accommodation due to a diagnosed health condition - parent/caregiver must contact the school as soon as possible, prior to September 3rd, to provide a medical note and work with the school staff as they create a plan that is specific to the student's needs. Learning options will be determined based on medical restrictions and limitations.

OPTION 3

Chinook at-home learning - students would not participate in school extracurricular activities; entry points are the beginning of September and the end of January; there will be no opting in and out throughout the year, as that will lead to a higher risk for all students and staff.

- Grades K-9: At home learning delivered remotely by a Chinook teacher, utilizing the Saskatchewan Curriculum with a regular learning schedule and the expectation that all learning activities and assessments are completed. A combination of online and physical learning packages may be used.
- Grades 10-12: At-home learning delivered online by a Chinook Cyber School teacher, utilizing the Saskatchewan Curriculum with a regular learning schedule and the expectation that all learning activities and assessments are completed.

OPTION 4

Home-Based Education - Families are encouraged to research what Home-Based Education will require of parents or caregivers before making this decision. With Home-Based Education, support and instruction is not provided by a Chinook teacher. A parent or caregiver must become a home-based educator and follow requirements that include submitting a written educational plan. Please refer to the [Home-Based Education Parent Handbook](#) from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education.

Please register for Home-Based Education by August 20th. Information can be found on the [Chinook website](#) or call 306-778-9200 or toll-free 1-877-321-9200.

We feel it is important to offer options for each Chinook student and their families that will help them feel safe and comfortable in their learning environment. Option 3, Chinook at-home learning, will require the most significant planning and unique staffing. Please keep in mind: although learning at home may help keep kids safe, it may not provide students with the same positive social, emotional, extracurricular or academic experiences that are directly available in Chinook schools.

We look forward to working with your children! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school's principal, superintendent or our central information line at: 306-778-9200 or toll-free 1-877-321-9200.

Take care and stay safe!



Sincerely,
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