



Chinook Learning Delivery Transfer Options

December 4, 2020

Chinook Families:

We understand parents and caregivers are thinking about what is best for their children and some may be considering their options for learning delivery for the remainder of the school year. Based on this, we are extending the Chinook Cyber School K-12 online learning availability until the end of June 2021. 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.

Students may transfer between:

- **In-School Learning**
- **Chinook Cyber School (online)**
- **Home-Based Education**

Changes will take effect Monday, January 4, 2021 for grades K-9 and Monday, February 1, 2021 (start of semester 2) for grades 10-12. All parents/caregivers who wish to transfer their students to another form of learning delivery must **contact their principal by Friday, December 11** to give notification that they wish to transfer. The notification deadline is necessary for the adjustment of staffing in schools and in the Chinook Cyber School.

If you are continuing with the learning delivery your child is currently in, you do not need to do anything at all. Only families that wish to transfer their child/children to a different learning delivery option (including moving back to In-School Learning) will need to contact their principal.

To minimize further disruption to classes, families should commit to remaining with their learning program until the end of the school year. Limiting transfers also provides stability to class composition and staffing in local schools and in the Chinook Cyber School. Class cohorts for In-School Learning also need to be protected for safety reasons, as the continuous movement of students in and out of the classroom creates additional risk.

Please read through the description of the learning delivery options, below. Families will need to be aware of the requirements and expectations involved before transferring.

IN-SCHOOL LEARNING

Students attend their local school for face-to-face learning in the classroom with protective provisions, as outlined in the [Reopen Chinook](#) plan, school reopen plans 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. Please note that division and school plans will evolve as required by emerging health risk assessments and updated provincial guidelines. If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case with potential exposure in a school, classes or cohorts may be temporarily moved to Remote Learning for the necessary time period as an extra precaution and to support the efforts of Public Health.

CHINOOK CYBER SCHOOL

Online classes are delivered by Chinook teachers to students at their homes. Students should have access to technology and internet/wi-fi is required. Online learning requires parent involvement and support, especially in the lower grade levels. A schedule will be provided, with virtual class times and meetings held during school hours. Students making this choice would not participate in local school activities.

All students need to connect with their local school to register with the [Chinook Cyber School](#). Grades 10-12 students will build their class schedule with their local school as well, based on their current learning plan. **It is important to note that some high school classes offered within your child's local school that were part of their original schedule may not be available within the online learning option.**

HOME-BASED EDUCATION

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

It is important for Chinook to offer options, once again, for each Chinook student and their families that will help them feel safe and comfortable in their learning environment. Please keep in mind that, although online learning or Home-Based Education may help keep kids safe, it may not provide students with the same positive social-emotional or academic experiences that are directly available in Chinook schools.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school's principal.