



The Palliser School Division - Online Learning Support Plan (Grade 1-9)

Palliser is committed to supporting students and their families in receiving an excellent education from home. We recognize every parent's right to have their child stay at home until the risks of COVID have been mitigated. This approach to learning will allow for a high quality, personalized education while still maintaining a relationship with your home school community. In some instances, it may be appropriate to have your child stay home and complete their core subjects for the majority of the week and join their home school for optional activities. We want to be as flexible as possible to ensure both safety and peace of mind for Palliser families.

This approach to teaching and learning will be a joint effort between Palliser Beyond Borders (PBB), your home school and home. The expectation would be that PBB teachers deliver the curriculum and provide contents in the form of assignments, videos, texts and other appropriate resources for your child. The expectation for parents is that you will support your child's learning and keep them on track to meet the objectives within a reasonable timeframe (as directed by the teacher). The home school would be willing to accommodate your child participating in certain options if you are comfortable with this arrangement. The benefit would be keeping your child connected to their peer groups and the school staff as well as provide a change of scenery. This is by no means mandatory, but is an option for families if a level of comfort exists and must be coordinated with your home school principal. We know your child's school would love to see them!

Unlike the period of March to June of the past school year, students will be expected to complete their studies in a timely manner to ensure they are meeting the outcomes of the Alberta Education [Program of Studies](#) for their particular grade. Grades 1-9 will focus on the following curriculum:

English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health and Wellness, Literacy and Numeracy will be the primary focus throughout all of these subjects. Palliser will also provide some resources for overall wellness to keep your child physically and socially active during their time at home.

Palliser Beyond Borders offers the following options for student learning:

<p>*Synchronous, live learning online will follow a set schedule and will involve the teacher being present “live” with students to interact with them online. Just as in the usual classroom setting, teachers will build relationships with students and be able to answer questions in real time. Students need to be available to learn at the times set out by the teacher (ex. ELA from 9-10am daily). Anticipate 5 hours per core subject per week.</p>	<p>**Asynchronous learning will allow students access to all the materials, videos and resources for the course, but will not require them to be online at a specific time. The benefit of this approach is more flexibility in terms of time and pace. The drawback to this approach is that students do not receive the interaction with the teacher in live time and therefore will not be able to ask questions or interact with other students online.</p>	<p>Independent Learning allows students to access materials and work at their own pace. Independent study may be online or in paper copy. Palliser Beyond Borders will provide the materials necessary and evaluate work as it comes in.</p>	<p>Parent learning support ensures students are logging into synchronous lessons and completing assignments as set out by the teacher on a daily and weekly basis. Parents may be asked to verify and sign off on particular assignments, activity hours for PE and Options, etc.</p>
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*** Synchronous Learning:** defined as live, in person learning with other students. An online classroom that is synchronous involves students and a teacher interacting in real time. This model requires students to be “present” in an online classroom at a set time

**** Asynchronous learning:** Teacher is not live, but students will have access to all materials, videos, recorded lessons and can ask questions via email to teacher. This offers some flexibility as students do not have to be present at any given time.

Technology requirements

Students will be required to have a laptop or chromebook and a reliable connection to the internet for online learning programs. Your home school will be able to provide you with a Chromebook for your child’s use, much like the March - June timeframe.

Students with Learning / Health Challenges

A plan will be put in place to accommodate your child’s learning needs. Palliser will work in conjunction with the family and home school to ensure that support for student success is provided.

Request for more information

Here is a short video to provide more information about the online learning environment in Palliser: [Grades 1-9 2020-21 Online Learning.mp4](#)

To express an interest in online learning, please fill out the following [link](#) and a Palliser representative will be in touch with you shortly.