



## Fact Sheet: Secondary Schools in Vancouver

Under Stage 2 of the government's Five-Stage Plan for the education system, the Vancouver School District's proposed plan will see secondary students attend school each day.

Learning groups at the secondary level are limited to 120 people maximum.

- To keep to the limit and still offer all the courses students wish to take, the school year will be divided in quarters. This enables students to continue on their chosen graduation plan.
- Students with diverse learning needs will be supported during flex time.
- Flex time can also be used for instruction for unique programs like yearbook, trades, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement courses, etc.

Students will take two courses every 10 weeks.



# SECONDARY SCHEDULE

QUARTERLY SCHOOL YEAR  
10 WEEKS = 2 COURSES

### EXAMPLE OF A STUDENT'S DAY

Morning Session	 <p>Face-to-face instruction with classroom teacher for <b>Course 1</b></p>
Flex Time	 <p>Attendance at class scheduled during Flex Time OR Independent learning for <b>Course 1</b> or <b>Course 2</b> at home or in an area at school with wifi and device access</p>
Afternoon Session	 <p>Independent learning for <b>Course 1</b> or <b>Course 2</b> at home or in an area at school with wifi and device access</p>

**2 weeks and then courses flip – Course 2 becomes face-to-face & Course 1 is remote**

Schools will have dedicated spaces for students to access WIFI and/or devices.

Courses outside of flex time will have up to 15 students in a classroom.

- This will ensure students are in learning groups of less than 120.



Up to 30 students may be together during flex time, and these can be scheduled in physically-distanced spaces.

Curriculum delivery will continue:

- Assessments will be ongoing
- Report cards will be distributed.

Secondary schools will not have common lunch breaks for students.

All health and safety measures prescribed by the Provincial Health Office will be in place.

- Handwashing or sanitizing stations are in place in all schools.
- There will be frequent reminders about practising respiratory etiquette and maintaining physical distance.
- Access to schools will be limited to staff and students. Visitors can request an appointment through the school office.
- Traffic flow in common spaces will be managed through directional signs.
- Masks will be provided through funding from the provincial government.
  - Every student and staff member will be given masks when they return to school.
  - Students and staff will have the choice to wear a mask in the classroom.
  - Secondary students will wear masks while in high traffic areas, like hallways, and any time they are outside of the classroom or learning group and they cannot physically distance from others.
  - Mask use and hygiene will be regularly reviewed in schools.

School administrators or counsellors can help provide options to families who have health needs to ensure students' learning is supported.

Watch our Return to Secondary Schools [video](#)