

Update: Information about secondary students return to schools

The following information was distributed to families of elementary school students.

In Stage 3 of the [BC's Education Restart Plan](#) effective June 1, families have the choice for students to return to class on a part-time basis for the remainder of the current school year. For additional information about the resumption of schools in BC, please see [here](#) for the provincial government announcement made on May 15.

As the District and school-based staff look forward to the resumption of in-class instruction on a part-time basis, student and staff health and safety remain our top priority. Measures will be in place to meet the requirements of the [provincial health and safety guidelines for k-12 settings](#). In-person instruction will comply with Stage 3 school density targets. To accommodate these health and safety measures, including physical distancing and reducing physical contact, classes will be limited to a small number of students at any one time. Supports like meals and technology loans will continue.

The model being implemented in Vancouver, overlays our existing timetable structure and allows students to attend four classes per week. In-person attendance is optional, and in-school instruction will supplement the remote learning. Students who do not attend in-class will continue to be provided with remote learning opportunities as they have for the last nine weeks.

All students will be contacted by their classroom teacher between Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28. Their classroom teacher will inform students when and where they may report to class. Attendance for in-class instruction is optional.

The daily schedule, which follows a two-week cycle beginning June 1, will look like this:

Class Time	Monday to Friday
8:30 to 9:30	Block 1
9:40 to 10:40	Block 2
10:50 to 11:50	Block 3
12:00 to 12:50	Block 4
12:50 to 3:00	Flex time – to support remote learning, off timetable and oversize classes, students who require extra support, children of essential service workers

Typically, most students will attend only one or two class times per day. Students who are not scheduled to attend a class should not be in the school unless arrangements have been made with a teacher. With this framework in place for in-class attendance, school staff can ensure that schools adhere to the health and safety guidelines as set out by our Provincial Health Office. It enables control of the flow of distinct groups of students within the building. Entry and exit times allow for staggered use of public

transportation and pedestrian arrival and departures from schools. The framework also provides a daily routine and structure for our learners to support their mental health and wellbeing, and it provides an opportunity for all students to attend the equivalent of one day per week. In addition, students are able to return to their class and classroom teacher over a 10-day rotating schedule. Students who attend a District program will be contacted by school staff to establish a separate schedule if they choose to attend.

School staff recognize that this new schedule is a significant departure from the Day 1/Day 2 model that students are accustomed to. However, it is the best way to ensure that health and safety protocols are adhered to and that all students have access to in-class instruction.

Further information about the return to in-class instruction can be found on the District website [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming students back to school and to also supporting those students who will remain learning from home.