

# ONLINE LEARNING GETS AN UPGRADE

Education in B.C. continues to grow and change to support student success by introducing a new, modern approach to K to 12 online learning.



In 2022/23, the new online learning model will begin to be implemented:



Equal access for students, including personal connections with educators



Flexibility for all students that helps meet their personal learning needs



Quality learning experiences and outcomes



Support for educators across the province

## Key features of the new online learning model



New provincial online learning schools will be selected and authorized by the ministry to offer quality online learning to students everywhere in B.C.

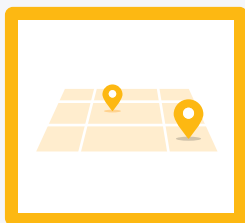


A new quality assurance process will help online schools follow and share best practices

## HOW IT WILL WORK



### LOCAL



### PROVINCIAL



Students can do part or all of their education program in online learning and meet graduation requirements.

Sign up for online learning through your local school district or independent school authority. They will help you choose programs and courses available at:

- Local online learning schools in your school district or independent school authority area and;
- Public or independent provincial online learning schools

This means if a local online learning school doesn't have the course or program you want, you can explore other options with provincial online learning schools.

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR



Changes will be introduced gradually. Here's an overview of what to expect over the next year.

**Online and distributed learning programs stay the same.** Students continue to enrol in online learning programs just like they normally would in previous years. Talk to your school district or independent school authority about available options and program or course details.

As the **2022/23** school year approaches, support will be offered to help students transition to new courses or programs as needed.

**A few things will change.** During the year, some parts of the new online learning model will be implemented.

- A new provincial online course platform (called a learning management system, or LMS) will be available to all schools in B.C.
- Teachers will be able to access and share high-quality online learning resources and courses through platforms like ShareED BC.
- The term "distributed learning" changed to "online learning" on **July 1, 2021**

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE 2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR



In 2022/23, Provincial Online Learning Schools (POLS) will serve as centres of excellence, providing high quality online learning to students throughout British Columbia.

While some of these schools may offer larger, generalized programs to students enrolling outside of their school district boundaries, others may offer more specialized programs.

This Fall, with input from leaders from across the sector the Ministry will finalize the criteria for the POLS and the application process will begin for all current Online Learning schools by the end of 2021.

In the **2022/23** school year, the following options will be available for students:

### KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7 STUDENTS

In the **2022/23** school year, Kindergarten to Grade 7 students can:

#### LEARN FROM HOME ENTIRELY | FULL-TIME

- Enrol full-time with a public or independent provincial online learning school or;
- Enrol full-time with an online learning school in their local school district or independent school authority



## GRADE 8 AND 9 STUDENTS

In the **2022/23** school year, Grade 8 and 9 students can:

### LEARN FROM HOME ENTIRELY | FULL-TIME

- Enrol full-time with a public or independent provincial online learning school or;
- Enrol full-time with an online learning school in their local school district or independent school authority



### LEARN AT SCHOOL MOST DAYS | TAKE A FEW COURSES ONLINE

- Enrol full-time with a bricks and mortar (standard) school and take extra courses through:
  - A public or independent provincial online learning school or;
  - Their local public or independent online learning school (dual enrolment)

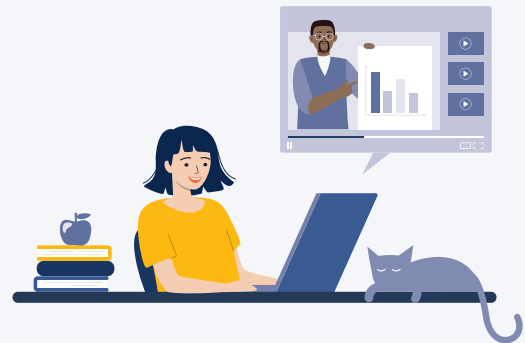


## GRADE 10 TO 12 AND ADULT STUDENTS

In the **2022/23** school year, Grade 10 to 12 and adult students can:

### LEARN FROM HOME ENTIRELY | FULL-TIME

- Enrol full time with a public or independent provincial online school or;
- Enrol full-time with an online learning school in their local school district or independent school authority



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►► **NOTE:** Some online learning schools also offer in-person learning opportunities and support.



### **More information will be made available throughout this school year.**

Policies, processes and other details for the new online learning model are under development with BC's education stakeholders and rightsholders including teachers and parents.

More information will be made available throughout this school year as soon as it's available.

Check for updates online: [gov.bc.ca/K-12OnlineLearning](https://gov.bc.ca/K-12OnlineLearning)

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### **Parent Forums (October 2021)**

The Ministry will be hosting Online Learning Parent Forums in October to share updates and listen to feedback. For more information on the Parent Forums, contact the following organizations:

- BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
  - Federation of Independent Schools Association
  - First Nations Education Steering Committee
  - Metis Nation British Columbia
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