



CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES ALTERNATE ENTRY PERIOD AND ENHANCEMENT TO ESCHOOLBC PROGRAMMING

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KELOWNA, BC – At the September 2nd Special Public Board Meeting, The Board of Education received a [presentation](#) that detailed the [District's Safe Return to School Plan](#) and approved changes to its registration practices for this school year and next school year to provide families with more options:

- Students with documented [medical conditions as listed by the CDC](#) and their siblings who enroll in Central Okanagan Public Schools' eSchoolBC distributed learning will retain their registration at their current school for the entire 2020-21 school year and may rejoin their school any time.
- Parents of non-medically compromised students may choose a transitional entry and can retain their registration at their school until November 13, 2020. If these parents choose to keep their enrolment in eSchoolBC after November 13, 2020, they will need to reapply for enrolment in their school. These students will now receive a priority higher than other new in-catchment students to the school. While the priority has been increased, there is no guarantee that spots will be available.

Families that choose to delay students' entry to their school should contact their school principal. Today's announcement of additional funding from the Province will allow eSchoolBC to be further enhanced, including the following:

- Creation of an online program for elementary students where students will be connected to a teacher and receive remote instruction. Weekly learning activities will include a variety of self-paced activities, scheduled (synchronous) online lessons and class meetings and student choice learning through a variety of online tools such Zoom, Google Classroom etc.).
- Enhancement of the existing middle school program where students will attend virtual classes 4 days per week. Classes include 4 core academics (English, Social Studies, Math and Science) with additional cross-curricular enrichment opportunities.
- Additional services added to the existing secondary school program such as weekly scheduled online synchronous lessons, tutorials, Q&A opportunities for some courses and individual learning supports by appointment.

A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document has been developed to support families.

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