

Grade 9 Blended Learning Program – a mix of online and in-person learning

Families with children in Grades 9 will have the option of choosing to enroll their child into a blended learning program for the 2023/2024 school year. Offered through SD62’s Secondary Schools’ Online Learning Hubs, this program is an option for full-time grade 9 students.

Program Highlights

- Full time program that follows the school year
- Four days online, one day in-person
- Full curriculum covered
- Morning instruction with independent learning time in the afternoon
- Location for in-person learning will vary based on activities planned for the day
- Morning and afternoon check ins with teacher
- Students with Inclusive Education Plans (IEPs) will receive support to help them meet their IEP goals.

Sample Timetable:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Check-In 9 – 9:15am	Morning Check-In 9 – 9:15am	Morning Check-In 9 – 9:15am	On-Site Activity Day Drop-off Location: _____ Time: ____am Pick-up Location: _____ Time: ____ pm	Morning Check-In 9 – 9:15am
Online Instructional Period #1 9:15-10am	Online Instructional Period #1 9:15-10am	Online Instructional Period #1 9:15-10am		Online Instructional Period #1 9:15-10am
Online Instructional Period #2 10:15-11am	Online Instructional Period #2 10:15-11am	Online Instructional Period #2 10:15-11am		Online Instructional Period #2 10:15-11am
Online Instructional Period #3 11:15am-12pm	Online Instructional Period #3 11:15am-12pm	Online Instructional Period #3 11:15am-12pm		Online Instructional Period #3 11:15am-12pm
Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break		Lunch Break
Afternoon Check-In 12:45-1pm	Afternoon Check-In 12:45-1pm	Afternoon Check-In 12:45-1pm		Afternoon Check-In 12:45-1pm
Self-Directed Learning Time Teacher support available 1-3:20pm	Self-Directed Learning Time Teacher support available 1-3:20pm	Self-Directed Learning Time Teacher support available 1-3:20pm		Self-Directed Learning Time Teacher support available 1-2:20pm

FAQs

Which day of the week will be the optional in-person day?

- The first class will have the opportunity to attend in-person on Thursdays. If we end up with more than one class, each class may have a different on-site learning day.

Will my child receive the same education as those attending full time in-person classes?

- Yes – this is a full educational program and will cover the grade 9 curriculum as outlined by the Ministry of Education.

Will my child have the same elective choices as those attending full time in-person classes?

- No – grade 9 blended learning students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities and learning experiences during both off-site/online learning days and on-site activity days. These exploratory experiences replace the elective course(s) taken by grade 9 students attending in-person classes at the secondary schools.

Will my child have a space saved for them at their catchment area school?

- No - your child's space will be in a blended learning class. If there is sufficient enrolment, there may be a blended learning class attached to each SD62 secondary school. Where possible, your child will be assigned a space in the program connected to their catchment school.
- This is a full time/full year educational program – students who register in this program are expected to remain in their blended learning class for the entire 2023-24 school year.

Are there additional costs to participate in this program?

- This is an SD62 public school program. There are no associated tuition fees.
- Families are expected to provide the required technology (laptop or desktop computer with webcam & microphone) as well as a suitable student work area for their child.

How is the role of parents/family different when a child is in a blended learning program?

- Families are responsible for arranging their child's transportation to/from the drop-off/pick-up location(s) for weekly on-site activity days. Locations and drop-off/pick-up times may differ from week to week and will be provided to families within a weekly class email from the teacher(s).
- Families are responsible for providing a suitable student workspace and any required supervision during the at-home/online learning days.

What kind of equipment do we need at home in order to be part of this program?

- Students will need access to a computer (or similar device) with an internet connection and the capability of participating in online lessons (audio & video meetings).
- A school supply list will be sent to families prior to the start of class in September 2023.

How can I register my child for the grade 9 school blended learning program?

- Grade 9 blended learning will be one of the options available on the grade 9 course selection form completed by grade 8 students/families in early spring 2023. Families of students who select blended learning for their grade 9 school year will be contacted by schools before June 1, 2022 in order to confirm the student's registration/placement in a blended learning class.