

Dear EIPS school families,

Earlier today, Alberta Education sent out a news release with expectations regarding the delivery of student learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as providing additional information about student assessment and exams. We know there may be some questions, and while we will share some information with you today, we need time to determine how the announcement will impact the work our Division is currently doing.

As we've indicated previously, Grade 12 students began remote learning yesterday while those in kindergarten through Grade 11 will start on April 6. I want to thank our teachers, our school administrators, and our learning and technology leaders for the tremendous work they've done over a very short period to provide EIPS students continuity and connection.

The courses being offered by EIPS teachers already align with the requirements set by Alberta Education in the news release. Students will receive the content for core courses and be assigned the appropriate number of hours of work to cover the material. As per the government's direction, it's our intent students will receive the core instruction they require, be assessed on their progress, and receive final marks. All students on track to progress to the next grade will do so.

The part of the announcement that may cause some concern for high school students is the cancellation of diploma examinations—especially for those planning to attend post-secondary institutions in the fall. Alberta Education has indicated it's working with colleges and universities to ensure these extraordinary circumstances do not prevent students from being eligible for admission for the upcoming academic year. That being the case, all students registered to write diploma examinations in either April or June will receive exemptions, without having to apply.

For those in Grade 12 who are taking CTS courses or work experience with a view to pursuing a trade, EIPS will deliver content wherever possible, and will make accommodations—or award credits based on work done to date—for those unable to complete those courses in person.

To say we are dealing with an unprecedented situation is an understatement. What I can tell you with certainty, however, is that our dedication to our students is unwavering, and our staff remain committed to delivering the best education possible under exceptionally difficult circumstances.

Below is a Frequently Asked Questions document from Alberta Education, based on [today's announcement](#). We will continue to share information with you in the days ahead. We are thinking of our students, missing them and hoping everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Regards,

Mark Liguori