



The hub is a learning approach that has been created for the 2020-21 school year for families choosing to have their children remain at home due to COVID concerns while in-school classes have resumed. This will allow students to remain registered at their home schools while receiving course instruction through a format of online instruction and independent work. This learning approach will require parent involvement and assistance. Students will be supported by specific teachers assigned to the hub through the use of [D2L by Brightspace and/or Google tools](#). Instruction will be provided through real-time, on-line teacher instruction with all students registered in the hub course, and using pre-recorded videos and printable resources. [Due to available resources, hub online learning is available to CBE students only](#)

Unlike emergency at-home learning that took place in the spring of 2020, hub online learning requires students to meet all the outcomes in the Programs of Study. Grades 7-9 will be taught by subject specific teachers. Science, Math, English Language Arts and Social Studies will be offered as well as Physical Education, Health and Life Skills, while Fine Arts opportunities (Art and Drama) will be integrated within these six courses.

This approach offers the regular program to all students in grades 7-9. Due to the complexities of course delivery and available resources, French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual will be the only Alternative Programs offered through hub learning. These courses will run dependent on student demand. Students registered in Alternative Programs will remain registered with their current schools while enrolled in hub online learning. A blended approach of in-person classes and hub online learning is not available.

Hub Approach Description: Required commitment to learning of approximately 25 hours per week.

<p>Real-time online learning is scheduled by the teacher for all students registered in the hub course together with the teacher. Students must be available for real-time learning time.</p> <p>Anticipate 5-7 hours per week.</p>	<p>Pre-recorded videos will be made available by the teacher to the students to access through D2L by Brightspace and/or Google tools. The videos provide additional instruction to facilitate both real-time online learning and independent work.</p>	<p>Independent work through student assignments that will reflect the learning for each subject curriculum as identified by Alberta Education. The assignments may not be identical to the work of their peers in the classroom, but the work will address the same learning outcomes.</p> <p>Student independent work time is 4 hours daily or one hour per course daily.</p>	<p>Parent/Guardian Learning Support is required and will depend on the age of the student and individual ability to work independently. The hub approach relies on parents/guardians to ensure the child is engaging with the learning and completing the assignments. Parents/guardians should consider the learning nature of their child, their level of independence as learners, and the availability of parents/guardians to provide support when accessing this temporary approach to instruction.</p>
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September Start-up:

Online learning will begin for all students registered in hub the week of Sept. 8 – 11 with independent student work being made available. Real-time teacher instruction will begin the week of Sept. 14 – 18.

Technology requirements

Internet connection and a laptop, computer, or Chrome notebook. It is strongly recommended that all students take the *Essentials for Online Learning* course offered by the CBE at no cost. The course ensures participants are comfortable using the specific technology required for hub online learning. Registration information for this course will be available on our website towards the end of August.

Registration

Registration for Hub online learning, Sept. 2020 is now closed.

Moving from Hub online learning to in-person learning:

Parents / Guardians / Independent students need to inform the administration of their schools by **Jan. 8, 2021** if they wish to return to in-person instruction in February. Students may change from Hub to in-person instruction on **Feb. 1, 2021**. This is the only time students may move from Hub online learning to in-person instruction.

There is no movement from in-person learning to Hub online learning:

There is no movement from in-person instruction to Hub during the 2020-21 school year. However, the CBE is continually reviewing its support and opportunity for student learning. As a result, the decision to move from school to hub for Feb. 2021 may be revisited by Dec. 2020.

Additional Information

As the hub approach is new to the CBE, parents and students may have many questions. Please refer to the document Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at www.cbe.ab.ca/covid19 for updates.

The CBE understands the year will look different because of the choices families are making in the best interests of their children. We thank you for your understanding and support as we work throughout 2020-21 to accommodate students and their learning.