
Dear Parent/Guardian/Student:

This information is intended for Grade 9 and 10 students taking part in the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCSDB) voluntary Learn@Home program.

Definitions

Synchronous learning

Learning that happens in real time. Synchronous learning involves using text, video or voice communication in a way that enables teachers to instruct and connect with students in real time.

Asynchronous learning

Learning that is not delivered in real time. Asynchronous learning may involve students watching pre-recorded video lessons, completing assigned tasks or contributing to online discussion boards.

Quadmester (quad)

The school year has been divided into four quadmesters (quad). A quad is like a semester in a regular school year, only it is approximately nine weeks in length. Students take two courses per quad.

We are currently in our first quadmester and students have a 'week A' class and a 'week B' class. By now, students should have completed the initial training modules for Brightspace and D2L and students in 'week A' classes should have had learning sessions with their teacher.' Week B' classes begin on Monday, September 28.

Students take one class for the full week and alternate classes each week. Classes are following the same daily schedule as our in-person program, with two blocks of learning time and a study hall period at the end of the day. The classes have synchronous time each day and should start with a morning meeting.

Staff have been working very hard to ensure that all students are scheduled into courses for each of our quads. If a student does not have a course scheduled for week B, they should contact their home school. The SCDSB will make every attempt to schedule Learn@Home students in courses for which they were originally scheduled.

Process to address questions/concerns/difficulties with the Learn@Home program:

The classroom teacher will always be your starting point to ask a question, express a concern or share challenges that you are looking to overcome. If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), you may also contact the special education resource teacher (SERT) responsible for your child's IEP. Learn@Home students are eligible to access all the same student services that are available to them when they are enrolled in in-person learning.