# AT-HOME LEARNING

## Background

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the school shall remain open to students during the times and dates established by the Board. The Board recognizes that circumstances may arise when schools may need to be temporarily closed for the safety of students, staff and visitors. In those circumstances, the Board will ensure disruptions are minimized and learning continues smoothly.

## Definitions

At-Home Learning: teacher directed education programming provided by a Board to a student on a temporary basis at the student's residence or at a location other than the student's regularly attended school.

## Procedures

1. Schools will remain open during regular school hours except when the safety of students, staff, and others are at risk.

2. The Superintendent or designate will be responsible for making the decision to shift to at-home learning.

3. Factors that may necessitate a shift to at-home learning with no in-person option include, but are not limited to:
   3.1. Determination that all or part of the regular school facility is not safe for occupation;
   3.2. Emergencies declared under the Public Health Act or the Emergency Management Act;
   3.3. Other serious factors that may arise, such as fires or structural failures.

4. The Superintendent will make reasonable efforts to ensure an in-person learning option is available for all students if temporary shifts to at-home learning occur within school campuses.
   4.1. Exemptions to this requirement may occur for a period of up to three days through a notification to the Minister of Education and Childcare by the Superintendent.
   4.2. An exemption for a period of longer than three days may occur on a request to the Minister of Education and Childcare by the Superintendent.

5. Should any shift to at-home learning occur, schools will ensure that learning continues smoothly.
   5.1. Teachers are responsible to post all course work, important due dates and student marks on Schoology, STEM IA's learner management system. Formal assessments will be included, and assignments will be assessed as they would normally be in school. Schoology will also be used as a form of communication to parents about their child's progress in each course.
   5.2. Students at STEM IA are required to provide their own personal learning device. Students are responsible to actively engage in their learning and diligently pursue their education.
   5.3. Parents are responsible to check Schoology to be informed about their child's progress in each course.

6. For any at-home learning, teachers will be available to students online and through email. For at-home learning greater than three days, teachers will provide online instruction for scheduled periods of time within regular school hours. Attendance will be taken and recorded for any scheduled online instruction.

7. The hours of instruction for the school year, unless varied by the Minister of Education and Childcare, will be met.

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