



Dear Families:

Thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning at home. This is not a typical school year. We know it can be difficult to balance learning activities with other priorities, and the recent tragedies in our province have added to this already challenging time.

As we work together during this pandemic, educators have adjusted their approach. We are focusing on key curriculum outcomes, and responding to individual students and circumstances with creativity and flexibility. Learning can happen in many ways and educators are finding new strategies for students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

We recognize that we need a framework for assessing students' progress up to March Break, as well as any learning students have completed at home since then.

Assessment guidelines and supports have been created as part of Nova Scotia's Learning Continuity Plan. You can find a summary at www.ednet.ns.ca/learning_at_home. We are sharing this information with you to keep you informed. Key highlights are:

- No student will be penalized because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Teachers, principals, and all education workers will continue to reach out to students and families.
- During the school closure, elementary/middle level teachers and school staff will focus on student well-being and will provide opportunities for students to experience academic success. High school teachers and school staff will support students to improve their marks where possible.
- Schools with three terms (elementary and some middle level) will send mid-year report cards soon to students who would normally receive one at the end of second term in March. Schools will share these by email in most cases.
 - The mid-year report card assessment period is from November 12, 2019 to March 13, 2020.
- All students will receive an end of the year report card.
 - Students who are on track to graduate, will graduate.
 - Students who are on track to continue to the next grade level will do so.
 - Students who have an Individual Program Plan will continue to be assessed based on their individual outcomes.
 - High school students will be assessed and evaluated on modified coursework that is completed to the best of their ability considering the current situation.

Again, thank you for doing your best to stay in touch with your child's teacher and school staff to support learning. We are aiming to find the balance of providing timely updates and not overwhelming families. If you have questions about this information, or any questions about student learning or well-being, please reach out to your child's teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

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