



The Palliser School Division - Online Learning Support Plan (Grade 10-12)

The Palliser School Division is committed to supporting students and their families in receiving an excellent education from home. We recognize every parent's right to have their child stay at home until the risks of COVID have been mitigated. This approach to learning will allow for a high quality, personalized education while still maintaining a relationship with your home school community. In some instances, it may be appropriate to have your child stay home and complete their core subjects for the majority of the week and join their home school for optional activities. We want to be as flexible as possible to ensure both safety and peace of mind for Palliser families.

This approach to teaching and learning will be a joint effort between Palliser Beyond Borders (PBB), your home school and home. The expectation would be that PBB teachers deliver the curriculum and provide contents in the form of assignments, videos, texts and other appropriate resources for your child. The expectation for parents is that you will support your child's learning and keep them on track to meet the objectives within a reasonable timeframe (as directed by the teacher). The home school would be willing to accommodate your child participating in certain options if you are comfortable with limited exposure. The benefit would be keeping your child connected to their peer groups and the school staff as well as provide a change of scenery. This is by no means mandatory, but is an option for families if a level of comfort exists and can be worked out with your home school principal. We know your child's school would love to see them!

Unlike the period of March to June of the past school year, students will be expected to complete their studies in a timely manner to ensure they are meeting the outcomes of the Alberta Education [Program of Studies](#) for their particular grade. Follow this link to see what High School courses are available with Palliser:

<https://www.palliserbeyondborders.com/canadian-students/online-studies/courses>

Literacy and Numeracy will be emphasized throughout all of these subjects.

Palliser Beyond Borders offers the following options for student learning:

<p>*Synchronous, live learning online will follow a set schedule and will involve the teacher being present “live” with students to interact with them online. Just as in the usual classroom setting, teachers will build relationships with students and be able to answer questions in real time. Students need to be available to learn at the times set out by the teacher (ex. ELA from 9-10am daily). Anticipate 5 hours per core subject per week.</p>	<p>**Asynchronous learning will allow students access to all the materials, videos and resources for the course, but will not require them to be online at a specific time. The benefit of this approach is more flexibility in terms of time and pace. The drawback to this approach is that students do not receive the interaction with the teacher in live time and therefore will not be able to ask questions or interact with other students online.</p>	<p>Independent learning allows students to access materials and work at their own pace. Independent study may be online or in paper copy. Palliser Beyond Borders will provide the materials necessary and evaluate work as it comes in.</p>	<p>Parent learning support ensures students are logging into synchronous lessons and completing assignments as set out by the teacher on a daily and weekly basis. Parents may be asked to proctor exams, verify and sign off on activity hours for PE, etc.</p>
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*** Synchronous Learning:** defined as live, in person learning with other students. An online classroom that is synchronous involves students and a teacher interacting in real time. This model requires students to be “present” in an online classroom at a set time

**** Asynchronous learning:** Teacher is not live, but students will have access to all materials, videos, recorded lessons and can ask questions via email to teacher. This offers some flexibility as students do not have to be present at any given time.

Technology requirements

Students will be required to have a laptop or chromebook and a reliable connection to the internet for online learning programs. Your home school will be able to provide you with a Chromebook for your child’s use, much like the March - June timeframe.

Palliser Beyond Borders offers a GO course (getting online) that teaches students and parents how to access course materials and online citizenship and etiquette. This course is designed to help students feel comfortable online and is offered at no cost to families. Registration information for the course will be available towards the end of August.

Students with Learning / Health Challenges

A plan will be put in place to accommodate your child's learning needs. Palliser will work in conjunction with the family and home school to ensure that support for student success is provided.

My BluePrint

All Palliser Grade 7-12 students have access to a [My Blueprint](#) account. My Blueprint has a variety of learning resources available in the area of future career and post secondary education. The Education Planner allows students to track the courses they take in high school and connect them to post secondary aspirations. It is a very helpful tool for students to discover their interests and prepare for life after high school.

If your child has not already done so, they can sign up for their My Blueprint account using the following instructions: <https://bit.ly/2E0WF1M>

MyPass

All High School students are strongly encouraged to sign up for a [MyPass account](#) through Alberta Education. Individual MyPass accounts help students track their credits, access their transcripts for marks and sign up for diploma exams. ****Please note: all grade 12 students who choose to learn at home will be able to participate in their graduation ceremonies at the end of the school year.***

Off Campus

As long as it is safe to do so, PBB will support your child with off campus learning like Work Experience, RAP, Green Certificate and Dual credit programming. For more information, please visit the [Off Campus website](#).

Request for Information

Here is a short video to provide more information about the online learning environment in Palliser: [Gr 10-12 Online 2020.mp4](#)

To express an interest in online learning, please fill out the following [link](#) and a Palliser representative will be in touch with you shortly.

