



As we return to school in September, our priority remains fulfilling our purpose and mission of enabling all learners to succeed and contribute to their full potential to the future while at the same time ensuring a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees. With that in mind, we have implemented a comprehensive suite of safety measures to help protect students and staff from the risk of COVID-19.

Stage 2: Learning Options

The Ministry recognizes the importance of having students in the classroom to minimize learning gaps and to provide the academic, social and emotional supports which are essential for every learner. As a result, maximizing in-class instruction for all students within current health and safety guidelines is a crucial part of the B.C. Restart Plan. However, there are some alternatives.

Please find below information on the three options available to parents for their child's learning:

Option 1: Face to Face, In-Class Instruction at Their Local School. Students will be registered at their local school and will attend full-time instruction within learning group limits. Self-directed learning will supplement in-class instruction if required. Please see the [Elementary School Schedule](#) and [Secondary School Schedule](#) for more detailed information on Delta's Stage 2 back to school plan.

Option 2: Home Education through Distributed Learning involves a teacher who works with students to plan and deliver a course of study, gets course textbooks and resources, assesses student progress and completes a report card. A distributed learning program may be the best option for children or families who are immune compromised or have underlying medical conditions.

Delta School District offers the following distributed learning programs:

- For students in K-9, we have the **Home Quest** program. Students work on assignments from home either all the time (with support from their parents) or they may choose to attend Annieville Elementary for lessons part of the time. For more information, please visit <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/home-quest/>

Over the last few weeks, we have been placing students onto a waitlist for the Home Quest program while we determine staffing levels. We are pleased to announce that we will be able to accept all Delta students currently on the waitlist, or who make the decision to select Home Quest prior to the beginning of school.

- For students in Grade 10-12, we offer online learning opportunities through **Delta Access**. Online curriculum is supported by frequent communication through a variety of electronic means, and optional face-to-face communication. Students sit their exams at North Delta Secondary School. For more information, please visit: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/delta-access/>
- **French Immersion students:** French Immersion students interested in distance learning option should reach out to their school principal for more information. Should a child enrolled in French Immersion be unable to return to school and opt for a home education program, they will not be held back or removed from the program. They will be able to return to French Immersion in their home school.

Option 3: Home Education through Homeschooling is an alternative method of teaching offered outside the B.C. educational system. Typically, a family member delivers the entire educational program to children at home. Choosing this option means parents must provide and supervise their child's entire educational program, including curriculum and learning materials.

Homeschooling programs are not supervised by a B.C.-certified teacher, nor are they required to meet provincial standards or inspected by the Ministry of Education. Homeschoolers are not eligible to receive a British Columbia Dogwood Graduation Certificate. For more information, please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroom-alternatives/homeschooling>

Please note: Both Home Quest and homeschooling are full year commitments. If parents choose either of these options, the earliest that students would be able to return to their home school is September 2021.

If a student who is currently attending a Delta school registers for Home Quest or homeschooling for the upcoming school year (2020/21), Delta School District is committed to holding a student's place at their home school for the following school year (2021/22). *Please note: If a student who is currently attending a Delta school registers for a distributed learning option outside of the Delta School District, students will need to re-register in our normal spring process in late January/early February.*