



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Are learning materials available to students and parents during the school closure?

Yes. On March 20, 2020 the Ministry of Education launched a [Learn at Home portal](#) providing online resources for elementary and secondary students. Students, parents and guardians can access the online resources on their computers or mobile devices by [clicking here](#).

Will EQAO assessments scheduled for this school year take place?

No. On March 17, 2020 the Ministry of Education announced they are cancelling all EQAO Assessments for Grades 3, 6, 9 and OSSLT for this school year. We appreciated the work done by staff and EQAO to prepare for these assessments.

Will the OSSLT scheduled for March 31 be cancelled?

Yes. On March 17, 2020 the Ministry of Education announced they are cancelling all EQAO assessments for Grade 3, 6, 9 and OSSLT for this school year. This will not prevent students from graduating.

Will child care centres within schools remain open?

No. At this time, child care centres, Early Years programs and Before and After school programs will be closed in our schools beginning March 14 to April 5, 2020.

Will athletic events such as OFSAA competitions and/or arts events such as exhibits, concerts and theatrical productions be cancelled?

Yes. All school related events have been cancelled for the period of March 14 to April 5.

Will students be provided with online learning opportunities during the closure?

The Ministry of Education has indicated that they are working on resources that will be available online to support student learning during the closure. In keeping with the Ministry order, NCDSB teachers will not be involved in the delivery of these resources.

Will students be at risk of not graduating?

The board will work under the direction of the Ministry of Education to ensure that students can graduate.

Will this impact mid-term marks?

Students will not be penalized for missed work or assessments during this three-week period.

Will tests and assignments be postponed?

Test and assignments will not be required to be submitted during the closure. Information will be provided when regular instruction resumes.

Will this impact college and university applications?

We recommend that students check with individual colleges or universities to which they have applied.

Will Co-op placements continue during this time?

No. All Cooperative Education placements are suspended during this time.

Should students in Dual Credit programs attend their college/university classes?

No. All Alternative Education sites, are cancelled until April 5, 2020.

Will the school year be extended into the summer months?

The decision to extend the school year would be made by the Ministry of Education. At this time, school boards have not received this direction.

Are First Communion and Confirmation celebrations being postponed?

First Communion and Confirmation sacraments are administered through the church. Please consult with your local parishes for more information.

Will Community Use of Schools permits be cancelled?

Yes. All Community Use of Schools permits are cancelled for the three-week period.

Is there any chance that schools will reopen sooner than April 5, 2020, if the situation improves?

At this time, the direction is to keep schools closed until April 5, 2020.

How can I help my child(ren) cope with the impact of COVID-19?

Our board team is actively sharing resources to help our students and families with the impacts of COVID-19 on mental, physical, and spiritual wellness. Refer to the NCDSB website for these resources.

Are public meetings cancelled?

Yes. All public meetings will be cancelled between March 14 and April 5, 2020.