

Online Programming



**Grande Prairie
Public School Division**

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TheLink

Online Program Grade 1 to 9

Vision

Grande Prairie Public School Division is committed to providing high-quality instruction to all students to support long term learning and high school completion. Online programming helps provide families flexibility to meet the academic needs of students.

Program Overview

In the 2021/2022 school year students will have access to educational programming in an online format. The Link - Online Program will be delivered from I.V. Macklin Public School which may not be your child's boundary school. It is expected that students will remain in The Link - Online Program for the entire school year.

Online programming may not be suitable for all learners.

Registration

New Students to the Division:

- Students will be registered through School Engage by completing the New Student Registration form
- When registering at your boundary school there is a check box to indicate your interest in registering for Online Learning.
- Families who select that they are interested in registering in Online Learning will be assigned the Link – Online Program Application form in SchoolEngage which will provide more information and includes a parent sign off for the program.
- Families who complete the Application in will be contacted.
- Periodic reviews of student success will determine continued enrollment in online programming.

Current Division Students

- Families will complete the Are You Returning? Form and indicate the student is interested in either:
 - Continuing with Online Learning, moving to The Link – Online Program
 - Or: becoming a new The Link – Online Program student
 - Submit the form.
- The Link - Online Program Application will then be assigned to the student for completion.
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Delivery

- Classes will be scheduled and delivered live, online through Google Meets or Teams platform
- Online classes will mirror instructional practices that teachers use during in person classes. This will include direct instruction, live lessons, time for students to practice, dialogue, ask questions, and receive feedback, for the duration of the block to support student learning
- Lessons can include teacher created video recordings, non-teacher created videos and apps that enhance instruction
- Live collaboration among students (for purposes of 'seeing' each other, discussion, smaller group work) is supplementary to live lessons

Expectations of Students

- The school's code of conduct applies to students who are learning online.
- Regular student attendance
- Meet assignment deadlines

Expectations for Families

The teacher is responsible for the instruction and assessment of students. The Link – Online Programming depends on parents for the day-to-day engagement of learning and completion of assignments. Parents should consider the learning habits of their child, their level of independence as learners and the availability parents will have to provide support when accessing this temporary approach to instruction.

Assessment

- Majority of assignments will be submitted online
- Students may be required to complete some major assessments in person

Workspace Requirements

- Student must have access to a personal device that will support the online /web use of Google Meets/Classroom and Microsoft OneNote/Teams (camera and microphone)
- Stable internet connection and sufficient bandwidth to participate in live lessons with video and audio
- Students should be able to participate from an area that is conducive to learning.

Programs of Choice

- Programs of Choice are not available through Online Learning. These include but are not limited to French Immersion, Montessori, Christian Programming, and Preschool.

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Online Course Options Grade 10 to 12

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High School completion is most likely to occur when everyone has a place in our Division in which they belong. Online programming helps provide families flexibility to meet the academic needs of students.

Program Overview

In the 2021/2022 school year high school students will have access to select online high school courses. Students remain with their boundary school and will be able to register for both online and in person courses. Students will work with their schools to build schedules that support a pathway to graduation. Not all courses can be offered in an online format and a combination of online and in person courses may be necessary.

Students in good standing will be able to access or attend activities hosted by the school such as extra-curricular sports and clubs, events, graduation, etc.

Registration

- Student registration through PowerSchool will have online and in person course choices
- Final course offerings will be dependent on enrolments and scheduling availability
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