

OUTREACH PROGRAM AND ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

Background

The Division believes in providing alternate learning programs to meet the individual needs of students. Therefore, the Division is committed to providing extended educational opportunities through implementing an outreach program in a school designated by the Board and online programs within each of its high schools. Students who find traditional school settings challenging may choose to access educational programming in an outreach school. Students who require a structured learning environment in which they engage with their teachers for one or more courses online, will have access to online learning programs within their designated high school. In Outreach and Online Programs, a certified teacher oversees and delivers the programming, assesses student progress, and ensures that the student has access to resources, supports, and provincial achievement tests and diploma examinations. A school principal monitors and reports on the success of an Outreach and Online Program.

Procedures

1. The outreach program and online education programs will be operated within the regulations and guidelines outlined by Alberta Education.
2. Student participation in the outreach or online program is contingent on their willingness to comply with program expectations and to access educational services (e.g., counseling, conflict resolution, inclusive/enrichment programming, study skills, online training to use the LMS system, a scheduled time to meet with a certified teacher for assistance) and resources (e.g., distance learning materials, digital resources, seminars, contact with a post-secondary instructor if the student is enrolled in a dual credit course) offered to the student to assist his/her success.
3. Student registration in an outreach or online program is open to:
 - 3.1 High school students referred to the program by their School Principal.
 - 3.2 Adult students seeking high school courses.
 - 3.3 Junior high students who have exhausted all program options within regular school settings.
 - 3.4 Students who are under the age of 16 years, and who are not children (enrolled in an ECS), may, with approval of the School Principal in consultation with the student's parents or legal guardians, register the student in an online course(s).
4. Student registration will include a placement interview and development of a learning plan.

References: Section 18,197 *Education Act*
Guide to Education
Teaching Quality Standard
Alberta Education Online Learning Resources and Guidelines for Parents and Families

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