

School District #62 (Sooke)

ONLINE LEARNING	No.: B-133
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SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Online learning is a choice of instruction within the current K-12 system that responds to the unique learning needs of individual learners. Online learning takes place outside of the traditional school classroom when a learner is primarily at a distance from the educator and school. Emerging electronic technologies and the Internet in online learning, offers the possibilities for sophisticated, interactive, and engaging learning opportunities.

In online learning students can:

- Connect with their teacher from anywhere using the internet, phone or e-mail.
- Work with their teacher to reach goals in their learning plan.
- Take a program or course via an online learning management system, web conferencing, teleconferencing, and/or correspondence.
- Get support through opportunities for in-person learning and interactions with other students.

Both public and independent online learning schools offer online learning. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 must take a full course load at one school, while students in Grades 8 to 12 may learn from home entirely, or learn at school and take some courses online.

The Board of Education recognizes that online learning provides the flexibility to meet the learning needs of students not served through conventional school programs. The Board concurs with the Ministry of Education and Child Care rationale that online learning can expand equitable access to education for students in rural and urban communities that may have difficulty accessing a full range of courses and programs, and that online learning can provide choice for these students who have restricted access. The Board recognizes that all or part of an educational program may be provided by means of online learning.

The Board agrees to operate a district online learning school and agrees to:

- meet all of the requirements of the *School Act* and Legislation,
- meet all of the requirements of the District Online Learning (DOL) School as per the Ministry of Education and Childcare 1701 instructions and,
- meet all of the Ministry of Education and Child Care online learning policies and standards.

LEGISLATION REGULATIONS

School Act, Section 3.1
[School Act](#), Section 75 (4.1)

ONLINE LEARNING DEFINITIONS

- "Online learning" means a method of instruction that relies primarily on communication between students and teachers by means of the internet;
- "Online learning school" means a school or francophone school that offers instruction to its students through online learning only;
- "D.O.L.S.": District Online Learning Schools serve students who reside in their district only.
- "P.O.L.S.": Provincial Online Learning School.

Student Accessing Online Learning Guidelines:

- a) Grades 8-12 students residing within the boundaries of SD62 who are already enrolled in a neighbourhood school may take additional courses through SD62's District Online Learning School (DOLS) via dual enrollment.
- b) Grades 10 – 12 students who are already enrolled in a neighbourhood school may take additional courses through a Provincial Online Learning School.
- c) Grades 8 – 9 students who are already in a neighbourhood school may take additional courses through a Provincial Online Learning School and in accordance with funding rules.
- d) Kindergarten – Grade 7: student must be enrolled in a program full time. These students can enroll full time in a Provincial Online Learning School but cannot take only part of a program through a Provincial Online Learning School.
- e) International students in Grades 8 – 12 must receive approval through the school district's International Education Office in order to take additional courses through SD62's District Online Learning School (DOLS) or through a Provincial Online Learning School (POLS).