



# Wild Rose School Division

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## High School Completion - Expectations & FAQ

### KEY POINTS - “BURNING QUESTIONS”

1. School in Wild Rose School Division and Alberta is not finished. In-person classes are cancelled, but students need to complete courses at home.
2. The work at home is graded and teachers will work with high school students to complete their courses to the best of their ability, providing a final mark and awarding credits.
3. Courses have been modified to focus on essential outcomes to streamline them for students given the changing circumstances and time. There is assigned work that needs to be completed. Time is flexible. You don't have to be in class at a certain time, you have to get the work done, but do it when and how it works for you.

We are keenly aware that students and families are juggling unprecedented circumstances so please know that staff will do whatever we can to get students successfully through courses.

*The best thing for students to do is engage in the learning in any way they can and let their teachers know what they are struggling with so we can help them.*

Students who were on track to progress to the next grade will be assigned to the next grade in September. If little or no work is completed in grade 10-12 courses, some course credits may not be awarded and students may have to complete them in the next school year. The deficit in learning will impact future course sequences, options and learning opportunities.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **Do students still have “school”?**

Yes - In-school classes are cancelled, but students are expected to continue their learning and coursework at home for marks. This ongoing learning is essential for students in grade 12 to be ready for post secondary or other transitions and in grade 9, 10 and 11 it is vital to make sure students have the prerequisite courses for next year.

**Will students still get marks and grades?**

Yes. Marks will go into PowerSchool and be visible in the portal to parents and students. Students will receive a final grade based on BOTH the work they completed before classes were cancelled and in the remote learning that began on March 16th.

**What about CTS and courses that are difficult to finish?**

Students with a passing grade will receive credit for the CTS modules they completed before class cancellations. Students can still work and earn more credits on modules. Teachers may switch the types of modules to ones that are better suited to online learning. If students don't do the modules, we cannot give credit. If students do as much of a module as they can we can give unallocated credits to make up the gap, especially in grade 12 to make sure a student graduates. For example, if a student cannot weld, they can still do the safety pieces or theory and then we can give the rest of the credit to make sure they graduate. Each course will be a bit different so students need to work with their teacher.

**What is happening with Work Experience? RAP? Green Certificate?**

If a student can safely keep working, do it! No new registrations will be taken in these courses for this year. Students will get credits based on the work done and more credits as they keep working. If a student has lost their job or is unable to safely finish, unallocated credits can be used to make up the gap, ensuring there are enough credits to graduate. Sometimes it's not the student's fault. Jobs are hard for everyone right now. The same applies to RAP and Green Certificate, finish what can be done and reach out to the school to make up the balance with the new unallocated credits.

**What about Fine Arts and PE? Do I have to finish?**

Students can continue their PE and Fine Arts classes to receive full credits. For example, if a student continues to learn and hand in work for Art 20, they can receive Art 20 for 5 credits. If they do some or none of the work, they may only receive 3 credits in Art 20. Movement in PE and creativity in music, art, and drama classes are a good thing to help student mental health right now!

**My internet is super slow and I'm struggling, do I still have to do the work?**

Contact the school. We can look at offline ways of doing things and are here to work with you to meet your individual circumstances.

**Are Distance, Self Directed, Outreach or ADLC courses still going?**

Yes! Students have assignments which are based on the essential outcomes that need to be finished to get course credits. ADLC courses taught by ADLC teachers may have different expectations, please contact your ADLC teacher for clarification.

### **Are there Diploma or Final Exams?**

No. Diploma exams are cancelled by Alberta Education (with a small exception for adult students). Traditional, sit down, timed final exams are extremely difficult in an online setting and unsafe in person right now. Teachers are shifting to projects, assignments or other creative ways to find out what students have learned. Every class may be a bit different. If students need to rewrite a diploma from semester one or a previous year, reach out to the school. There are options available.

### **I have other extenuating circumstances - Help!**

If there are extenuating circumstances, principals have the authority to issue unallocated credits, so please be in ongoing contact with the school to make them aware of the obstacles a student may have in completing courses.

### **Can I sign up for a new course?**

Talk with your school. If it fits in your schedule we can still register new students in courses, but it depends on if other work is being completed and workload.

### **Is Graduation happening? Will I still finish high school?**

Grad ceremonies are postponed across Wild Rose at this time due to the Alberta Health restrictions on the size of gatherings. We will follow the lead and guidance of Alberta Health about when and if it is safe to proceed. Students will still be eligible to graduate and receive a high school diploma if they are on track to receive 100 credits or more and continue their learning. Students that complete the graduation requirements will still get their high school diploma or certificate of completion and will be able to get transcripts on the Alberta Education [MyPASS](#) site. If graduation ceremonies are not able to happen this year, other options will be examined to celebrate the end of the K-12 learning journey for our students.

### **Expectations on work from Alberta Education:**

#### *Grades 10-12*

- Education content will focus on specified and core courses required for high school graduation requirements, including language (English, French and French language arts), social studies, mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics.
- Content from other courses will be delivered where possible, and accommodations for students unable to complete courses are in place.
- Teachers will assign an average of 3 hours of work per course per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of these materials.

#### *Grades 7-9*

- Education content will focus on core mathematics, language/literacy, science and social studies curriculum outcomes.
- Teachers will assign an average of 10 hours of work per student per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of these materials.