

# Choices for Parents in British Columbia for Educating Their Children

\*Please note that Remote Learning, which was offered in Spring 2020 due to Covid-19, will **not** be offered as an option for this school year



## Brick and Mortar (Traditional school)

Students attending their neighborhood school.



## Distributed Learning

Coast Mountains School District will have course offerings in distributed learning for students in K-12.



## Homeschooling

This is an alternative method of teaching where the parent delivers an educational program to children at home. Parents must register their homeschooled children by September 30, 2020.

**parent involvement is different for each choice:**

### **Brick and Mortar (Traditional school)**

- This is school at the school building
- It is run as per the way schools have always been run
- Teachers in classrooms with students
- Sanitation and COVID safety measures in place
- Teachers teach, design the assignments and the assessments as well as reporting to parents
- Upon completion of Grade 12 a dogwood diploma is issued
- Parents support learning by:
  - making sure students attend and are actively involved by supporting the learning in the classroom
  - attending meetings,
  - reading reports and newsletters,
  - checking in with teachers,
  - talking with students about what they are learning

### **Distance Learning also known as Distributed Learning**

- Program is delivered through the school district Distance Learning program
- The school district is committed to lending some on reserve support to students who live on reserve and register for this program
- Learning is self paced (no time lines)
- The lessons come from a teacher who connects with students electronically
- No face-to-face meetings with the classroom teacher; it is a totally electronic classroom (not remote/virtual learning)
- Learning is self-paced (no time lines)
- Assignments are submitted and corrected by the teacher
- Parents work with students to keep up the pace of the learning
- Students need to be monitored by parents in terms of:
  - Attending scheduled calls
  - Doing the assignment
  - Submitting assignments in a timely manner
  - Maintaining a regular learning schedule at home

### **Homeschooling**

- Arrangements for homeschooling are made by the parents directly with the Ministry of Education
- Parents will teach the lessons and be responsible for designing the assignments,
- Parents assess all student work
- The school district does NOT provide any instruction
- This program is the full responsibility of the parent. It is not supervised by a certified teacher.
- This program is not required to meet provincial standards and is not inspected by the ministry of education
- Families are only connected with a school in that they are able to borrow books from a school
- The school district is not responsible for lessons, assignments, or assessment.
- This program does NOT result in a dogwood certificate at the end of the Grade 12 year.