## Peace River High School Home Learning Plan

## Overview

The PRHS Home Learning Plan is provided to prepare students, parents and teachers for off-site learning opportunities during the cancellation of classes. Through regular communication and ongoing collaboration, we endeavor to provide the best learning opportunities for students. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure that Peace River High School continues to support students in fulfilling the Peace River School Division mission of learning together, success for all and our PRHS vision of preparing individual citizens for tomorrow. We remain committed to student learning, well-being and success while following the direction and guidance of the Government of Alberta.

## Guidelines

- All files and online communications will remain in the Google for Education line of products (Including but not limited to Gmail, Hangouts Meet, Hangouts Chat, Google Drive, Google Classroom).
- Where online learning opportunities are not available, teachers will offer accommodations such as course packages and telephone check-ins.
- Technical support for students should be initiated through the school. School staff will contact Technology Services if needed.
- To identify what content needs to be delivered, teachers will evaluate curricular outcomes that have not yet been covered, prioritize remaining essential outcomes based on what is manageable for students working from home, and will plan specific tasks and projects for students.
- Teachers will assign work as per the grade division guidelines from Alberta Education.
- Students are expected to complete the assigned work for each of the courses that they are currently enrolled in for semester two.

## Communication

- 1. Parents/Students should expect to be contacted initially by your child's Teacher Advisor (Health 9, Learning Strategies and Grade 12) by April 1, 2020.
- 2. Contact will be made by individual course teachers starting on April 1, 2020 for details and organization of the course delivery.
  - Teachers will connect with parents/students at a minimum once per week to provide an overview of learning for the week and will maintain ongoing and regular contact with students and parents.
  - A teacher will be available during the regularly scheduled teaching day. If parents or students have questions, a teacher will be available to answer these questions in a timely manner between 8:45 am 12:00 pm and 12:45 3:30 pm on all instructional days.
  - Communication will be conducted by way of phone calls, email, google meet, and google classroom. Families and teachers will discuss preferred means of communication.
  - If parents have concerns, they should contact the classroom teacher to discuss the concern. If the concern is not resolved, parents are then asked to contact the school administrator.

- Students should access learning activities and resources on a regular basis and stay updated on scheduled events and important dates.
- For families requesting paper packages, arrangements for pick-up or delivery of the packages will be communicated by school staff.
- **Completed paper packages will not be sent back to school.** This will be further clarified by your child's teacher.

**Grade progression and report cards** Every student will receive final grades and will receive a report card, appropriate to their grade level. Teachers will be responsible for assessing a student's progress and assigning a final grade. School authorities have committed to ensuring parents are consulted and kept informed of how assessment will be determined in this unique circumstance.

Where possible, schools will work with high school students to complete their courses to the best of their ability, providing a final mark and awarding credits. If a student is unable to complete a course that would have allowed them to progress to the next grade, principals have the ability to award credits to ensure student progression. (Alberta Education).

**Provincial assessments** All Grade 9 provincial achievement tests and Grade 12 diploma exams are cancelled. Contact the school for more information.

**Mental Health Support** If your child is struggling emotionally and not coping with the unexpected changes given the current situation, our School Social Workers are providing mental health support via single phone sessions. The 15-30 minute sessions will provide emotional support through the provision of coping strategies and information regarding other community resources. Please call Katrina Monday through Friday, 8:45 am - 3:30 pm, beginning March 30, 2020, to book a telephone appointment for your child. A list of mental health resources for children and families can be found on our divisional website here.

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This plan may need to change depending on the duration of cancelled classes and/or the nature of the pandemic over the coming weeks and/or months.

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