

Communications in English

Frequently Asked Questions

Learning at Home – Newcomer Students

1. Will my child have to repeat the school year or any courses?

The pandemic should not affect your child’s education. All students who were passing before schools closed should move on to the next grade or receive their credits. If this is not the case, school personnel will contact you to discuss your child’s situation.

2. Is there a learning plan in the works for students?

Yes, teachers will contact each of their students to implement a plan for ensuring that their learning continues. Plans will take into account the limitations and special needs of each student.

Also, the website jemeduque.ca proposes some educational activities for parents and students.

Brief description of expectations

Grades	Time targets	Main subjects affected
K - 2	1 hour + 30 minutes of reading + 30 minutes of physical activity	Reading Math
3 - 5	1 hour + 30 minutes of reading + 30 minutes of physical activity	Reading Math Science
6 - 8	2 hours + 30 minutes of reading + 30 minutes of physical activity	Reading Math Science Social Studies
9 - 10	2.5 hours + 30 minutes of reading + 30 minutes of physical activity	Reading, writing, French Math Other courses in semester Continuation of online courses if enrolled
11 - 12	2.5 hours + 30 minutes of reading + 30 minutes of physical activity	Reading, writing, French Math Other courses in semester Continuation of online courses if enrolled

3. Will my child in elementary school receive another report card for the 2019-2020 school year?

No, for the following reasons, no more report cards will be issued at the elementary level for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Many teachers did not have a chance to assess the progress of all their students or to enter these observations into the results management system before schools closed.
- Because many students are not able to do their schoolwork at home from mid-March to the end of the school year for various reasons (family-related, Internet connection, etc.), teachers will not do any formal assessments of student progress or performance.

A note will appear at the bottom of the last progress report (R1 – December 2019) in the student's file, indicating that the school year was interrupted, and no other report will be issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

Please address any questions or concerns about your child's progress and performance to your child's teacher.

4. Given that schools are closed, how will my child be able to meet expectations in the coming school year?

It is important to work with the teacher as much as possible to ensure that learning continues at home while schools are closed.

At the start of the next school year, teachers will prepare a profile of their class and adjust their planning to reflect where students are in terms of their learning.

5. Will my child in Grade 12 graduate?

All students who were on track to graduate will receive their diploma. If this is not the case, school personnel will contact you to discuss your child's situation.

6. Will my child in high school receive another report card for the 2019-2020 school year?

Yes, at the end of the school year, your child will receive a final report card. Here is what will be in that report card:

- The result for each course your child completed in January (first semester course).
- Except in extraordinary situations, the mark CIC (credited incomplete course) will appear for each course started in September or late January but not completed because schools closed (second semester courses and year-long courses).

- A note at the bottom that says, “Because of school closures caused by COVID-19, the student was given a mark of CIC (credited incomplete course) to indicate that the student received credit for the course even though not all of the course requirements were met.”
- A general average for the year in progress that reflects only results achieved up to the end of January 2020 (first semester course and first half of year-long courses).

Your child’s final report card will be available on [Parent/student portal](#).

7. Will the post-secondary institutions to which my child in Grade 12 has applied receive my child’s transcript?

Yes, transcripts will be sent out to post-secondary institutions as usual.

8. Will there be a graduation ceremony and activities?

To the extent possible, some events will be held. However, it will probably not be possible to hold ceremonies like the ones that have been held in recent years. You will receive more information about possible events and dates, along with details about how these events will take place.

9. My child is in Grade 12. Will my child be able to pursue post-secondary studies next year?

All post-secondary institutions are affected by COVID-19 as well and will have to come up with a transition plan to take into account this reality. Post-secondary institutions in New Brunswick say that the closure of schools will not have an impact on student admissions.

More details about transition plans will be provided in a few weeks.

10. Is it possible to get into the school to retrieve my child’s personal effects?

Over the past few weeks, students and their parents have had the opportunity to retrieve personal effects and technological tools left at school. If you have not been able to do this, please email your child’s school or leave a phone message so you can receive more information and instructions.

11. What are the guidelines to follow when using the Department’s technological tools?

Students who borrow a technological tool from the Department or the school must follow these guidelines:

- Use the technological tool for educational purposes only.
- Take care of the technological device and its power cord.
- Do not download apps or games on the device.
- Return the technological device when classes reopen.

- Comply with Policy in 311 – [Information and Communication Technologies Use](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/biling/eeed-edpe.html) of the Department of Education (<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/biling/eeed-edpe.html>).

12. What should I do to help my child continue learning if we do not have Internet service at home?

To support families in continuing their child's learning, the Government of New Brunswick has undertaken to provide Internet service for homes that are not connected. Steps are currently being taken to connect these homes to an Internet network.

13. Where should I go for more information about the closure of schools?

You can call the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development toll-free at 1-844-288-3888 (7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays). You can also visit the district's website for all updates.