



The Hub is a learning approach that has been created for the 2020-21 school year for families choosing to have their children remain at home due to COVID concerns while in-school classes have resumed. This will allow students to remain registered at their home schools while receiving course instruction through a format of online instruction and independent work. This learning approach will require parent involvement and assistance. Students will be supported by specific teachers assigned to the hub through the use of [D2L by Brightspace and/or Google tools](#). Instruction will be provided through real-time, on-line teacher instruction with all students registered in the hub course, and using pre-recorded videos and printable resources. Due to available resources, Hub online learning is available to CBE students only

Unlike emergency at-home learning that took place in the spring of 2020, Hub online learning requires students to meet all the outcomes in the Programs of Study. Grades 7-9 will be taught by subject specific teachers. Science, Math, English Language Arts and Social Studies will be offered as well as Physical Education, Health and Life Skills, while Fine Arts opportunities (Art and Drama) will be integrated within these six courses.

This approach offers the regular program to all students in Grades 7-9. Due to the complexities of course delivery and available resources, French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual will be the only Alternative Programs offered through hub learning. These courses will run dependent on student demand. Students registered in Alternative Programs will remain registered with their current schools while enrolled in Hub online learning. A blended approach of in-person classes and Hub online learning is not available.

**Required commitment to learning of approximately 25 hours per week.**

### Hub Approach Description

<p><b>Real-time online learning</b> is scheduled by the teacher for all students registered in the hub class together with the teacher. Students must be available for real-time learning time.</p> <p>Anticipate 5-7 hours per week.</p>	<p><b>Pre-recorded videos</b> will be made available by the teacher to the students to access through D2L by Brightspace and/or Google tools. The videos provide additional instruction to facilitate both real-time online learning and independent work.</p>	<p><b>Independent work</b> through student assignments that will reflect the learning for each subject curriculum as identified by Alberta Education. The assignments may not be identical to the work of their peers in the classroom, but the work will address the same learning outcomes.</p> <p>Student independent work time is 4 hours daily or 1 hour per course daily.</p>	<p><b>Parent Learning Support</b> is required and will depend on the age of the student and individual ability to work independently. The hub approach relies on parents to ensure the child is engaging with the learning and completing the assignments. Parents should consider the learning nature of their child, their level of independence as learners, and the availability of parents to provide support when accessing this temporary approach to instruction.</p>
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### Technology requirements

Internet connection and a laptop, computer, or Chrome notebook. It is strongly recommended that all students take the *Essentials for Online Learning* course offered by the CBE at no cost. The course ensures participants are comfortable using the specific technology required for hub online learning.

### Second Semester

Students registered in Hub online learning have one opportunity to return to in-person instruction at your school for the remainder of the school year. This is the only time students may move from Hub online learning to in-person instruction. Otherwise, students will remain in Hub online learning until the end of the school year.

Families / Independent Students will need to inform their school of their decision to return to in-person instruction by noon on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 using their [MyCBE/PowerSchool account](#).

Once the decision is made to return to in-person classes, students cannot return to Hub online learning. Movement on Feb. 1 will be only one way, from Hub online learning back to in-person classes.

Given the evolving situation with COVID-19, we did consider whether to permit movement from in-person classes into Hub online learning for the second semester. However, in order to ensure continuity of learning and minimize disruption to in-person classes resulting from the movement of staff from in-person classes to Hub, we are not able to accommodate new requests for Hub online learning in the new year.

### Additional Information

As the hub approach is new to the CBE, parents and students may have many questions. As schools are not yet open and available to answer your questions, please refer to the document Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at [www.cbe.ab.ca/covid19](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/covid19) for updates.

The CBE understands the start to the year will look different because of the choices families are making in the best interests of their children. We thank you for your understanding and support as we work to accommodate students and their learning.