

- School districts with existing meal programs are requested to continue to support students experiencing food insecurity in the community where possible. This will require re-assessing student need based on current context and engaging with community agencies to align supports.
- School districts with universal meal programs may not need to continue to provide meals to all students; but should identify those families and students most in need and develop options for on-going meal service.
- Districts are also encouraged to partner with non-profits and community agencies on unique local approaches where possible.

SECTION 4 | MARKS, ASSESSMENTS AND GRADUATION

Will all students receive a final grade for each course they are enrolled in?

- Yes, all students will receive a final grade for each course they are enrolled in and successfully complete from now until the end of the school year.
- Teachers will determine a final grade for students based on work completed to date and the assessment of learning that will occur over the coming months.
- Teachers will consider those students whose learning needs or circumstances may require unique approaches to assessment.

What will happen with graduation and student assessments this year?

- As in any given school year, students on track or eligible to graduate will be able to graduate provided the student has completed sufficient learning in their coursework. This includes what they have learned since the course started, along with the learning they will complete from now until the end of the school year.
- To be “eligible to graduate” means a student will satisfy all graduation requirements upon successful completion of courses they currently have underway and are continuing through to June 2020. This does not mean that students will graduate no matter what.
- Sufficient learning will be determined by teachers using their professional judgement. Grounded in the curriculum, teachers will assess what individual students know, understand, and are able to demonstrate to determine whether enough learning has taken place to enable the student to pursue further learning in the curricular and content area.
- Students are expected to continue their learning for each course they are enrolled in and to complete assignments set out by their teachers to finish their courses.
- Teachers will work with students to develop plans and set reasonable expectations given the current circumstances and the individual needs of the students.
- This will be guided by the plans and priorities set out by districts and schools for continuity of learning at the local level, recognizing that many students may not have easy access to specific learning resources.
- The previously scheduled April 2020 graduation assessment administration has been cancelled. The Ministry is assessing a range of options to ensure this graduation requirement can be met by those students who are otherwise on track to graduate this year.

- The only graduation assessment required for current Grade 12 students is the Grade 10 numeracy assessment. The Ministry is assessing a range of options to ensure this graduation requirement can be met by those students who are otherwise on track to graduate this year.
- Teachers and Principals will support all students as part of the continuity of learning and help those students who may need additional supports to meet graduation requirements.
- The Ministry of Education is also working with post-secondary institutions to ensure graduating students will transition successfully.

When will students receive transcripts for graduation?

- Transcripts remain available to students through the [Ministry of Education's Student Transcript Service](#). The transcripts will be updated when schools are able to report final marks.

Will Grade 12 students have more time to apply to Universities and Colleges?

- The Ministry of Education will be working closely with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training to support smooth transitions to post-secondary education for students.

SECTION 5 | PARENTS UNABLE TO STAY HOME AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Which jobs or professions have been designated as essential services in B.C.?

- Essential services are those daily services essential to preserving life, health, public safety and basic societal functioning. They are the services British Columbians rely on in their daily lives.
- On March 26, the provincial government released a [list of essential services in British Columbia](#) (see backgrounder at the end of the page).
- Going forward, child care providers and schools providing care and/or in-class instruction for children are to prioritize placements for those children whose parents are employed as front-line workers in direct to public health and health services, social services, law enforcement, first responders and emergency response.

If I'm an essential worker and cannot be at home to support my child's learning, where can I send my child?

- For individuals with children who are essential services workers (ESWs) and require immediate care for their children in order to go to work, the Ministries of Children and Families and Education are requesting that parents take the following steps:
 - School-aged children (K-6): contact their school principals (public and independent) as soon as possible to determine how schools can best meet their needs for childcare.
 - Children aged 0-5 (pre-K): Starting March 31st, essential workers can fill out a new form to identify their need for urgent child care. The "Temporary Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers" sign up form and more information, including frequently asked questions, can be found at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/essential-service-child-care> or by calling 1-888-338-6622 and selecting option 4.