

TEACHING & LEARNING

SCENARIO 1

As we organize for the 2020-21 school year, we know that all students need access to high-quality instruction. We also recognize that in-person classes may not be appropriate for all families, depending on their personal circumstances and well-being. That is why we are offering choice.



GRADES 1-9* WILL OPERATE UNDER A TERM SYSTEM FOR 2020-2021

Families will be able to decide, **at three key times throughout the school year**, whether their child will attend school in person or choose to learn at home through remote instruction. To offer this choice, we are organizing the school year into **three instructional terms**:

- Term 1: September 1 to November 27
- Term 2: November 30 to March 12
- Term 3: March 15 to June 25

GRADES 10-12 WILL OPERATE UNDER A SEMESTER SYSTEM FOR 2020-2021

Families will be able to decide, **at two key times throughout the school year**, whether their child will attend school in person or choose to learn at home through remote instruction. To offer this choice, we are organizing the school year into **two instructional semesters**.

- Semester 1: September 1 to January 29
- Semester 2: February 1 to June 25

TWO CHOICES FOR TEACHING & LEARNING:

IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION: Classes resume with significantly increased health and safety measures. Students who attend school will be placed in a class with a classroom teacher who will support their learning. If a student cannot attend in-school classes due to illness or COVID-19 quarantining, their classroom teacher will provide work to support their learning.

REMOTE INSTRUCTION: Students who learn remotely will be part of a remote learning group with an assigned teacher. **Internet access is required.** This learning format may include a combination of online and print-based teacher instruction. Remote learning students will remain enrolled at the school where they registered for 2020-21. However, their teacher may not be a staff member at that school. As well, students in a remote learning group may be from more than one PWPSD school. Instruction will cover all the required areas of the provincial curriculum. Teaching will focus on the core subject areas, with a modified focus on complementary courses.

HOW IT WORKS:

Parents who choose the remote learning option are encouraged to **contact PWPSD Central Office at (780) 532-8133 by August 24, 2020.** Schools will then organize resources and staff to support the choices families make for that term or semester.

Three weeks before the start of each term or semester, families will be asked to indicate their choice for the next instructional period. Whether families choose in-person or remote learning, they remain enrolled in the school where they registered or pre-enrolled for 2020-21.

* Kindergarten is an optional program in Alberta, and therefore will only be provided in class. Parents should contact their child's teacher to discuss how to best support their child's learning.