

School-Based Learning (Neighbourhood Schools)

Parents who choose to enroll their children in their local catchment school can anticipate the following benefits:

- Access to a BC certified teacher and quality BC curriculum
- All schools will be operating under the BC Ministry of Education approved Stage 2 - Pandemic Response Plan
- Social development and peer interactions for their child
- Continued supports for students with diverse learning needs
- Access to counselling and socio-emotional supports
- Increased access to outdoor learning programs and elective opportunities
- Participate in provincial assessments (FSA, Numeracy, Literacy)
- Eligible to graduate under the BC Graduation program

Contact your local school to register.

ELEV8 (Distributed Learning) - Online Learning

SD8 students may enrol as a Distributed Learning (DL) student in K-12, through our [Elev8](#) program. DL students:

- Receive BC curriculum delivered online by a BC certified teacher
- Receive report cards three times per year
- Participate in provincial assessments (FSA, Numeracy, Literacy)
- Receive materials and resources for their online educational program
- Have access to additional funds for activities and services to meet educational program goals
- Are invited to participate in local group learning activities as available
- Eligible to graduate under the BC Graduation program

Contact [Elev8](#) to register.

Homeschooling

Students may register with SD8 as a homeschooler. Homeschooling is an alternative method of teaching offered outside the BC educational system. Typically, a family member delivers the entire educational program to children at home.

Homeschooling programs:

- Are not supervised or taught by a BC certified teacher
- Are not required to meet BC curriculum standards
- Are not eligible to graduate under the BC Graduation program

Contact your local school.

Hospital-Homebound

Parents/Caregivers of children with complex medical conditions or underlying risk factors who are seeking an alternative to in-class instruction will be encouraged to register their child with Elev8, the district's distributed learning (online) program. Those who *do not* wish to register with Elev8 will be required to obtain a medical note from their physician indicating the need for accommodations due to health-related risks.

Contact the Director of Inclusive Education (deanna.holitzki@sd8.bc.ca) to register.

Student Learning Options

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. My child receives EA support at school. Will they continue to receive this support?

A. Your child will continue to receive any supports they had previously been accessing, with one exception. If you decide to homeschool your child, you will no longer have access to school or district supports.

Q. If my child attends a different program for the 20/21 school year, will they be able to return to their current school in 21/22?

A. Yes, but with a couple of stipulations. If you are currently attending a school outside of your current catchment area, you will be required to go through the normal transfer process again for attending a school other than your catchment area school. As well, it will be dependent on a seat being available for your child.

Q. I have already completed the registration form for Elev8, when will I receive confirmation that my child is registered?

A. Elev8 will be confirming registrations in their K to 9 program during the week of August 31st to September 4th. All application packages must be complete before a seat is made available in the program.

Q. Can my child return to their catchment area school at any time?

A. Your child can return to their catchment school during these three intakes: by September 11th, after Winter break, and after Spring break. Winter and Spring break returns require 4 weeks written notice. Please send an email to your Principal.