

AT-HOME LEARNING DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Background

The Peace River School Division (PRSD) is committed to providing continuity of education services for all students. At-home learning may be implemented only when circumstances necessitate a temporary shift from in-person learning. The Division recognizes that in-person learning is the preferred and primary mode of instruction, and any transition to at-home learning will follow the requirements set in the Government of Alberta legislation.

Definition

At-home learning means teacher-directed education programming provided by the PRSD to a student on a temporary basis at the student's residence, or at another location outside of the student's regularly attended school. The provision of temporary at-home learning will only be actioned during a public health emergency (as per the Public Health Act), or during other emergency situations such as evacuations due to wildfires or flooding.

Procedures

1. The Superintendent will strictly limit the use of at-home learning within the PRSD to public health emergencies or other emergencies due to wildfires or flooding situations.
2. The Superintendent will ensure that an in-person learning option is available for all students in Grades 1–12 when temporary shifts to at-home learning occur.
 - 2.1 An exemption to an in-person learning option of up to three (3) days may be granted through notification to the Minister of Education by the Superintendent.
 - 2.2 An exemption to an in-person learning option longer than three (3) days requires a request to the Minister of Education and a subsequent Ministerial Order.
 - 2.3 The Superintendent will adhere to the Government of Alberta's In-Person Learning Regulation exemption process.
3. The Superintendent will make reasonable efforts to enable each student to continue in the same courses and education program in which the student was enrolled as of the date at-home learning begins.

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Reference: Education Act, Sections 3, 3.1, 11, 33, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222
Emergency Management Act
Emergency Medical Aid Act
Access to Information Act (ATIA)
Protection of Privacy Act (POPA)
Health Information Act

Occupational Health and Safety Act
Public Health Act
Communicable Disease Regulation (AR 238/85)
In-Person Learning Regulation (AR 13/2025)