
Student Attendance Expectations

Attendance is the most critical ingredient to being academically successful. Each course includes 89 classes and missing classes or coming late to class represents missed learning opportunities. Similar to the face to face secondary schools, the Virtual Learn at Home Secondary School is using a modified quadmester model in which students take two courses. The first course will be studied for full days for one week and then the second course will be studied for full days for the second week. As a result, missing one day of school is equivalent to missing four consecutive classes in the semester system. If a student misses three consecutive days then this is equivalent to missing twelve consecutive classes or two and half weeks of class in the semester system. Each day of school counts!

The Virtual Learn at Home Secondary School provides instruction using synchronous learning (see Synchronous Learning under the Featured Links section.) Students are expected to engage with their class during the times of 8:20-11:00 a.m. and 11:50-2:30 p.m. During these sessions, a total of 225 minutes of synchronous learning will take place per day. Attendance will be taken for the morning and afternoon sessions.

For students who are unable to connect synchronously due to internet bandwidth issues, parents may apply for an exemption from synchronous learning (see Synchronous Learning under the Featured Links section). In this case, attendance will be taken once a day based on whether a student logged into the course in Brightspace.

Parents are asked to contact the student if their child is going to be absent and to indicate the nature of the absence. For students who are ill, medical documentation will be required for prolonged absences. Parents are encouraged to be proactive in setting up daily routines so that their children regularly attend class. Failure to attend class without explanation will result in being marked truant. Referrals will be made to the LKDSB attendance officer for chronically absent students. Students who miss fifteen consecutive classes without medical documentation will be withdrawn from their classes. Please contact school administration if you have any questions or concerns.