

DISTANCE LEARNING

Background

While schools have the responsibility to provide instructional programs that ensure students will have an opportunity to meet the provincial graduation requirements and be prepared for entry into the workplace or post-secondary studies, the Division recognizes that situations may arise where students may not be able to take desired courses from the school. The Division, therefore, supports the delivery of distance learning programming to Good Spirit School Division students through the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Corporation (SaskDLC) when circumstances dictate.

Definitions:

A part-time SaskDLC student is defined as a student who is taking at least one course/semester in a GSSD school and at least one course/semester at SaskDLC.

A full-time SaskDLC student is defined as a student who is taking no face-to-face courses in a GSSD school but at least one course/semester through SaskDLC.

A home-based student is a student who has filed a Notice of Intent with Good Spirit School Division and is registered with the Ministry as such.

Procedures

1. Students

- 1.1. A full-time SaskDLC student should contact the SaskDLC directly for course offerings and registration.
- 1.2. A part-time SaskDLC student will remain registered at their attendance boundary school and be cross enrolled with the SaskDLC in the provincial student information system.
- 1.3. The Principal or Online Learning Facilitator (OLF) will support the registration, monitoring and guidance at the school for those students enrolled in any SaskDLC courses. Online Learning Facilitators employed by SaskDLC and are allocated to schools, depending on the number of student registrations in the community.
- 1.4. Home-based students can register in two classes per academic year in SaskDLC. Registration in two or more courses per semester will result in the student being registered in their attendance boundary school.

2. Access to Good Spirit School Division Services

- 2.1 The Division will provide SaskDLC with access to common educational resources, such as libraries and textbooks provided they do not interfere with school-based operations. A refundable caution fee may be requested directly by the lending school.

- 2.2 The Division will provide SaskDLC students with access to Driver Education through the student's attendance boundary school.
- 2.3 The Division shall provide student services support to part-time students. The services provided will be determined by the Student Services Consultant. Direct services shall occur at a location chosen by the Division.
- 2.4 Extra-curricular programming is available to SaskDLC students at the attendance boundary school following the policies and procedures outlined by the school administrator.
- 2.5 Students must meet the Ministry of Education student enrollment requirements. A student may attend graduation ceremonies at their attendance boundary school by notifying the principal upon registration and no later than 30 days in advance of the school's graduation date.
3. In extenuating circumstances, a student may apply to the director or designate to enroll in courses through an approved distance learning provider at the cost of the school division.
4. Tuition fees for Dual credit courses offered through SaskDLC or schools will be at the cost of the family.

Reference: Section 85, 87, 109, 176, Education Act

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