

Learning Model Options for Kindergarten to Grade 9 Online Learning

At Sask DLC we are committed to supporting students and families in choosing the learning model that works best for them. Below is an outline of the differences between Synchronous Live Class and Asynchronous learning models, as well as the options for selecting resources that best suit your learning based on your grade level.

Here is also a video that outlines the options available to you [here](#).

Learning Model Option Comparison

There are two main learning model options for students and families to choose from: Synchronous Live Class or Asynchronous. Below is a comparison of the two models for you to review and choose what works best for your child.

Model Highlights	Synchronous Live Class Model	Asynchronous Model
What are the benefits of this model?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great for students who thrive on structure, want to interact daily/frequently with their teacher and peers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great for students that wish to work at their own agreed upon pace.
What is the role of the teacher and student?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher leads the students' education online. • Students will be online live with the teacher and class for three periods a day. • Lessons are provided through scheduled live sessions and directed by the teacher. • The teacher leads the learning, provides the resources as needed, provides lessons, assignments and feedback and assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The students follow the online course content and/or the print package. • Teachers will offer weekly optional live meetings to support learning. • Students are expected to communicate with their teacher and submit their work (evidence of learning) regularly. • Lessons are provided in an online course or through print resources. • Teachers provide the assessments and feedback.

<p>What is the role of the learning mentor/parent?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The learning mentor monitors students throughout the day to ensure they are joining their daily class online meetings and are completing their work on time. • They also provide additional help if students are not yet able to work independently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The learning mentor determines the learning schedule, monitors progress, and ensures the work is completed and submitted on time. • They also provide additional help if students are not yet able to work independently.
<p>Outside of scheduled live meetings, when can students access their teachers?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers may be booked to meet with students and/or learning mentors based on their available schedule, or they may join the teacher during scheduled work periods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers may be booked to meet with students and/or learning mentors based on their available schedule.
<p>Will students have access to additional supports?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, students can be connected with our student supports team as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, students can be connected with our student supports team as needed.
<p>What does communication look like?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly digital updates • Daily communication during live class meetings • Check-in emails/phone calls as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly digital updates • Communication via weekly optional live class meetings • Check-in emails/phone calls as needed
<p>What does assessment look like?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers lead student assessments • Student feedback is given during live classes and through written comments. • Student progress updates will be provided to parents regularly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers lead student assessments • Student feedback is given through written comments. • Student progress updates will be provided to parents regularly.

<p>What happens if the student misses a class or falls behind?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The class teacher will provide missed work to the student. • Teachers will regularly monitor student progress in their grade and will communicate with the student, learning mentor and/or parent if a concern arises. • If needed, an action plan to support the student getting back on track will be created jointly with the teacher, student and learning mentor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will regularly monitor student progress in their grade and will communicate with the student, learning mentor and/or parent if a concern arises. • If needed, an action plan to support the student getting back on track will be created jointly with the teacher, student and learning mentor.
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Resource Options

As an online school, our focus is on providing quality digital resources to support the students online learning. However, there are some physical copies of resources that are recommended based on the student's grade level. Please read below through the resource options that are available. Once selected, the resources will be mailed out to you. Please note, resources are not sent until after a learning option is selected above for synchronous or asynchronous.

Kindergarten (Synchronous and Asynchronous)

- The Kindergarten curriculum is play-based and therefore does not have textbooks.
- All needed materials are packaged in a resource box and mailed to your home.

Resources for Synchronous Courses Grades 1-9:

- Online E-Texts will be provided where possible, unless otherwise requested from the teacher.
- A printed math workbook will be mailed out to all students.
- ELA novels are provided in digital format, unless otherwise requested from your teacher.
- Additional resources (from the teacher) will be provided digitally throughout the year and printed upon request from your teacher.
- If you require any additional resources, please speak directly to your teacher.

Asynchronous Resource Options for Grades 1-9

A number of resource options exist for our Asynchronous online courses based on the grade level of the student. Please review the recommended options to see if that will meet the students' learning needs. If not, you may select one of the other options available. If further resources are required, please contact your class teacher directly to discuss options.

<p>Grades 1-6</p>	<p>Option 1 (recommended)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly digital resources and textbooks provided for Gr. 3-6 • Mailed out student package includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Printed copy of Gr. 1 – 6 math workbook ○ ELA textbooks for Gr. 1-2 ○ Art supplies (based on medium studied at that grade level) <p>Option 2 – only for Gr 3-6 (if needed by student/family)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All elements of option 1 package • Physical textbooks (social, science, math) <p>Option 3 (if needed by student/family)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide full grade level box which includes all printed lessons, handouts, art supplies and physical textbooks. • Any grade specific items (such as tuning fork, etc.) <p>Option 4 (if family prefers to use only digital materials)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No printed items • ELA textbooks provided in print, if not available digitally • Art supplies will be mailed upon request
<p>Grade 7</p>	<p>Option 1 (recommended)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly digital resources and textbooks provided • Mailed out package includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Printed copy of Gr. 7 math workbook ○ Novel for ELA <p>Option 2 (if family prefers to use only digital)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All resources are digital, nothing is mailed out.
<p>Grades 8 & 9</p>	<p>Option 1 (recommended)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly digital resources and textbooks provided, including a digital novel for ELA. • Printed copy of Gr. 8 & 9 Math workbook is mailed out <p>Option 2 (if family prefers to use only digital)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All resources are digital, nothing is mailed out.

For all students:

Are printers provided?	No
Do I need to buy school supplies?	Yes. The recommended school supply lists for Kindergarten to Grade 6 and Grades 7 - 12 is available here .
What if I am not able to provide a computer or device for my child's online learning?	You can reach out to our HelpDesk at helpdesk@saskDLC.ca or contact your classroom teacher to inquire about the options available.