



COVID-19 March 27, 2020 – Sun West Parent Communication

As promised in our March 25, 2020 Parent Communication, we are including information on the Sun West Learn@Home Passport. This passport includes a variety of activities that you may choose to use while waiting to hear from your child(ren)'s teacher in the upcoming week. We have also included today's Provincial Response Planning Team update.

As you likely know, the Provincial Response Planning Team composed of representatives of the Ministry of Education, School Divisions and professional associations has created a framework for all schools in the province to operate in the learning from home context. Accordingly, as teachers return to work starting on March 30, their first priority will be contacting families and developing supplemental learning packages for students.

It will take some time for teachers to make all these contacts and develop learning packages. To support families, students and teachers as they begin the transition to learning from home, Sun West has developed the [Learn@Home Passport](#).

The [Learn@Home Passport](#) draws on the incredible resources of the [Sun West Resource Bank](#) and provides students and families with resources, ideas and activities to support the "Six Everyday Learning Activities," which are encouraged and proven to support learning. (Read, Write, Math, Move Your Body, Get Creative, Science/Social/Passions).

Families can feel confident that the [Learn@Home Passport](#) supports the multitude of ways that young people learn and many of the daily activities and routines you engage in with your children are valuable learning opportunities and will fit into the [Learn@Home Passport](#) programs. It is not required to stick to a strict schedule to use the [Learn@Home Passport](#).

We are also encouraging students and families to share their **Learn@Home Passport** activities on social media. Take a picture, write a description or record a video and share it on your social media page with the hashtag **#Learn@HomePassport**. We will like what you are doing or share it on Sun West social media.

The Sun West Learn@Home Passport can be found at: <https://www.sunwest207.ca/>

Looking for more?

The [Learn@Home Passport](#) has been designed to complement and supplement two other valuable resources.

The [Sun West Learn from Home Hub](#), which is also based on the "Six Every Day Learning Activities," can be used with the [Learn@Home Passport](#) to help you get started. You can find the Learn from Home Hub at: <https://resourcebank.ca/hubs/LearnHome>

Another support available to you from Sun West is the [Student Learning Planner template](#). It provides a week-at-a-glance and daily learning plan options to support students and families. You can access it directly from the [Learn@Home Passport](#) or you can find it here: <https://resourcebank.ca/authoring/3315-sun-west-student-planner-template/view>

For those students who have been taking classes from the Sun West Distance Learning Centre and want to continue with those classes, online courses resume Monday, March 30th as usual. Check www.sunwestdlc.ca for updates.

Sincerely,



Karen Itterman, Board Chair
Sun West School Division



Dr. Guy G. Tétrault, Director
of Education/CEO



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Dear Saskatchewan Families:

Providing students continued opportunities to learn

The Saskatchewan Education Response Planning Team, made up of education representatives, have been working hard on new ways to address the learning needs of students. Staff and school communities are focused on ensuring the safest and most appropriate way of offering education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A special thank you to students and families for your ideas, understanding, patience and flexibility during these extraordinary times.

We have come up with some guidelines for school divisions across the province. The main principles the team used to develop the guidelines are important messages for families to know:

- Saskatchewan school divisions are committed to providing all students an opportunity to learn and to support well-being.
- Families and caregivers are not expected to deliver Saskatchewan curriculum.
- Teachers, administrators and school staff want to remain connected to the students, families and communities they serve.
- Teachers are best positioned to offer, during this time of physical distancing, some learning opportunities to the students they are currently teaching, should their students/families choose to take advantage of them.
- In effort to engage all students, we will need to support teachers and staff in many different ways of delivering and offering learning opportunities.
- The learning opportunities will be to support families and caregivers in a continued learning structure for students if they choose to use them.
- Learning programs and decisions should be made with the most flexibility to ensure vulnerable students are given the opportunity to be successful.

When school divisions receive these guidelines they will, in consultation with principals and teachers, be determining the most appropriate learning opportunities based on the local circumstances of their communities, schools,

families and students. Your local school division staff will begin to connect with families and students as deemed most appropriate.

We want to acknowledge and thank the dedicated families, school boards, administrators, teachers and other education staff members for their continued commitment to students during this difficult time. Please continue to practice physical distancing as outlined by the Chief Medical Health Officer.

We will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and we encourage families and staff to stay up-to-date through [Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](https://saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus). This website for COVID-19 information is for the public and care providers and will be updated frequently with the latest information.

Saskatchewan Education Response Planning Team