

Distributed Learning Information and Application Form

Introduction

Distributed Learning is the current term used for courses taken by correspondence or distance learning. Students may opt to take a DL course for different reasons – perhaps the course they would like to take is not offered at their school; or perhaps the course is offered but doesn't fit into their timetable. Regardless of the reason, students in British Columbia can take DL courses anywhere in the province. The 'home' school should always be aware that one of their students is taking a course through distance education.

- While Distributed Learning can offer flexibility and additional options, it is not for every student and requires time management and student motivation to be completed
- The success rate in Distributed Learning is often lower than students who take the same course in the classroom - both in completion rate and in overall letter grade
- Students and parents should understand that it may not be possible to switch from a DL course to a similar course at GSS part way through the year, as it depends on space availability in a course

Before You Enroll ...

Can you say 'yes' to at least 5 of the following questions?

- ✓ I like being able to decide for myself when to do my schoolwork
- ✓ I am able to pace myself so that I do not leave everything to the last minute
- ✓ I am used to creating daily "TO DO" lists and being responsible for completing them
- ✓ I am comfortable managing my own schedule and I do not usually need reminders to complete tasks
- ✓ I enjoy working independently but will ask for clarification and help when I need it
- ✓ I am comfortable with being given instructions for an assignment and following them to complete the tasks on time
- ✓ I am comfortable using a computer for writing and research
- ✓ I enjoy reading

Responsibilities of the STUDENT:

- Help create and sign your learning plan and commit to the timeline for submission of work (as negotiated)
- Communicate with your teacher(s) regularly through a variety of ways – e-mail, telephone calls, mail, face-to-face, discussion boards, v-class, teleconferencing, submission of work
- Submit work in all active courses at least every two weeks, unless a different schedule is mutually agreed to

Responsibilities of the PARENT:

- Sign your child’s learning plan as a commitment to having your child adhere to the timelines for submission of work
- Communicate with your child’s teacher(s) regularly
- Oversee and support the work of your child, encouraging submission of work every two weeks

Requirements:

- Completion of prerequisite course
- Application form
- Parent/Student/Admin. meeting to officially register
- Refundable Textbook deposit

Application Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

The Course I would like to take through Distance Learning is:

By signing below, I indicate that I have read and understand the above information.

Student Signature

Parent Signature