

Message to Secondary Families who Selected Virtual Courses

April 6, 2021

Subject Line: In-Person and Virtual Secondary Course Selections

This e-mail is being sent to parents/guardians of students who have selected virtual courses for the 2021-22 school year

Dear Students and Parents or Guardians,

We are writing to follow up with you regarding your decision to select virtual courses for the 2021-22 school year now that all secondary students have completed the course selection process through their home school.

Given the lower interest in virtual course selections across the District, we wanted to inform you that we are now moving forward with a centralized virtual model similar to this year with DDSB@Home Secondary. As a result, we are providing students the option to change their decision between in-person and virtual learning and that there will be a [few more optional courses available](#) in grades 11 and 12.

If you no longer wish to enrol in virtual courses and want to switch to in-person learning, we need you to please click the link below to inform us of your intention to switch to in-person learning.

If you want your child to remain in virtual learning for the 2021-22 school year, you do not need to click the link or do anything further at this time.

Your child's name is: _____

Your child is currently enrolled in: **Virtual OR In-Person Learning**

[Click here](#) to access the parent portal to switch to in-person learning. Once you sign into the Parent Portal, you will need to click on the ["Learning Preference" tab located on the left-hand navigation bar](#) in order to inform us if you now prefer to switch to in-person learning.

The deadline to change your decision is Tuesday, April 20 at 11:59pm.

Important Information

Although the number of virtual courses are still limited, the change to a centralized virtual model means that there will be more virtual courses available for students to select. The new virtual course listing can be found [here](#). Please note that we cannot offer courses virtually that require an in-person component.

Once we confirm everyone's intention to be in virtual or in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year, we will be providing students enrolled in virtual learning and those who have switched to in-person learning the opportunity to revise their course selections. More information on how to do this will be shared with you after April 20.

We would like to remind you that this is a permanent choice for the upcoming school year as we are limited in our ability to transfer students to/from virtual learning due to how courses are timetabled based on student requests. We also require you to make this decision now in order to ensure that we can appropriately staff courses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in confirming your intention for the 2021-22 school year. If you are having trouble accessing the parent portal, please contact your home school's office.

Thank you,

Durham District School Board