Learning Models for Grades 7-9 Online Learning

At Sask DLC we are committed to supporting your success in online learning, which includes choosing the learning model that works best for you. Below is a comparison of the Synchronous Live Class and Asynchronous Class learning models for grades 7-9 that you can choose from, along with an overview of the resources provided to support your learning.

Learning Model Option Comparison

Model Highlights	Synchronous Live Class Model	Asynchronous Model
What are the benefits of this model?	• Great for students who thrive on structure, want to interact daily/frequently with their teacher and peers.	• Great for students who prefer to set their own learning schedule during the day or independently follow the teacher directed pace and timeline.
What is the role of the teacher and student?	• 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 and provides the resources needed, lessons, assessment, assignments and feedback.	• The students follow the online course content and/or the print package. • Teachers will offer weekly 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.

What is the role of the learning mentor/ parent?	• 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.	• The learning mentor determines the daily learning schedule, monitors progress, and ensures the work is completed and submitted on time. • They also provide additional help.
Outside of scheduled live meetings, when can students access their teachers?	• Teachers may be booked to meet with students and/or learning mentors based on their available schedules.	• Teachers may be booked to meet with students and/or learning mentors based on their available schedules.
Will students have access to additional supports?	• Yes, students can be connected with our student supports team, as needed.	• Yes, students can be connected with our student supports team, as needed.
What does communication look like?	• Weekly digital updates • Daily communication during live class meetings • Check-in emails/phone calls as needed • Parent Teacher Student conference evenings	• Weekly digital updates • Communication via weekly live class meetings • Check-in emails/phone calls as needed • Parent Teacher Student conference evenings
What does assessment look like?	• Teacher led student assessments • Student feedback is given during live classes and through written comments. • Student progress updates will be provided to parents regularly. • Teachers will meet online with students to assess skills in reading, writing, and math	• Teacher led student assessments • Student feedback is given through live classes and through written comments. • Student progress updates will be provided to parents regularly. • Teachers will meet online with students to assess skills in reading, writing, and math

What happens if the student misses a class or falls behind?	• The class teacher will provide the 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.	• 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.

Provided Resources

As an online school, we focus on providing high-quality resources to support the students online learning. Following confirmation of your enrollment in either the synchronous live class or asynchronous learning model, these resources will be mailed to you.

- The resources provided to support student learning are a combination of digital and print/physical copies. Resource selections are made by your teacher, based on your grade level.
- If you require any additional resources, please speak directly to your teacher.

For all students:

Are printers provided?	No
Do I need to buy school supplies?	Yes. The recommended school supply lists for is available here.
What technology do I need to learn online?	As we are an online school, all students need to have access to a computer (or similar device) with a reliable internet connection, headset/headphones and web camera. You may also want a printer/scanner if you prefer to work on hard copies for certain assignments.
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.

If you have any questions about online learning with Sask DLC, feel free to reach out to our main office at 306-252-1000 or email us at helpdesk@saskDLC.ca