

**What is the difference between
Distributed Learning, Homeschooling, and Temporary Transition?**

Comparisons at a Glance			
	Distributed Learning Program	Homeschooling	CISVA Temporary Transition
Follows the BC Curriculum	yes	no	yes
Learning is supervised by a BC-certified teacher	yes	no	yes / limited grade-level support from a teacher; at-home learning package to be completed at home
Student must use district or school approved resources	yes	no	yes
Student must be evaluated by a teacher and teachers must prepare a report card	yes	no	yes
Must participate in provincial testing (provincial and Foundation Skills Assessments)	yes	no	yes
Religious texts/resources may be used	yes	yes	yes
Status with school	enrolled (in a DL school)	registered	registered; regular tuition to school is to be paid

This is a “quick glance” at each option; it is not meant to be an exhaustive, detailed description. Most of the information below comes directly from the Ministry of Education website. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroom-alternatives>

Distributed Learning

In this style of learning, students can connect with their online teacher from anywhere in the world on their own schedule and their own terms. This approach is called distributed learning (DL).

Every DL school provides a BC certified teacher who works with each student to:

- Plan and deliver a course of study
- Get course textbooks and resources
- Assess student progress and complete a report card.

There are a number of public and independent distributed learning schools in the province.

- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 must take a full course load at one school.
- Students in Grades 8 to 12 may enrol in courses from a number of different distributed learning schools at one time.

The Ministry of Education approves the opening of any DL school; brick and mortar school can not just decide to offer a DL program option. The CISVA is not able to open a DL school.

In the younger grades, parent/care giver/family member is very involved in working hand in hand with the teacher.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroom-alternatives/online-distributed-learning>

Homeschooling

This is an alternative method of teaching offered outside the B.C. educational system. By law, all children in B.C. must be educated, making it necessary for homeschooled children to be registered. Typically, a family member delivers the entire educational program to children at home. The school does not supervise the educational program. Homeschoolers are not eligible to receive a BC Dogwood Graduation Certificate.

Homeschooling programs are **NOT**:

- Supervised by a B.C. certified teacher
- Required to meet provincial standards
- Inspected by the Ministry of Education.

Parents who choose to homeschool must register their child by September 30th of each year by contacting any one of the B.C. schools listed on the Ministry website

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroom-alternatives/homeschooling> in order to complete the registration process.

The school principal shall offer to the homeschooled child or the parent(s) free of charge:

- Evaluation and assessment services normally offered to the students at that independent school. The manner of evaluation and assessment to be provided to registered homeschooling families is totally up to the school. It could be something like the Canadian Test of Basic Skills, Gates McGinitie tests, or a comparable assessment. There are NO special needs assessments or evaluations provided by the school.
- Educational resource materials, on loan, which the school believes are sufficient to enable the child to pursue his/her educational program. Resources are loaned and/or rented to families. Schools may charge a rental fee and/or a deposit for the use of such resources.

CISVA's Temporary Transition Option:

It is the intention of the Ministry of Education that students return to full-time, in-person attendance at school on September 10, 2020. However, some families may not be ready to have their children return to full-time in-person instruction on this date.

This option allows your child to receive an at-home learning package with limited grade-level support from a teacher. It is important to note that this support will not be the same as that which was offered following Spring Break 2020.

Your child will maintain their classroom placement at their current school and will be able to transition to full-time in-person instruction at selected dates in the fall (dates to be determined). This is not intended to be a full-year option. Normal tuition applies for this option.