

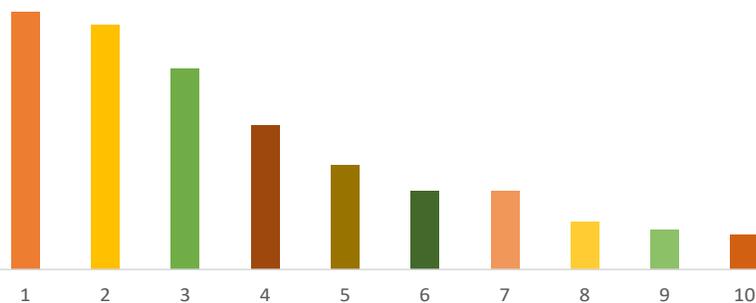


Students - Grades 9 to 12

What we asked: As we continue with learning at home, what are your challenges, successes, questions, and/or suggestions?

What we heard:

Common Themes: The common themes among the thoughts that were rated 4.0 and above



- Hours/Volume of Work/ Consistency
- Hard to Focus/Be Motivated
- Assignments/ Evaluation
- Need Contact/Online is Difficult
- Stress/Anxiety
- Family Stress/Life Balance
- Need Teacher-Led Learning
- Need Instructions/ Communication
- Online Platforms/ Resources
- Graduation/Post-Secondary

Top Thoughts, exactly as they were shared:

- "I feel that students who are essential workers are not being considered/properly supported in regards to schoolwork and assignment due dates. Not always having time to complete all of my assignments on time makes me worry about my grades and whether I will be able to graduate."
- "I find it very hard to stay focussed and motivated when I'm at home This makes it very hard to complete work that is of good quality."
- "It is very difficult to find motivation to learn and get work done while not in a classroom environment This is making it difficult to learn new material, it is a constant struggle to keep up."
- "Online school is more stressful. It's harder to navigate through due dates and homework/assignments. It's challenging to be motivated to work and learn when everyday feels like a weekend."
- "I'm actually missing being in a building Sitting right in front of your teachers and friends feels so much more natural than what's going on now."
- "One challenge I have is the homework assigned when there's a new unit. students don't Know what to do because they're teaching themselves the course. It's important because when there's a test, the students won't know what to do because the curriculum is everywhere right now and it's confusing."
- "Please get teachers to push deadlines later in the day. It's important because some of us are still working and others tend to sleep in for morning deadlines."
- "the main challenge im having at the moment is staying motivated and organized. some of my teachers are assigning more than 3 hours per week and the workload is more than i can mentally deal with right now. because were not in class i have no sense of routine anymore. i feel zero motivation or focus."
- "Not letting Senior's grades drop was a good decision made by the board. These are stressful times. Students should not loose their acceptances or scholarships because of the unfortunate circumstances."
- "Please explain in simple English how our final marks will be calculated There is a lot of speculation and confusion among the student body on how they will be calculated. The email sent explains it but not simple enough."

What's Next? We are currently using this feedback in these ways:

- To inform decision-making about next steps for supporting students and families;
- Working with principals to bring clarity to our practices;
- Doing some research to better understand some of the issues raised;
- Updating our FAQs to ensure parents and students have the answers they are looking for; and
- Sharing the key themes and trends as we work with our education partners so that we all benefit from this collective insight.

