

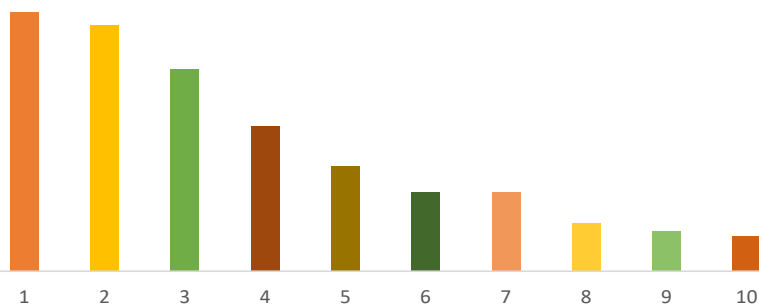


# Students - Grades 9 to 12

**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.

