

2021-22 Secondary School Learning Model Update

Dear Peel District School Board Families,

We are writing to share an important update regarding Peel District School Board's Secondary School Learning Model for the 2021-22 school year. With an increasing number of persons aged 12 and older getting immunized and the declining cases of COVID-19 in the region, we remain hopeful that schools and staff will return to in-person learning and working in the new school year. Balancing this optimism, with a continued vigilance to keep our schools and community safe by adhering to the direction provided by the Ministry of Education and Peel Public Health, we are able to share this 2021-22 secondary school update.

2021-22 PDSB Secondary Schools

From September 2021 to January 2022, PDSB secondary schools will follow a Modified Semester Model. The quadmester model will not be offered. This change to a Modified Semester is in accordance with Peel Public Health direction and will be more supportive of student learning, as we continue to make every effort to offer a safe learning and teaching environment for students and staff.

In the Modified Semester Model, students will take a total of four courses over 20 weeks (one semester). They will alternate by taking two courses one week, then two other courses the next week. The Modified Semester Model allows students and educators to engage in learning for a longer period of time in each course. Students will attend in-person or online for 150 minutes each morning followed by 150 minutes each afternoon, with a one-hour lunch break in between.

2021-22 student timetables will be distributed to students in late August/early September via email. In the meantime, please see the sample secondary school schedule below.

Modified Semester Model*

Each period is 150 minutes in length

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	AM Course #1 PM Course #2				

Week 2	AM Course #3				
	PM Course #4				
Week 3	AM Course #1				
	PM Course #2				
Week 4	AM Course #3				
	PM Course #4				

*Actual student timetables for the September 2021 to January 2022 Modified Semester will be distributed via email in late August/early September.

Learning Model Choice Survey

PDSB will survey families from July 12 to 30, to determine their preference for in-person or online learning during the Modified Semester that runs from Sept. 9, 2021 to Jan. 28, 2022, as per Ministry direction.

For families who choose online learning, their child(ren) will be engaged in a Community Learning Model, which allows students who are online to learn alongside their peers who are attending class in-person. This model has been offered in PDSB secondary schools since Nov. 18, 2020. For current secondary school students this means they will continue to have the option of learning in-person or online, while being taught by the same educator and remaining with their home school.

Importantly, the Community Learning Model allows for a smooth transition to a virtual learning environment, should PDSB be directed to do so by Peel Public Health or the Ministry of Education. For these pedagogical and health and safety reasons, the Community Learning Model is being implemented by a number of school boards.

More information about the Learning Model Options survey will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to plan and adapt to the changing health environment, while prioritizing the safety of students, staff and families.