**New Online Learning Provincial Policy (K-12) and Richmond Blended Learning Program**

The Ministry of Education is changing how Online Learning programs and courses are offered within BC.  Effective July 1, 2022, students will have two options for Online Learning:

1. Enroll in Online Learning courses within their current school district
2. Enroll in a Provincial Online Learning School

This change means that students will no longer be able to enroll in online courses that are offered in other school districts or through independent online schools.  The Ministry of Education has yet to announce details of the Provincial Online Learning Schools.

The great news for Richmond students is that Richmond Virtual School (RVS) offers a range of programs and courses for students in Gr. K-12.  Richmond Virtual School uses a blended learning approach that includes both online and face-to-face meetings, and this has resulted in RVS students earning results that are substantially higher than the provincial average.  RVS offers a full-time Kindergarten to Gr. 9 Blended Learning Program, the Richmond Academy of Innovative Learning (RAIL – Gr. 8-10) and the SKY (Gr. 11-12) program.  Additionally, students in grade 10-12 may enroll in individual RVS courses to supplement their catchment school schedule. Richmond Virtual School also offers summer learning courses and registration for summer and next school year is already open.

For more information on Richmond Virtual School, please visit <https://rvs.sd38.bc.ca>

For more general information on the new Provincial Online Learning Policy, please [click here.](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroom-alternatives/online-learning/model)

For a summary of the new Online Learning Model for BC, please [click here.](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/online-learning/online_learning_infosheet_september2021.pdf)