



Distance Learning Supports

Distance learning supports provide the opportunity and flexibility for both school-age and adult learners to study a wide range of Grades 9 to 12 compulsory and optional courses either as web-based courses or via the teacher-mediated option.

Web-Based Courses (WBCs)

WBCs are developed by Manitoba Education and are congruent with the current Manitoba Grades 9 to 12 curriculum. WBCs are available for all teachers to use as a resource or for online teaching. They can be accessed through the new provincial online LMS *Brightspace*. WBCs do not include assessments. Teachers may modify content and add assessments to meet the needs of their students. A variety of Grades 9 to 12 compulsory and optional courses are available. See www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/wbc/courses/index.html for English courses and www.edu.gov.mb.ca/m12/appdist/cours.html for French courses.

Audience: Manitoba teachers

- Grade levels: 9 to 12
- Manitoba teachers may use the department-developed courses as reference material to inform their own teacher-directed learning.
- Manitoba teachers may request a copy of the department-developed course and enroll students to provide an online teaching and learning environment.

New Services

- The *Brightspace* LMS is available to teachers who can register their students in department-developed WBCs or create their own courses in the LMS. In addition, the WBCs are available for preview and download by teachers, and they can be shared with students via school or school division online platforms or as print materials.
- Access to the LMS and WBCs is available by completing the *Brightspace* Teacher Registration Form at forms.gov.mb.ca/teacher-brightspace/.

- Once your *Brightspace* account is created, you can log into the LMS and request a WBC.
- Manitoba Education is providing *Brightspace* training for teachers and will support a Help Desk function for *Brightspace* users.
- There is online training available to learn the tools and features of *Brightspace*, as well as training in best practices for online/distance learning. Teachers can sign up via the Workshop Registration System at <https://web36.gov.mb.ca/workshops/PI?action=Start>.
- For more information and instructions on how to request a WBC, go to www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/.
- For more information on WBCs, visit www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/wbc/index.html for English courses and www.edu.gov.mb.ca/m12/appdist/cours.html for French courses.
- There are no fees to access these courses or to use the *Brightspace* LMS.

Teacher-Mediated Option (TMO)

The TMO delivers high school courses in a unique way, via teleconference or virtual classroom. Students can choose to call in to class by phone or log in through a Zoom classroom and join the teacher for LIVE scheduled instruction. Internet connectivity is not essential. All compulsory courses and a few elective courses are offered. See <http://tmopinecreeksd.weebly.com/>.

- TMO Brochure (see www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/docs/tmo.pdf)
- For more information, please contact TMO Teacher Leader Tammy Kruse at tkruse@pinecreeksd.mb.ca.