

Sask DLC Newsletter

August 2024

Welcome to the 2024 / 25 Sask DLC school year!

The new school year starts **September 3**, and we are SO excited to start learning with you! We hope you had a fantastic summer filled with fun and relaxation. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time at Sask DLC, we're eager to start this incredible year together. Let's make new friends, learn new things, and create unforgettable memories. It's going to be a fantastic year, and we're so happy to have each and every one of you here!

You can also access our 2024-25 school calendar and suggested school supply lists at <u>www.saskDLC.ca</u>

Where do I find my courses?

A reminder email is being sent to all students registered in courses providing you with your DLCgo login information and your Microsoft account login. This is an important email to keep so you always have access to your login information. If you haven't received your DLCgo login information yet, be sure to check your junk mail and set Sask DLC as a safe sender in your email account.

<u>DLCgo</u> is our online platform where you will access all your courses, submit your work to your teacher and see your grades and progress in your course. Each student has a unique login to the system and parent and guardians also have a login to be able to support their child and see how they are progressing.

We encourage you to log in now to get familiar with your dashboard so you're ready for the first day of school! Just a reminder though that your classes won't appear in DLCgo until September 3.

Getting Started in Kindergarten to Grade 9

Your teachers are eagerly awaiting to meet you on Tuesday! That morning, you can expect a welcome email from your teacher with further instructions on when you will have your first class meeting as well as lots of great information to get you started for the year.

Please know that your teacher is there to help you be successful and you can contact them at any time! In the first few days, your teacher will work with you to develop Student Expectations and will share that information with your family. This is a codeveloped (teacher and student) document that will talk about how we treat ourselves, others, our environment and how we can do our best learning! Parents and learning mentors play a key role in students' success learning online. With that in mind, we are working on an updated system to help you stay informed about your child's progress and grades, ensuring they have regular feedback on their work. You can stay tuned for more information on this from your teacher later this fall!

Marks and Progress Reports for Grade 10 – 12 students

Are you wondering how to check your grades, progress and feedback for your course? It's easy! After you submit your work and your teacher marks it, you will get an email saying your assignment has been graded. To see your grades, log into DLCgo, click on your course, and choose "Grades" on the top of the screen. There is also a progress bar on the student's dashboard that shows how far along you are in the course.

Parents, you can also check your child's progress and grades anytime. You just log into your own DLCgo account, select the student's name at the top of the dashboard, and click the "Login" link next to the course you want to view. Once in the course, the progress bar on the main page (top right) shows how much progress has been made. Parents can also click the "Grades" link on the top navigation of each course to see the assignments and grades.

In addition to DLCgo updates, we keep parents and students updated on progress by sending out progress reports on the first working day of each month.

If you don't have your DLCgo login information, please check your junk email and list Sask DLC as a safe sender so important emails go to your inbox. If you can't access your DLCgo login information, please submit a help desk ticket by sending an email to <u>helpdesk@saskDLC.ca</u> asking for your login information.

How do I access programs likes Word, Excel, etc.?

As a Sask DLC student, we are provided with a Microsoft Account that will support your online learning by giving you access to:

- Microsoft programs such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.
- Microsoft Teams where you are able to message your teacher and join class meetings
- Access to additional resources specific to your courses.

All students are encouraged to use their Microsoft accounts to maximize their online learning experience.

You can access instructions on how to set-up and access your Microsoft Account here.

How do I get help?

Learning online doesn't mean you're on your own! Your teachers, academic advisors, and support staff are here to help. Whether it's through a Teams call, phone call, or an

in-person meeting at one of our Sask DLC campuses, we're here to support your success. Don't hesitate to reach out to your teacher if you have any questions about your course or schedule!

You also have access to an online support portal that can help with common questions or technical support by browsing help articles. If you can't find the answer that you're looking for, you can submit a help desk ticket by Signing Up in the top right corner on the home screen to create your account. This is a great page to bookmark and refer back to as needed: <u>Support: Sask DLCStudent Services</u>.

Full-time online Sask DLC students in Grade 10 – 12 each have an Academic Advisor that will be reaching out this fall, if they haven't already, to ensure you are enrolled in the correct courses to fulfill your graduation plan. If you would like to book a time with your Academic Advisor, log into DLCgo, click on the How To Contact Your DLC Academic Advisor course and find a date and time that work for you.

Government of Saskatchewan Cell Phone Policy

This summer, the <u>Government of Saskatchewan announced</u> a policy direction restricting the use of personal electronic devises, such as cell phones, in all schools during class time. Sask DLC is in the process of drafting an Administrative Procedure specific to our online learning environment that will be shared with all families shortly.

Sask DLC expects that students refrain from using their phones or other electronic devices for non-class/school related activities during class meetings, tests or work time.

We ask that all parents and students be mindful of this so that we can focus on learning together!

All Sask DLC Administrative Procedures are available on our website at: <u>www.saskDLC.ca/administrative-procedures</u>.

Upcoming

Here are a few dates to keep in mind:

- September 3 First day of School
- September 8 Literacy Day in Saskatchewan
- September 10 Youth Safety Education Day
- September 15 Students wanting to take Synchronous live classes are
 - encouraged to register before September 15
- September 30
 - $_{\circ}$ $\,$ No School for students and education staff
 - Orange Shirt Day and National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 - Students wanting to take courses with work placements in Semester 1 are highly encouraged to register before September 30

- October 4 Teacher PD Day; No school for students
- October 14 Thanksgiving; No school for students and staff
- November 5 and 6 Parent Teacher Student Conferences

Coming soon.....

We are very close to launching a new website just for our students and families! This website will have information on our clubs, upcoming events, school calendar, student and staff celebrations and more. Stayed tuned for further information!

Sask DLC Store

Check out our <u>Sask DLC store</u> to find a selection of school clothing, gifts, and more!

Watch for your next Sask DLC Family Newsletter the week of September 16!