



**SUNSHINE COAST PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEARNING FRAMEWORK FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS  
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The social and emotional well-being of our students, their families, and our staff is our first priority and the foundation of our Learning Framework. With this in mind we have established guidelines which we believe are achievable and reasonable in most circumstances. We understand deeply that our students and families' reality has changed very quickly and that every family has its challenges in this time. Our staff are fully respectful of this and will support our students in the best way for each of them. What remains the same is that connecting with your child through warmth and delight will support them each in their own way as confident and capable learners.

- Students from kindergarten to grade 4 can expect to spend approximately five hours per week on focused learning activities that will be guided by their teacher. Students in grades 5 to grade 7 can expect to spend approximately 7.5 hours per week on learning activities.
- The time will be supportive and relevant to the British Columbia curriculum. This includes a strong consideration of the core competencies as well as literacy and numeracy. Other subject areas will be integrated into this learning as determined by each classroom teacher.
- Elementary teachers will connect with each of their students on a weekly basis to ensure connections, well-being, and academic progress.
- Individual Education Plans continue to be in effect.
- Learning may involve collaboration, exploration, skill practice, research, sharing, creating, building and more.
- Technology has an important role to play in learning and communicating, but is not the focus at the elementary level. Technology is a tool for learning rather than an outcome.
- Students will be assessed by their teachers on the learning that takes place. Students will receive a final mark in the subject areas that will be experienced during this time.
- Students and their families should feel free to explore other learning options beyond this recommended time. Our district website (<https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/covid-19-sharing-information/>) has many online resources to explore, as well as links to the Ministry of Education (<https://www.openschool.bc.ca/keeplearning/>) which provides additional support.
- With students spending most of their time at or near home, there are significant opportunities for service learning. This can include daily routines such as making one's bed, helping with meal preparation, cleaning the home and yard, playing with younger children and reaching out to family and friends, remotely, to maintain personal connections.
- We very strongly encourage our students and their families to enjoy physical activities of all sorts including going for walks, exploring nature, and playing outside.