

**Information for students and parents/guardians
Labour Disruption in Rainbow secondary schools
April 23, 2015**

1. How will special education services be affected in the event of a labour disruption?

In the event of a full withdrawal of services, all instructional programs for Grades 9 to 12 will be cancelled and all secondary schools will be closed to students, including students who have special needs. Parents of students with special needs who have community-based case co-ordination are encouraged to contact their co-ordinator or agency to enquire about supports similar to March break or summer holidays.

2. Will my child receive a mid-term report card?

Mid-term report cards were issued for all secondary school students the week of April 20, 2015. If you have any questions, please call your school Principal.

**3. Will Grade 12 students be granted their final marks?
What about final marks for students in Grades 9 to 11?**

Rainbow District School Board has been in discussion with the Ministry of Education and they are considering options. If there is a prolonged strike, the mid-term grades may serve as the final marks. That determination will be made in the weeks to come. Please note: This would apply for Grades 9 to 12.

4. How will marks for students in Grade 12 be transferred to universities and colleges?

Mid-term grades for Grade 12 students have been submitted to universities and colleges through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) - www.ouac.on.ca and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) - www.ontariocolleges.ca.

To verify your mark submissions to OUAC, please visit:

<http://www.ouac.on.ca/ugrad-tutorials-ouac-105/transcript-105-review-change/>

To verify your mark submission to OCAS, please visit:

<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply/transcripts>

Colleges, universities and the application centres are monitoring labour developments, and will work together to offer as much flexibility as possible in the application process, particularly in circumstances outside of the applicant's control.

5. How will field trips, excursions, extra-curricular activities, Co-operative Education / OYAP placements and Dual Credits be affected?

Should there be a full withdrawal of services by secondary teachers and secondary occasional teachers, extra-curricular activities, field trips, school events and Co-operative Education / Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) placements will be cancelled for the duration of the strike. Please note that Dual Credits will continue.

6. Will my child be able to access courses of study and other learning resources during the labour disruption?

Resources will be available through the Rainbow District School Board website at rainbowschools.ca.

In the event of a labour disruption, it is important that students complete the work they have been assigned and prepare for their final evaluations. Students and parents/guardians should work on the assumption that school will resume and studies will continue.

Students are encouraged to continue their learning through self-directed study. Students are also encouraged to participate in community volunteer hours.

Please note that self-directed study assignments completed will not be assessed or evaluated.

7. Will community use of school permits be affected by labour disruption?

Community use of schools during evenings and weekends will continue as scheduled.

8. Where can I get more information?

We are committed to keeping you informed. Updated information will be posted on the Board's website at rainbowschools.ca