

**Information for students and parents/guardians
Labour Disruption in Rainbow secondary schools
May 11, 2015**

1. How are special education services being affected by the labour disruption?

All instructional programs for Grades 9 to 12 have been cancelled and all secondary schools have been closed to students since April 27, 2015, 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. Did 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. My child is attending a college or university outside of Ontario. How will they receive my child's marks?

Please contact the Principal of your child's secondary school for a letter to remit to the college or university outside of Ontario.

6. How are field trips, excursions, extra-curricular activities, Co-operative Education / OYAP placements and Dual Credits being affected?

Extra-curricular activities, field trips, school events and Co-operative Education / Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) placements have been cancelled for the duration of the strike. Please note that Dual Credits continue.

7. Will there be graduation ceremonies?

There will be graduation ceremonies for Grade 12 students. Please contact the Principal of your child's secondary school for more information.

8. How long could the strike last?

We do not know how long the strike could last. We remain ready and willing to negotiate with OSSTF - District 3. We thank students and parents/guardians for their ongoing patience.

9. Is my child able to access courses of study and other learning resources during the labour disruption?

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

During the 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.

10. Are community use of school permits affected by labour disruption?

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

11. 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