

## AP 2109: Online Learning

### Background:

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) (SD8) is committed to providing quality online learning opportunities to students through a local and Provincial Online Learning School. Online Learning means a method of instruction that relies primarily on communication between students and teachers by means of the internet and a digital device.

The District offers a comprehensive online learning program. The program provides Ministry of Education and Child Care funded courses and programs for students who are ordinarily resident in British Columbia. Programs include elementary, secondary, and adult graduation.

### Procedures:

1. Under the direction of the Director of Instruction - Indigenous Education and Learning Services and under the direct supervision of the District Principal of Online Learning and Student Information, the District will meet or exceed the [Standards for K-12 Online Learning in British Columbia](#).
2. Education may be delivered through online learning in alignment with section 75 of the *School Act* and Ministry of Education and Child Care agreements and policies to students ordinarily resident in British Columbia.
3. The District will provide a tuition-free educational program by means of online learning, which consists of either provincial or Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses and applies to the Literacy Foundations and Academic Upgrading courses.
4. The District will make available supplemental supports available for online learners; in particular, Inclusive Education, Indigenous Education, and English Language Learning supports.
5. The District will strive to achieve a full participation rate of learners who take all or part of their educational program through online learning, in either the Foundation Skills Assessments or an equivalent assessment to be determined by the Ministry.
6. The District will provide appropriate support for testing services and supervision, timely sharing of learner information and records, coordinating reports to learners and to the Ministry, and any other service to support learners within a coordinated province-wide online learning system.
7. The District will employ only educators who have prior experience or training in teaching using online learning methods and provide ongoing online learning related training and professional development for educators.