

E-8 At-Home Learning Without an In-Person Learning Option Policy

This policy outlines the conditions under which Calgary Arts Academy (CAA) may offer at-home learning without an in-person option, while ensuring compliance with Alberta Education regulations and the Education Act. This policy applies to all students enrolled at Calgary Arts Academy from Year 1 through Year 12 in situations where in-person instruction is not feasible.

1. CAA will consider the following factors when determining a shift to at-home learning:

- Safety concerns that render school facilities unusable (e.g., fire, flood, structural damage).
- Equitable access to learning, especially in emergencies.
- Availability of technology and student connectivity.
- Programming needs (synchronous or asynchronous delivery).
- Ability to provide mandated instructional hours and meet curricular outcomes.

2. Where possible, CAA will consider providing in-person learning at alternative locations such as:

- Partner schools in the community.
- Public facilities (e.g., libraries, community halls).
- Other CAA-owned buildings.

3. CAA will ensure the following measures are in place:

- Fulfillment of minimum instructional hours under the Education Act.
- Clear expectations for student attendance and participation.
- Alignment with Alberta curriculum and support for participation in provincial assessments.
- Provision of evaluation and progress reporting for students.

4. CAA will make reasonable efforts to support all students in accessing at-home learning, including:

- Provision or loan of necessary technology and devices.
- Printed materials for students lacking internet access.
- Language support for English Language Learners.
- Specialized support for students with disabilities or exceptional needs.

5. If a shift to at-home learning exceeds three days:

- The superintendent will contact Alberta Education's Field Services Manager to discuss the situation.
- A formal request for exemption will be submitted with rationale, impacted grades, mitigation strategies, and plans for continuity.
- CAA will comply with Alberta Education's decision regarding the exemption.