

Quebec Virtual Academy – Parent Information

An initiative of the Ministère de l'Éducation with the participation of the nine English school boards.

Presentation of the pilot project

Over the last several months, we have had to adapt and, together, have helped sustain the major shift toward digital technology in education. Experience has shown us that we need to be prepared to face a variety of situations. Digital technology has enabled us to meet students' needs and it will be possible to continue to do so after the pandemic. Therefore, it is appropriate to continue field testing with distance education.

In the spring of 2022, the English Montreal School Board submitted a pilot project on behalf of the anglophone community. We are pleased to announce that the pilot project was accepted.

What does the pilot project consist of?

Aware of the current challenges, the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) would like to identify the most promising approaches and practices in distance education. As part of this process, educational institutions are being given an opportunity to better meet the needs of certain students.

For its part, the MEQ undertakes to support school staff members by making a set of resources, either existing or under development, available to them.

Although physical school attendance is compulsory and beneficial for all students, we understand that for some students that this may pose a challenge and as a result, the following project has emerged.

In collaboration with the MEQ, students in the following situation may be eligible for the delivery of remote education to complete all their academic requirements.

- Student with a long-term medical condition who cannot attend school in presence because of the severity of their needs. All requests must be accompanied by a recent (less than three months) recommendation from a professional in the Health and/or Social Services Sector;
- Student in a Sport-étude program/elite athlete whose academic needs cannot be met in their local school, due to lack of accessibility to specific courses (e.g. scientific math, chemistry, physics) or distance and scheduling conflict with the sport organization and school;
- Student who lives in a rural area whose academic needs cannot be met in their local school, due to lack of accessibility to specific courses (e.g. scientific math, chemistry, physics) and where transportation to an alternative school is not an option.

The project has been accepted for the 2022-2023 school year.

Your involvement as a parent:

- Authorize your child's participation in the project by filling in the attached consent form.
- Explain the pilot project and their participation in it to your child.
- Collaborate with the school: read the documents related to the project, complete all school forms, provide all necessary documentation.
- Provide a suitable setup for your child to work remotely.

Should your child meet the criteria of this project and you are interested in applying, please complete the application form through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/SVRwgi3Cja>

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