



January Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope 2026 has been a good start for you and that your year ahead will be filled with accomplishments and successes. YouLearn staff are here to help if you need. Please reach out either in person at one of the centres or online via email or Teams. Set some achievable goals for yourself, really sharpen your focus this month, and make as much progress in your courses as you can.

The second semester begins Thursday, January 29. High school dually enrolled students, be sure you have your schedules and are ready to start. If you haven't signed up for classes but are still hoping to, connect with your school's counsellor ASAP.

All students are expected to adhere to semester course completion timelines, unless otherwise agreed upon with their mentor teachers. If you started a course in the early fall, you should complete it by the end of the month. If this is not the case, contact your mentor teacher who will help you create a new course completion timeline and review your second semester choices. If you are close to finishing a course but need a few extra days, keep working and submit your assignments ASAP.

Please note the K-9 student Informal Reports will be completed for February 2 and the Gr. 10-12 Summary of Learning, Student Core Competency and Goal Reflections on January 28.

Finally, we will have a Parent Advisory Council this year. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time in supporting YouLearn students. More information to follow.

Sincerely,
B. Burns

Important Dates

January 5

Back to School

January 12 - 30

Assessments

January 28

Grades 10-12 Summary of Learning Updates

Inquiry Day

Early Dismissal @ Noon



Early Years Program (Grades K-6)

Welcome back! We hope you all had a safe Winter Break.

Guardians, please remember to connect with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

Informal Reports (Academic Reviews) are due February 2nd.

Connections Club

Come get social!

Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3pm
starting October 24th

Join Megan, Shelley, and Jessica
as we plan fun activity afternoons with students!



Middle Years Program (Grades 7-9)

Guardians, please remember to connect with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

Students should be progressing in both Science and Social Studies during this time.

Informal Reports (Academic Reviews) are due February 2nd.



Happy New Year!

Secondary Program (Grades 10-12)



Semester 1 Summary of Learning updates are scheduled to be published to the Parent and Student Portals on Wednesday, January 28th. Emails were sent to guardians and students during the second week of January with instructions on how to get started in the Portal, if not already done so. More instructions on the Portal can be found at the bottom of this newsletter or on [our website](#).

If you cannot access the Portal, please contact Jessica at the office who can provide additional help: youlearn@sd53.bc.ca or (250)498-4597 Ext. 89000.

We can provide physical copies of Learning Updates upon request (note that physical copies of Learning Updates are mailed to guardians by default for students in our K-6 and 7-9 programs, but not for students in our 10-12 and adult programs).

Assessments

January Assessments have been scheduled with students' mentor teachers and will be taking place between January 12th to January 30th. This session will host Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12 Assessments.

If you missed this month's assessment registration deadline, please reach out to your mentor teacher as soon as possible to see if we can find you a date to write.

Registration for the 2025-26 school year is open!

Please fill out [THIS FORM](#) to register.

If you have any questions, please call our office at (250) 498-4597 or email ylregistrations@sd53.bc.ca

Note: Only students within our district's catchment area can register with YouLearn.ca. Out of district students must register with one of their local schools or a [Provincial Online Learning School](#).

Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year!
from YouLearn.ca





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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2026-2027 Registration for Children Born in 2021:
January 12 to March 13, 2026

- Children who will be five years old by December 31, 2026, may begin their first year of Kindergarten in September 2026. These will be children who were born in 2021.
- Please bring your child's birth certificate and medical card with you, as well as proof of residency. Should you require further details, please contact your local school.
- Parents may defer the entry of their child into Kindergarten for one year but registration must occur in the following school year.
- Early registration assists the district with plans for September 2026. Also, Kindergarten spaces in a school may be limited and placement is done on a first come, first serve basis.

SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMATION

- **CAWSTON PRIMARY**
250-485-4434
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OKANAGAN FALLS ELEMENTARY**
250-497-5414
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OLIVER ELEMENTARY**
250-498-3468
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **TUC-EL-NUIT ELEMENTARY**
250-498-3415
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OSOYOOS ELEMENTARY**
250-485-4444
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **YOULEARN**
250-498-4597
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



YouLearn.ca's Career Programs Summary

Period	Program	Details
September	Health Care Sampler	2 days per week online and 2 days per month on campus in Penticton.
September	Information Technology (Computers) Sampler	(Offered every other year) 1 day online and 1 day on campus each week in Penticton.
September	Early Childhood Educator	2 days online each week and 2 days each month on campus in Penticton.
February	Chef Program Camosun College	Online self-paced lessons with a lab one afternoon in Oliver.
February	Trades Sampler	4 days each week in Penticton for 16 weeks.
July	Emergency Medical Responder	5 weeks during the Summer Break.
May	Royal Canadian Mounted Police Jean Minguy Youth Academy	10 days in Vernon in the spring. <u>Deadline to apply is in early January.</u> Recommended participants are grade 12 students.
May	Inclusive Trades Sampler	1 day in each secondary school. Recommended participants are grade 10 students.
All Year Intake	Nail Technician	Kelowna - Marvel College
All Year Intake	Dual Credit College Programs	Penticton and Kelowna Campuses Some common programs include automotive services technician, welding, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.

Please contact YouLearn.ca's Career Education Teacher, Steve Pozzobon, if you are interested in taking any of the above programs!

YouLearn.ca's Career Programs – Health Sampler Information

Interested in any of the following career paths?

Health Office Administration

Dental Health

Pharmacy

Nursing

Social Work and Counselling

Allied Health

**Enroll in YouLearn's Health Sampler program today!
in partnership with Okanagan College**

This 120-hour course is a gateway to the dynamic world of health care professions. It will provide students with an opportunity to explore a variety of high demand health care careers, sample job tasks, and identify educational requirements for entry into the profession. The learning experience is designed to help students choose a health career path that aligns with their passion and skills.

Enrollment Requirements

Students must be in Grade 11 or 12

Credits Earned

Students will earn 4 credits (one course) at the Grade 12 Level

Dates

February 2nd to June 17th

Times & Locations

Tuesdays and Thursdays Online from 6-9 pm

+ every second Saturday at the Okanagan College Penticton Campus

- Learn common terminology used in health care settings.
- Build therapeutic relationships with professional practice standards.
- Understand scope of practice and interprofessional health care teams.
- Develop cultural sensitivity and inclusive practices.
- Identify labour market needs, job opportunities in the local area, and how to prepare and apply to college programs.

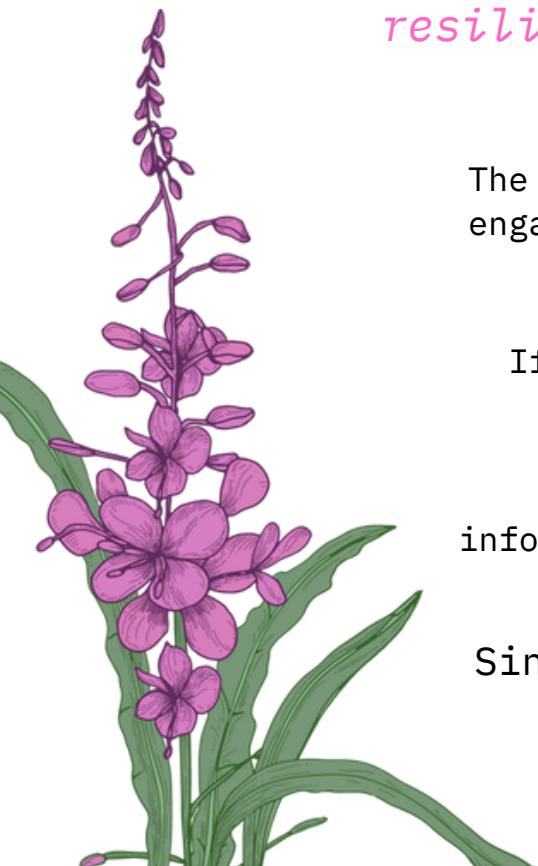
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The Fireweed Collective

A group for children &
youth who have
experienced primary loss

Why fireweed? ...with its ability to thrive in disturbed areas, long blooming season, and wind dispersed seeds, fireweed is a stunning symbol of rejuvenation and new growth after destructive events. Its beauty and resilience are truly remarkable



The Collective is a multi-age group who meets monthly to engage in nature-based social activities. The purpose of 'being around others who just get it'.

If your child has experienced the death of a parent, caregiver, or sibling, please reach out to your school's Administrator if you would like further information or to register your child/teen for the group.

Sincerely, The District Counselling Team, ICY & Healthy Schools



2025/2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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November 2025

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January 2026

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March 2026

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May 2026

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 Stat/School Holidays

 Non-Instructional Days

 Secondary Exam Days

 Year End Administration

October 2025

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December 2025

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February 2026

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April 2026

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June 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1	Labour Day
September 2	Schools Open
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconcil.
October 13	Thanksgiving Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 22	Christmas Break Begins
January 5	Schools Re-Open
January 23-27	Secondary Exam Days
January 28	Second Semester Begins
February 16	Family Day
March 16	Spring Break Begins
March 30	School Re-Open
April 3	Good Friday
April 6	Easter Monday
May 18	Victoria Day
June 22 to 24	Secondary Exam Days
June 25	Last Day of Classes
June 26	Administrative Day (School Closed for Students)

Number of Days in Session 192

Number of Days of Instruction 184

DISTRICT NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

October 24 – Professional Development Day
February 13 – Professional Development Day
March 23 to 27 - Connected to Spring Break

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Schools will notify parents of early dismissal times
Also available on our website: <http://www.sd53.bc.ca/>

Cawston/Keremeos: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10

Osoyoos: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10

Oliver/OK Falls: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10

District wide early dismissal days for Inquiry Time are indicated on calendar with this symbol { }

Family Conferences

October 22: CPS, OKF, OES, OSE, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN

April 9: CPS, OKF, OES, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN

April 9 and/or 10: OSE

We are an innovative learning community where all members are supported in their academic, social, and mental well-being equipped with the skills and experiences necessary to thrive in a diverse and changing world.

SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

Cawston Primary School

Principal: Amanda Palmer

Phone: 250-485-4434

Fax: 250-499-5288

Hours: 8:38am-2:30pm

DISTRICT CONTACTS – 250-498-3481

Marcus Toneatto

Superintendent of Schools

Subra Paliappa

Secretary Treasurer

Naryn Searcy

Director of Learning & Inquiry

Debby Sansome

Director of Facilities

Susan Trower

Manager of Human Resources

Heather Rose

Director of Student Services

Melia Dirk

District Vice Principal, Early

Learning & Childcare

Okanagan Falls Elem. School

Principal: Katie Poole

Phone: 250-497-5414

Fax: 250-497-8279

Hours: 8:30am-2:27pm

Oliver Elementary School

Principal: Scott Tremblay

Phone: 250-498-3468

Fax: 250-498-0339

Hours: 8:30am-2:23pm

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Rob Zandee

Debbie Marten

Casey Brouwer

Sholeh Pickell

Christine Watson

Karen Clayton

Brenda Dorosz

Osoyoos Secondary School

Principal: Dave Foster

Phone: 250-485-4433

Fax: 250-495-2669

Hours: 8:35am-2:45pm

Similkameen Elem. Sec. School

Principal: Stacey Smith

Phone: 250-499-2727

Fax: 250-499-2411

Elem Hours: 8:30am-2:35pm

Sec Hours: 8:30am-2:40pm

PARENT AND STUDENT APPEALS:

Where a decision of an employee of the Board significantly affects the education, health or safety of a student, the parent/guardian of the student, or the student may, within a reasonable time from the date that the parent/guardian or student was informed of the decision, appeal that decision to the Board. Further information regarding the appeal process can be obtained [HERE](#).

Southern Okanagan Sec. School

Principal: Bev Young

Phone: 250-498-4931

Fax: 250-498-6957

Hours: 8:30am-2:45p

ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED:

YouLearn.ca – Online Learning & Continuing Education

Principal: Brad Burns

Phone: 250-498-4597

Mid-Year Reports: Date to be determined by each school

Final Report: Thursday, June 25, 2026



IGNITE EF COACHING
PRESENTS

Deepening EF Skills and Establishing Independence

**Join us for the next session exploring
Executive Functions and how simple
solutions and strategies can help build
resilience and perseverance for your
whole family.**

**TUESDAY JAN 27
DINNER PROVIDED @ 5:00
SESSION @ 5:30-6:30**

OIB COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 MyEducationBC

The MyEducationBC (MyEdBC) application is a secure portal used in most school districts in the Province of BC. Security is guided by the rules and regulations of the School Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). If you have any questions or concerns please contact your school principal.

2 Logging In

A **Login ID** and a temporary **Password** will be provided to you by email at the time your account is created. The email will come from 'sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca'.

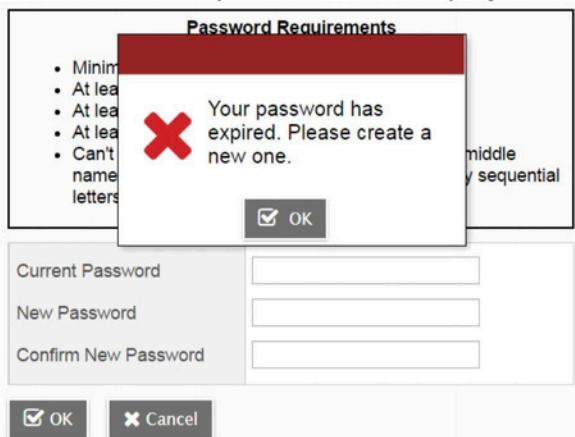
The MyEdBC website is: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

1. Enter your **Login ID** and temporary **Password**
2. Click **Log On**



The screenshot shows the MyEducation BC Prod login interface. It features a 'Login ID' input field, a 'Password' input field, and a 'Forgot my password' link. Below these fields is a 'Log On' button.

3. You will be prompted to change your password. '**Current Password**' is the temporary Password you were provided. Enter a '**New Password**' and '**Confirm New Password**'. Password requirements are displayed behind the red warning message.



The screenshot shows a password change dialog box. It includes a 'Password Requirements' section with a red warning message: 'Your password has expired. Please create a new one.' and an 'OK' button. Below this are fields for 'Current Password', 'New Password', and 'Confirm New Password', each with its own input field. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

4. You will be prompted to confirm your email address and enter your Security Preferences by choosing a security question and answer that you will remember. This will allow you to use the 'Forgot my Password' function on the logon page, should you need to reset your password.

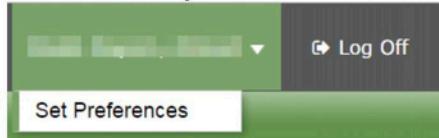
Security Preferences Update

To enable self serve password recovery, please provide the following information

Primary email	<input type="text" value="████████"/>
Security question	<input type="text" value="████████"/>
Security answer	<input type="text"/>
Confirm answer	<input type="text"/>

2.1 Preferences

After you have logged in, you can make changes to your preferences by selecting the drop down arrow beside your name and 'Set Preferences' in the top right of the screen.



2.2 Password Recovery

If you forget your MyEdBC Portal Password, you can click the 'I forgot my password' link on the login screen and an email will be sent to you with a new temporary password.

MyEducation BC Prod

Login ID	<input type="text"/>
Password	<input type="text"/>
I forgot my password	
<input type="button" value="Log On"/>	

3 Navigation

Top Tabs: There are four **Top Tabs** on the main page. The Top Tab you are currently viewing will be highlighted.

Side Tabs: The tabs along the side will change depending on the current Top Tab

Welcome to MyEducation BC SDTest

Refreshed with PROD data as of 5PM, Friday, Nov. 24/2017

Release 5.8 Outage notice

The MyEducation BC SDTest environment will be offline from **5 pm on Friday Dec. 1, 2017 to 7 am on Monday Dec. 4, 2017** while the application is being updated to Release 5.8. District Verification of the release will begin in the environment on Dec. 6.

Recent Activity		Published Reports	
Search:	Last 30 days	Filename	DateUploaded
▼ [REDACTED] (4)	Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grades <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Report Cards - Middle Years and Secondary	30/01/2017 9:33 AM
• 11/23/2017 - Term Grades Posted (GRADUATION TRANSITIONS) Teacher: [REDACTED]		Creator: [REDACTED] Description: Report card for [REDACTED]	

No published reports

3.1 Pages Top Tab

You will land on the Pages top tab every time you log in. There will be notices about upcoming system outages and other information from the Provincial service provider.

The main landing Page includes:

Recent Activity - information about recently posted student attendance and some mark information.

Published Reports - When a report card is published to the portal, it will appear under the Published Reports heading as a hyperlinked PDF document. You will receive an email that it has been published to the portal.

Welcome to MyEducationBC SDTest

Weekly Maintenance Windows - Outages may be required

Every Wednesday from 6:00 to 11:00 pm and every Sunday from 6:00 to 11:00 am. If outages are required, the Production environment will be unavailable during these windows.

Recent Activity		Published Reports	
Search:	Last 30 days	Filename	DateUploaded
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		[1 - 1 of 1]	

Click on Page Directory to see other web pages that you have access to. Click **Add** to add the Page to your view. The added Page will now be available in the Pages list on the left.



3.2 Family Top Tab

This tab contains your child's demographic details. Each **Side Tab** contains specific information. If you have more than one child, the Family top tab will allow you to select a student (using the checkbox beside the student name) then click on the available side tabs to see details about the student you selected.

A screenshot of the MyEducationBC Parent Portal showing the "Family" tab selected. The top navigation bar includes "Richmond 2017-2018", "Log Off", and tabs for "Pages", "Family", "Academics", and "Schools". The "Family" tab is highlighted with a green bar. The main content area is titled "Students". On the left, a vertical sidebar lists "Details", "Contacts", "Transcript", "Assessments", "Schedule", "Membership", and "Notification". The main area shows a table with columns: "Name", "DOB", "Grade", and "School > Name". There is one row of data with a checkbox next to the name. A "Search on Name" bar and a "0 of 1 selected" link are at the top of the table area. The text "Active Students" is in the top right corner of the table area.

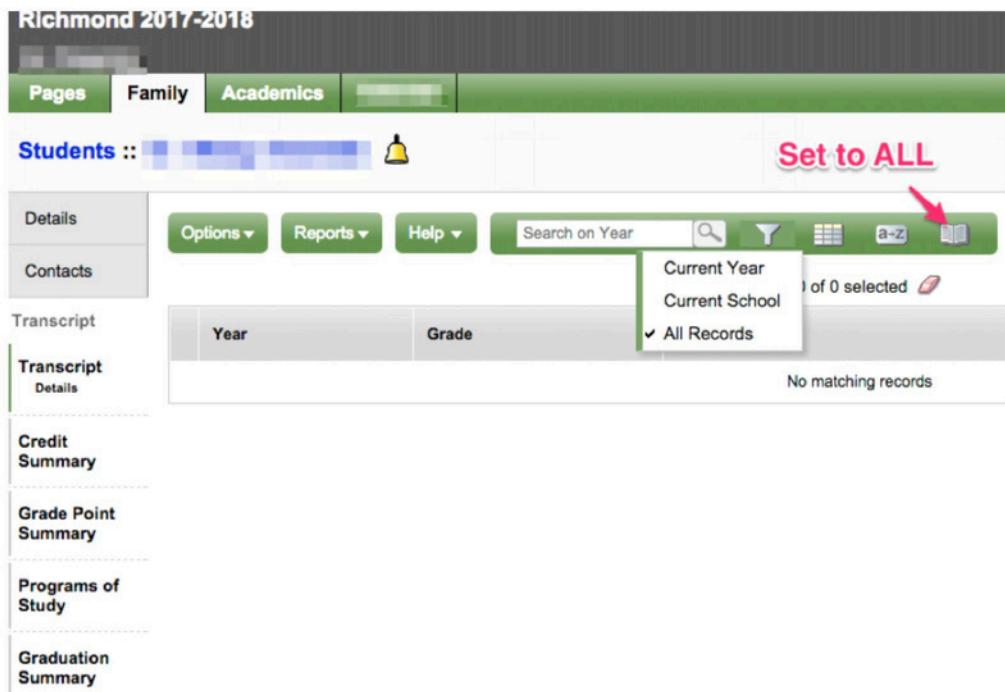
Details side tab shows basic information including demographics, physical and mailing addresses, and the most recent photo of your child.

Contacts side tab shows the parent/guardian(s) and emergency contacts. Please check this and inform the school of any changes.

Transcript side tab includes class marks from current and previous years.

IMPORTANT: Change the **Dictionary Menu**  to **All** in order to view all records.

Set the **Filter**  to **All Records** or **Current Year** depending on what you'd like to see.



Assessments side tab currently contains provincial assessments like FSA or Provincial Exams.

Schedule side tab shows your child's current courses. There are two ways to view the schedule: List View and Matrix View. You can toggle between the two views using the [**<<List view**](#) and [**Matrix view >**](#) options at the top left of the screen.

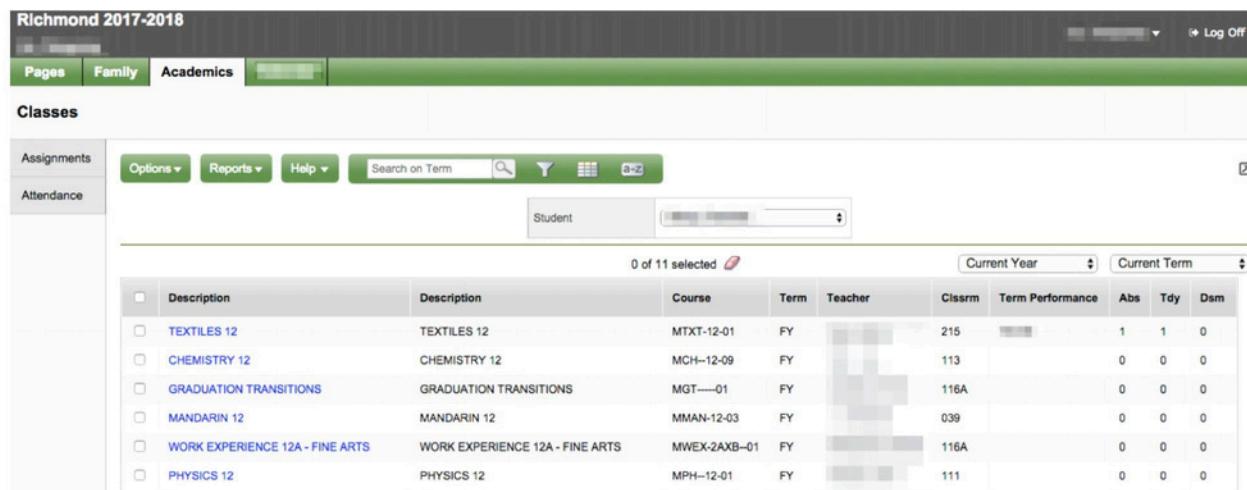
Requests side tab contains course Requests for the next school year and a **Graduation Progress** summary.

Membership side tab shows your child's **enrollment** history as well as the **Schools** they may be cross-enrolled to. The **Programs** sub side tab also displays any programs.

Notifications side tab is not currently in use. It may be used as we move forward in the project.

3.3 Academics Top Tab

The Academics Top Tab will allow you to select a course (using the checkbox beside the course) then click on the available Side Tabs to see details about the course you selected.



The screenshot shows the 'Richmond 2017-2018' dashboard. The 'Academics' tab is selected. A sidebar on the left has 'Assignments' and 'Attendance' tabs. The main area displays a table of courses with checkboxes. The table columns are: Description, Description, Course, Term, Teacher, Clsrm, Term Performance, Abs, Tdy, Dsm. The courses listed are: TEXTILES 12, CHEMISTRY 12, GRADUATION TRANSITIONS, MANDARIN 12, WORK EXPERIENCE 12A - FINE ARTS, and PHYSICS 12. Navigation arrows and a search icon are at the bottom of the main area.

	Description	Description	Course	Term	Teacher	Clsm	Term Performance	Abs	Tdy	Dsm
<input type="checkbox"/>	TEXTILES 12	TEXTILES 12	MTXT-12-01	FY	[Redacted]	215	[Redacted]	1	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHEMISTRY 12	CHEMISTRY 12	MCH-12-09	FY	[Redacted]	113	[Redacted]	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	GRADUATION TRANSITIONS	GRADUATION TRANSITIONS	MGT-12-01	FY	[Redacted]	116A	[Redacted]	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	MANDARIN 12	MANDARIN 12	MMAN-12-03	FY	[Redacted]	039	[Redacted]	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	WORK EXPERIENCE 12A - FINE ARTS	WORK EXPERIENCE 12A - FINE ARTS	MWEX-2AXB-01	FY	[Redacted]	116A	[Redacted]	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHYSICS 12	PHYSICS 12	MPH-12-01	FY	[Redacted]	111	[Redacted]	0	0	0

Assignments side tab may provide assignment and assessment information.

Attendance side tab provides attendance information for the selected class.

Once you have selected a course and clicked on a Side Tab you can use the navigation arrows in the top right corner to switch between courses that are in the list. Navigation Buttons make it easy to move back and forth through records.



Please note: marks provided here may not be a full picture of a student's level and they may not relate to their report card mark.