



SIDES

SIDES is a BC public school in School District 63 that provides free educational programs K-12 for BC residents. SIDES programs follow the BC Ministry of Education mandated curriculum. The elementary programs are designed to be delivered by a Home Facilitator, who is most often a parent, guardian, or other family member who can support the child at home full-time.

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- Support for students with special needs
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Elementary

SIDES elementary programs offer all of the curriculum content through engaging, clearly organized lessons delivered through our online course management system, SIDES Online. Students are also provided with books and print resources that accompany the online lessons.

SIDES students and their Home Facilitators receive support from their SIDES Teacher with program delivery, assignment feedback and assessment, weekly onsite classes, and live online vclasses. Your child's teacher will complete formal report cards three times a year (December, March and June).



Examples that are included in the lessons are: background information, script for lesson delivery, guiding questions, instructional videos, activity sheets for students to complete, experiments, educational games, and project ideas.

Kindergarten & Grade 1

The K/1 program is an integrated online program that includes the following subject areas:

- Literacy (Reading, Writing)
- Math (print-based module program)
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical and Health Education
- Arts Education (Drama, Dance, Art)

The lessons provide detailed information about how to deliver the curriculum content to your child. Examples that are included in the lessons are: background information, script for lesson delivery, guiding questions, instructional videos, activity sheets for students to complete, experiments, educational games, and project ideas. Home Facilitators work through the lessons with their child and upload the requested samples of work to the course dropbox for assessment. Feedback from your child's teacher is provided through the dropbox of the K/1 course.

SIDES students are also provided with supplementary online programs that focus on Reading and Math such as Raz Kids and IXL.



Program Highlights

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Online Vclasses

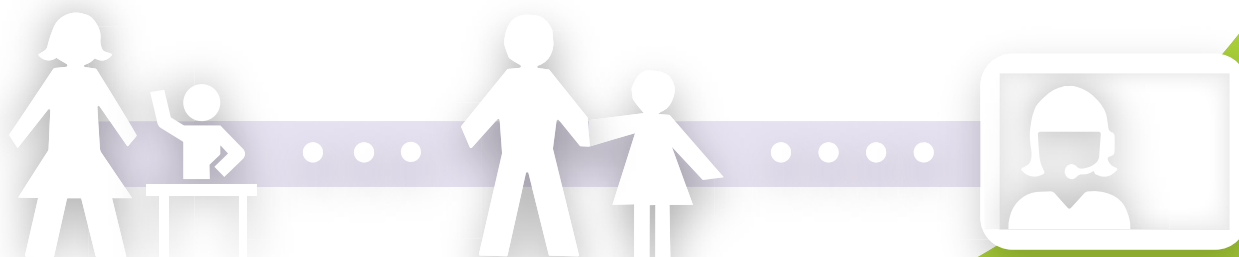
Students are invited for a series of online vclasses with their teacher. These classes are delivered through ZOOM, a live online classroom where students meet their teacher in real time.

In Person Opportunities

Occasional sessions for local students may take place in our classroom at SIDES Beaver Lake Campus at 4828 W. Saanich Rd. or may be community field trips. The content covered in these sessions may focus on Fine Arts, Science, Social Studies, Physical and Health Education and many of the curricular core competencies that focus on valuing diversity, working productively with others, and sharing ideas.

Special Events

Students are invited to attend events organized for SIDES students such as the Terry Fox Run, Year End Celebration, or National Indigenous Day.



What is my Role as the Home Facilitator?

As the Home Facilitator, your role in your child's education is critical. The following are some of the most important responsibilities you hold as the Home Facilitator:

- establish a daily routine
- provide an appropriate learning space
- communicate regularly with your child's teacher
- ensure your child's attendance at weekly onsite classes and v-classes
- submit assignments regularly
- submit a Home Facilitator report each term
- ensure your child has access to a reliable computer and to reliable internet

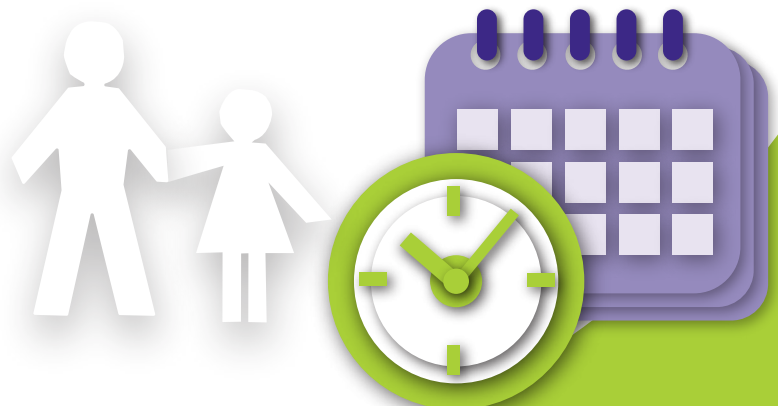
How Much Time Should We Spend on School?

As the Home Facilitator, it is critical that you spend a full school day interacting with and guiding your child through their schoolwork. The best way to be successful at SIDES is to keep up to date and work every day.

Example of Home Learning Schedule

Home Facilitators are encouraged to establish a weekly and daily routine that works for their child. It is recommended that Home Facilitators begin with the length of a typical school day. As students progress with the program, time tables may be adjusted to meet the needs of each individual child. The side bar shows an outline of what a typical week may look like.

The Daily Routine	Suggested Time
Calendar	15 minutes
Read to Self	15 minutes
Read to Others	15 minutes
Listen to Reading (Story Time)	20 - 30 minutes
Physical and Health Education	60 - 90 minutes
Writing	20 - 30 minutes
Math	45 minutes
Play/Exploration	Embedded throughout the day
Word Work	20 - 30 minutes
Art	2 hours/week
Speaking	Encourage thinking and talking about learning throughout the day





Registration Process

If SIDES sounds like a good fit for your child, please proceed with the following steps to register.

Thank you for taking the time to understand more about the SIDES elementary program. If you so choose, a fun activity is included on the next couple of pages – so that your learner can share with you in this discovery process.

1. Contact SIDES Beaver Lake Campus to speak to the grade level teacher by emailing sides@saanichschools.ca. A teacher at your child's grade level will contact you. This is an important conversation that allows for you to gain more specific information and ask questions.
2. Fill out an online application. Once the application has been received, a SIDES staff member will contact you to arrange an intake meeting.
3. Gather documents for the registration process that include your child's birth certificate and parent's proof of residency. To ensure the return of our books and resources, a deposit of \$100-\$150 is required. Should this fee pose financial hardship, please advise your child's teacher.
4. Attend the intake meeting with your child and the SIDES teacher. At this meeting, you will share information about your child as a learner to complete a Student Learning Plan. Your child will also complete two short registration assignments.
5. Withdraw your student from their previous school.





Hello !

I am one of the animals you may see as you work through your lessons. Print these pages to cut the shapes out and place them in the guide below. Follow the order starting from 1.



