

Home Study Frequently Asked Questions During the COVID-19 Outbreak

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End of the Year Assessment

Q: I usually have a local teacher conduct my student's assessment. What do I do now?

A: Option 1: Parents can consider delivering, emailing or mailing student work to teachers' homes for them to review. The teacher can then call or use video conferencing with the family to discuss the work and ask/answer questions. This will avoid need for face to face contact that we recommend.

Option 2: Use video conferencing to review portfolios in-real time with the families. Students can read to the teacher, show their work and discuss their program and teachers can talk to the students and the family regarding progress, specific work and discuss any questions or concerns.

Q: Due to financial restraints, I cannot afford to have a teacher or testing service complete my student's assessments. Are there other options?

A: You still have plenty of time to put a parent report and portfolio together. We have developed some guidance documents and examples on our [website](#).

Q: How do I complete a Parent Report and Portfolio, if I have not been keeping copies of work samples?

A: We are relaxing the rules for the parent report and portfolio for this year and will accept student work that students are doing at the end of the school year instead of throughout. Take some pictures of work samples, screen shots of work being completed on the computer (make sure that there is a name on the screen or put a sticky note on the screen with the student's name and date). You will still need to include 4-6 work samples in the EOYA.

Enrollment for 19-20

Q: Are you currently accepting enrollments for the current school year?

A: Yes, families can enroll their students until May 1, 2020.

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Enrollment for 20-21

Q: Can I enroll my student for the 2020-2021 school year now?

A: Yes, you can enroll your student at any time after March 1, 2020. If you want to be eligible for the Minimum Course of Study [exemption](#), you will need to enroll no later than midnight on August 1, 2020.

Q: What if I can't get to a doctor or a teacher to complete Form B?

A: We recognize that this may be a difficult time for families to access pediatricians and teachers to complete Form B. We will accept the following other options until August 1, 2020.

- A report card or written verification of enrollment in a Vermont independent school
- A report card or written verification of enrollment in an out-of-state public or independent school
- A pediatrician, nurse or local teacher (public or independent public school) may complete a virtual "screening" (teacher) or a record review (pediatrician/nurse) and then sign [Form B](#)