

## What is eCollege and eLearning Ontario?

- eCollege and eLearning Ontario are Learning Management Systems, which supply a user-friendly environment for online teaching and learning. They are web-based, which means that any time or place that you have an internet connection, you may connect to your online course. eCollege and eLearning Ontario enables teachers and students to communicate and collaborate through threaded discussions, document sharing, and online file exchanges, and e-mail messaging.

## How much technical background is required?

- Students need basic computer skills like "copy and paste", "create & save" a file, familiarity with a word processing program like Word and keyboarding skills. Students are also expected to know the procedures for sending/receiving emails, including e-mails with attached files. ***An eLearning student does not have to be a computer expert, but they should have some experience on a computer.***

## How accessible are the eLearning courses?

- Students may access their course at any time or place, as long as there is a computer and an internet provider.

## How many hours a week should a student work on the course?

- Students are expected to attend and participate in their online education courses as fully as they would attend and participate in a traditional day school course. It is important that the student follow the schedule set up by his/her teacher. Attendance is measured by contribution through communication, such as: discussion thread, emails or thorough submission of assignments, projects, and tests. Each time a student enters their course, participation will be automatically recorded and the length of time in each area is noted.

### How do students enroll for an eLearning Course?

- **All students must have approval from their guidance counsellor before they can enroll for an eLearning course.** Once approval is given, the student has 2 choices, either: the student's guidance counsellor can assist the student to apply for an online course directly from the guidance counsellor's office or a student can apply through the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board website ([www.wecdsb.on.ca](http://www.wecdsb.on.ca)) clicking the eLearning icon.

### What is the role of the parent in online learning?

- The parent/guardian(s) should consult with the student's guidance counsellor to determine if an online course is a good alternative to traditional learning.

### How does a student or parent communicate with the teacher?

- E-Learning teachers are available to talk to students or parents via email or according to the procedures set by the teacher outlined at the beginning of the course.

### How are assignments submitted?

- Students will submit all assignments electronically. All students will have a First Class account created by Board Office personnel that must be used to send assignments.

### How are quizzes/tests taken?

- Quizzes/tests, depending on the course, are taken online and automatically recorded in the gradebook so that the student is aware of their progress within the course.