

SERVICES and RESOURCES

Parent letter

Dear Potential SCIDES (South Central Interior Distance Education School) Families,

Thank you for considering SCIDES. It is important to know that SCIDES is a public school funded by the Ministry of Education. SCIDES is dedicated to providing high-quality, accessible education that aligns with the standards and goals of all public schools in Nicola-Similkameen. Like traditional brick-and-mortar schools, we operate within the same funding structures and budgetary guidelines to ensure equitable distribution of resources to all students across our district.

Our mission is to offer a robust and supportive educational experience while using our resources responsibly to serve each learner's needs effectively. While families may have unique expectations for distance learning, we are committed to providing support that is equitable across the district. Noteworthy is that support in distance learning may look different from traditional settings. For example, we do not have Education Assistants (EAs) in our program; however, since SCIDES teachers are not in classrooms throughout the day, they are able to work with students individually, providing more personalized guidance and support. As we move forward, we are dedicated to transparency around available resources and to aligning these offerings with those across all Nicola-Similkameen schools.

Thank you for considering SCIDES to meet your child's educational needs. For additional information on our services, please feel free to reach out. We look forward to working with you on your child's learning journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Duncan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Duncan

Principal

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