

School Assessment Plan 2024-2025

Grade 3 to Grade 12

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School Assessment Plan 2024–2025, Kindergarten to Grade 9

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- how we assign grades/marks to your child.
- how your child is assessed.
- the steps we take if your child's work is missing or not finished.

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Reporting Periods

Term 1: August 29, 2024 to December 6th, 2024

Term 2: December 7, 2024 to March 21, 2025

Term 3: March 22, 2025 to June 25, 2025

Progress Reports Issued

December 6, 2024 - Progress Report (Grades 3-9) March 21, 2025 - Progress Report (Grades 3-9) June 25, 2025 - Progress Report (Grades 3-9)

Progress Reports will be uploaded electronically to SchoolZone for all students. Teachers will monitor student/parent access and print out hard copies as necessary.

Conferences

Schools must establish at least two formal parent-teacher conferences per school year.

September 11, 2024 - Meet the teacher evening and in class presentations

November 4th, November 5th, and November 6th - Parent conferences and Individual Program Plan meetings for students in grades 3-9

March 12th, 2025 and March 13th, 2025 - Parent conferences and Individual Program Plan meetings for students in grades 3-9



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The IPP Parent Input form will be sent home in the second week of September; the IPP will be developed using information from the parental input form. IPP review dates are aligned with Progress issue dates, and will be posted to SchoolZone on the same dates. A hard copy will be provided to parents who do not have access to SchoolZone. Parental signatures will be obtained during the November and March conferences. A signature page will be uploaded to SchoolZone under the Reports tab, by clicking on the IPP signature page. A physical copy can be sent home upon request.

October 31, 2024 - Released to SchoolZone December 6, 2024 - IPP Review #1 March 21, 2025 - IPP Review #2 June 25, 2025 - IPP final review and year end summary

Evaluating Student Achievement

To determine your child's grade/mark at the end of a reporting period, teachers use professional judgment based on evidence of what your child has learned.

At Academy at King Edward School, student grades/marks are reported using performance descriptor letters for students in grades 3-6 and as a percentage for all students in grades 7-9

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Grade Level of Programming (GLP)

GLP shows the current grade level at which a student is being taught. GLP appears on each progress report for English Language Arts and Mathematics. For all other subjects, in situations where the GLP differs from the grade level of enrollment, the GLP will be indicated in the comments of the progress report.



End-of-Term and End-of-Course Codes

On your child's progress report, a teacher may use these Division codes for end-of-term and/or end-of-year performance descriptors/letter grades/ percentage marks.

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СМU	Course Mark Unavailable	 CMU may be used at the end of a course when a student is provided a code of IEA in at least one term, two or all three terms. CMU indicates that a teacher does not have enough evidence over an entire course to give a final grade/mark.

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Principals must make sure that teachers communicate with parents/guardians promptly and regularly about missing or incomplete student work. This is outlined in Administrative Regulation <u>GKB.AR Standards for Evaluation</u>, section 4:

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When your child has missing or incomplete work, we will: contact parents/guardians to set up a plan for practice completion success. Additionally, some students may be provided with extra small group or one-on-one support.

Course Outlines

At the Academy at King Edward, all students in grades 3-9 are working on individualized program plans. Specific details about the grade level of the curriculum to be covered will be discussed at the September 11th, 2024 Meet the Teacher presentation. Additionally, specific program levels will be outlined in each student's IPP when the student is working outside of the chronological grade

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Homework is meant to:

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At the Academy at King Edward School, the following expectations have been developed by the staff regarding homework/home practice

1. Setting a regular place and time for practice will help build strong routines for completing homework and home reading. Please discuss this with your child and develop a plan for practice, including a time and location that is agreeable to everybody.

2. Students are encouraged to read silently or to a parent or adult every day (weekends included). Individual teachers will determine the length of reading time and set expectations.

3. Every student should be engaged in math fact fluency practice each evening. Every student will be provided with a Math Facts Pro account. Alternatively, if a family does not have internet access, paper copies of math fluency facts will be made available.

4. Students in junior high will be assigned a weekly assignment to complete at home that is to be turned into their homeroom teacher. The assignment is designed to support literacy achievement in both reading and writing.

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What are the Literacy and Numeracy Screening Assessments?

Alberta Education mandated Literacy and Numeracy Screening Assessments for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 3. These screening assessments will help teachers identify students in the critical early years who are most in need of additional support and provide a means to monitor growth over time. Below are descriptions of each assessment:

- Grade 3
 - September, 2024
 - CC3
 - Provincial Numeracy Assessment
 - January, 2025
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 - May, 2025 For students identified in January as 'at risk' based on their scores
 - CC3
 - Provincial Numeracy Assessment

Grade 3 students at Academy at King Edward have been exempted from participating in the Alberta Education Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

What is the Canadian Achievement Test (CAT4)?

The **Canadian Achievement Test (CAT4)** measures students' reading comprehension, mathematics, computation and estimation skills. CAT4 will support instruction and planning for interventions and supports. The CAT4 is administered in the fall and again in the spring to provide information about student growth.

Who takes the CAT4?

• students in Grade 4 to Grade 9 including French immersion and bilingual programs

The CAT4 Fall administration dates are September 16, 2024–September 27, 2024.

The CAT4 Spring administration dates are April 28, 2025–May 9, 2025.

What is the Highest Level of Achievement Test (HLAT)?

The Highest Level of Achievement Test (HLAT) measures students' writing skills compared with the Alberta curriculum in language arts. It shows teachers in each school how well their students are doing and how they compare to students across the Division.

Who takes the HLAT?

- students in Grade 1 to Grade 9 in English language arts
- students in Grade 2 to Grade 9 in French Immersion and bilingual programs*
- students in Grade 8 and Grade 9 in Late French Immersion



*The bilingual HLAT is called the bilingual writing assessment tool and is specific to certain languages (e.g., Chinese bilingual writing assessment tool, Arabic bilingual writing assessment tool).

The HLAT administration dates for students in English Language Arts are April 7–April 11, 2025.

What are Provincial Achievement Tests?

The **Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs)** measure how well students across Alberta are learning content as described in the curriculum. Average PAT scores for the school are shared publicly to show how Alberta students are doing, compared to provincial standards. Results from PATs help schools, school authorities and the province monitor and improve student learning.

While PATs are an important part of determining student growth and achievement, they are one part of the assessment process.

According to Alberta Education:

"PATs are only one of many ways to evaluate student learning and are not meant to replace day-to-day teacher observations and classroom assessment. They are sources of information that must be interpreted, used and communicated within the context of regular and continuous assessment by classroom teachers."

Who takes PATs?

• students in Grade 6 and Grade 9 in English or French language arts, math, science and social studies write PATs

When are PATs administered?

- PATs are typically administered in the spring (PATs may be administered in January for Division schools in a semestered program).
- <u>Provincial Achievement Tests website</u>.

The Alberta government requires school divisions to report the scores from Grades 6 and Grade 9 PATs to parents/guardians. Academy at King Edward will report the results to parents/guardians in the following way: Student results will be shared in each student's Individual Program Plan.



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January 27, 2025

• Semester 1 course - Final Progress Report

June 25, 2025

• Semester 2 course - Final Progress Report

Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

The term *individual student report* refers to the report generated through the use of the Individual Student Report Module in PowerTeacher Pro by teachers at various times throughout the year. This report communicates information about a student's marks/grades for specific assignments and activities.

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be released through schoolzone on the following dates:

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Year end Summary #3: Will be complete and uploaded to Schoolzone by June 25, 2025

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WDR	Withdrawal	 WDR is used only as an end of course code when a student chooses not to complete a course and the school agrees to withdraw the student from the course. WDR may be used for all courses.
INC	Incomplete	 INC is used only as an end-of-course code when a student does not withdraw from a Career and Technology Studies (CTS) course and does not successfully complete the course with a mark of 50 per cent or more. No mark is submitted to Alberta Education and the course does not appear on the student transcript. INC is used only for CTS courses.

Codes for use on Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

- These reports are issued before the end of term in SchoolZone.
- On your child's ISR, a teacher may use these Division codes.

The following codes provide information about circumstances regarding the collection of evidence.

ΟΜΙΤ	Omit	Evidence has already been or will be collected to inform professional judgment.
IEA	Insufficient Evidence Available	Sufficient evidence is not yet available.
RNE	Replaced with New Evidence	This evidence has been replaced with more relevant evidence that demonstrates student understanding of the expected learning outcome.

The following codes provide information about evaluation of student achievement and growth.

ISR Approved Codes for Evaluation of Student Achievement and Growth

E	Exemplary	The student has exemplary knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts and is
		able to transfer understanding independently in new situations. The student may require support to further extend understanding of concepts.

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Ρ	Proficient	The student has proficient knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts that can be applied in familiar situations. The student may require occasional support to transfer learning to new situations.
AD	Adequate	The student has adequate knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts. The student requires support and/or further experiences to develop a deeper understanding of concepts and apply learning in familiar and new situations.
L	Limited	The student has limited knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts. The student requires support to develop and apply learning in highly structured situations.
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When your child has missing or incomplete work, the Division code of IEA (Insufficient Evidence Available) will be applied in a teacher's grade book and will be used to alert parents/guardians of missing assignments. We will use a variety of strategies to support students in completing curricular objectives. These strategies include:



- Contact between the teacher and student
- Contact between the teacher and parent/guardian
- Instructional and missed assessment support

Course Outlines

?? Ask Mike - Google Classroom?

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In early July, there will be a day to contact the school to appeal June final marks. When this date is set, we will communicate it to you.

The Role of Large Scale Tests

What is the Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI)?

The **Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI)** measures students' knowledge of the previous year's math curriculum. It shows teachers how well students understand different math concepts so they can identify appropriate programming for students.

Who takes the MIPI?

• students in Grade 10C, including those in French immersion programs

The MIPI test(s) will be administered during the administration window of August 30, 2024 to September 20, 2024. For students writing the MIPI in the second semester, the administration window will be from February 3–14, 2025.

What is the Grade 12 Diploma Examinations program?

The Grade 12 Diploma Examinations Program:

- certifies the level of individual student achievement in selected Grade 12 courses
- helps maintain province-wide standards of achievement
- reports individual and group results

For all 30-level diploma courses, the school mark will be weighted at 70 per cent of the student's final mark, and the diploma examination mark will be weighted at 30 per cent of the final mark. To pass a diploma course, a student must earn a final 'blended' mark of at least 50 per cent.

More information about the Diploma Examination Program is available online at <u>Diploma exams</u>. The diploma exam schedule for 2024-2025 can be found at <u>Diploma exams - overview</u>.



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What is assessment?

In this plan, we use the term assessment to describe the process of determining what students have learned, and how well they have learned it. Assessment is not just about tests and grades.

Assessment means gathering information about what your child knows, understands and is able to do based on the Alberta Programs of Study (curriculum) or their Individualized Program Plan (IPP). Teachers cannot base percentage marks on your child's behaviour, effort and work habits unless those behaviours are outlined in the Alberta Programs of Study for a specific subject.

Teachers can collect evidence of your child's learning in many different ways. Conversations, observations and student work are just some of the ways teachers determine students' strengths and where they might need extra help. These activities—conversations, observations and the products students create—help teachers shape their lesson plans. They guide *how* they can help every student meet their learning goals. The activities also help inform the teacher's understanding when making decisions about grade level of programming, course recommendations or grades/marks. The collection of a variety of evidence allows teachers to give you a clear and accurate picture of your child's progress in school.

How to support your child's learning

As a parent or guardian, you are your child's first teacher. So, understanding how your child is doing in school is important. Read this guide, and contact the school or make an appointment to see your child's teacher or principal if you have any questions.

Supporting Student Success

We all have a role to play in helping your child be successful.

You can support your child's learning by:

- working in partnership with school staff.
- providing a quiet place for your child to study at home.
- staying informed and keeping in touch with school staff. This includes reading information from SchoolZone, newsletters and other school materials.
- attending parent-teacher conferences.

Teachers will help your child succeed by:

- providing programming that is appropriate for your child.
- providing many opportunities and different ways for students to show what they know.
- giving students who have missed important assessments and activities the chance to complete the work.
- clearly explaining what is expected of students in all courses and how student work will be graded/marked (i.e., course outline).
- keeping detailed, accurate notes describing your child's successes and areas for growth.
- communicating with you regularly about your child's progress and achievement.
- providing opportunities for you to be involved in your child's learning.

Students have a responsibility for their own learning and are expected to:

- come to school every day on time.
- finish their assignments, projects and tasks to the best of their ability.
- participate in learning activities.
- regularly review what has been taught and ask for help when required.
- use opportunities to revise or retake assignments or tests to demonstrate growth in knowledge and skills.



Our Communication Plan for Reporting Progress

There are many ways we help you stay informed about your child's learning throughout the year. We encourage you to review your child's reports and attend conferences regularly.

Reporting Periods

August 29, 2024 - November 7, 2024 November 11, 2024 - January 28, 2025 January 30, 2025 - April 11, 2025 April 14, 2025 - June 28, 2025

Progress Reports Issued

Interim Progress Reports will be shared by the end of each month. Teachers may choose to release additional Individual Student Reports at any time throughout the course. Formal Progress Reports will be released on January 28, 2025 and June 25, 2025.

Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

The term *individual student report* refers to the report generated through the use of the Individual Student Report Module in PowerTeacher Pro by teachers at various times throughout the year. This report communicates information about a student's marks/grades for specific assignments and activities.

An Individual Student Report will be issued at the mid-point of each course/module. Note that schools may choose to release Individual Student Reports at any time during the school year, but the midpoint Individual Student Reports will be released through Schoolzone during the following time periods:

- Semester 1: November 4–7, 2024
- Semester 2: April 7–11, 2025
- Full-year courses: end of January 2025

Teachers may choose to release additional Individual Student Reports at any time throughout the course/module

Conferences

Schools must establish at least two formal parent-teacher conferences per year (one in each school semester).

November 6, 2024 & April 16, 2025



Individualized Program Plans (IPPs)

For students who need specialized services and supports, the IPP is a working document that is developed within the first two months of the school year. It is a record of your child's progress related to specific goals and strategies. It gives you confirmation that your child's needs are being addressed and provides information about accommodations and supports your child needs to succeed. The IPP is reviewed at least three times a year. We expect you and your child (as appropriate) to provide input into the IPP.

IPP Planning will take place in September/October to organize communication between the school and the parents to begin gathering input into the IPP process. The IPP will be ready for a parent/guardian signature by November 29th, 2024. This year, parents can access the Parent Signature Form through SchoolZone. Parents/guardians must go to the "Forms" tab in SchoolZone, then they select "3 Individual Program Plan (IPP) signature page".

Released to SchoolZone - November 29th Review #1 - January 28, 2025 Review #2 - April 11, 2025 Year end Summary - June 25, 2025

Percentage marks are the only marks used for progress reports in Grade 10 to Grade 12.

To determine your child's percentage marks at the end of a reporting period, teachers use professional judgment based on evidence of what your child has learned.

Exemplary—A (80–100%)	Proficient—B (65–79%)	Adequate—C (50-64%)	Limited—D (0-49%)
 Demonstrates extensive knowledge required to meet outcomes. Demonstrates an insightful understanding of the concepts relating to outcomes. Demonstrates the skills and processes embedded in outcomes in an efficient manner. 	 Demonstrates substantial knowledge required to meet outcomes. Demonstrates a logical understanding of the concepts relating to outcomes. Demonstrates the skills and processes embedded in outcomes in an effective manner. 	 Demonstrates sufficient knowledge required to meet outcomes. Demonstrates a basic understanding of the concepts relating to outcomes. Demonstrates the skills and processes embedded in outcomes in an acceptable manner. 	 Student has not yet demonstrated sufficient knowledge required to meet outcomes. Student has not yet demonstrated a basic understanding of the concepts relating to outcomes. Student has not yet demonstrated the skills and processes embedded in outcomes in an acceptable manner.
Extensive - ideas and/or actions provide extension or enriched thinking Insightful - accurate and deep understanding Efficient - ability to produce desired results with minimal steps or effort	Substantial- a considerable amount of ideas or degree of a desired quality Logical - using reason in an orderly and compelling fashion Effective - producing a result that is wanted	Sufficient - shows enough evidence of having met the criteria or requirements Basic - simple or merely functional Acceptable - meeting minimum criteria or requirements in a way that is agreeable to others	* Taken from: AAC Rubric Wordsmith at <u>www.aac.ab.ca/go</u> and <u>Performance Standards Word</u> <u>List</u>



Division-Approved Term and End of Course Codes:

On your child's Progress Report, a teacher may use these Division codes for term or end of course marks.

IEA	Insufficient Evidence Available	• IEA is used only as an end-of-term code when a teacher does not have enough evidence about a student's progress to give a mark at the end of a term.
NGC	Not on Graded Curriculum	 NGC is used as an end-of-term code when a student, identified as having special education needs as documented on the student's IPP, is receiving modified programming and is therefore not on the graded curriculum. NGC is used as an end-of-course code when a student is provided a code of NGC in one, two or all three terms.
WDR	Withdrawal	• WDR is used only as an end of course code when a student chooses not to complete a course and the school agrees to withdraw the student from the course. WDR may be used for all courses.
INC	Incomplete	• INC is used only as an end-of-course code when a student does not withdraw from a Career and Technology Studies (CTS) course and does not successfully complete the course with a mark of 50 per cent or more. No mark is submitted to Alberta Education and the course does not appear on the student transcript. INC is used only for CTS courses.

Codes for use on Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

- These reports are issued before the end of term in SchoolZone.
- On your child's ISR, a teacher may use these Division codes.

The following codes provide information about circumstances regarding the collection of evidence.

ΟΜΙΤ	Omit	Evidence has already been or will be collected to inform professional judgment.	
IEA	Insufficient Evidence Available	Sufficient evidence is not yet available.	
RNE	Replaced with New Evidence	This evidence has been replaced with more relevant evidence that demonstrates student understanding of the expected learning outcome.	

The following codes provide information about evaluation of student achievement and growth.

ISR Approved Codes for Evaluation of Student Achievement and Growth

E	Exemplary	The student has exemplary knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts and is
		able to transfer understanding independently in new situations. The student may require support to further extend understanding of concepts.

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Ρ	Proficient	The student has proficient knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts that can be applied in familiar situations. The student may require occasional support to transfer learning to new situations.
AD	Adequate	The student has adequate knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts. The student requires support and/or further experiences to develop a deeper understanding of concepts and apply learning in familiar and new situations.
L	Limited	The student has limited knowledge, skills, and understanding of concepts. The student requires support to develop and apply learning in highly structured situations.
IEA	Insufficient Evidence Available	Sufficient evidence is not yet available to provide an informed judgment of student achievement and growth.

How We Determine Student Grades/Marks

At Edmonton Public Schools, we determine grades/marks in a variety of ways.

Formative Assessment

Throughout the year, your child will work on many activities that help them increase what they know, understand and are able to do. These activities show your child's teacher how they are doing, what their strengths are and where they can improve in relation to the Alberta curriculum. This is called formative assessment.

Teachers use this information to adjust their teaching, give your child feedback to help them improve and prepare your child for times when they will receive grades.

Summative Assessment

During the school year, your child will have a chance to show what they have learned in relation to the Alberta Programs of Study. Using their judgment as professionals, teachers make decisions and determine grades that describe how your child is learning. They base these decisions on what they've seen your child do (observations), discussions they've had with your child (conversations) and the work your child has completed (products).

Missing or Incomplete Student Work

Principals must make sure that teachers communicate with parents/guardians promptly and regularly about missing or incomplete student work. This is outlined in Administrative Regulation <u>GKB.AR Standards for Evaluation</u>, section 4:

- 4. Principals must work with their teachers to comply with the following:
 - a. evidence of student achievement has been collected by the teacher;
 - b. communication plans for reporting student achievement and growth to parents/guardians are developed and aligned with school-wide assessment and intervention plans;
 - c. a student has been given multiple opportunities and ways to demonstrate his/her learning;
 - d. follow up has occurred to determine the reason when a summative assessment item (assignment, test, project, etc.) is missing or incomplete, and that opportunities for the student to fulfill the requirement of the summative assessment item (assignment, test, project, etc.) are provided;
 - e. if the student continues to be unsuccessful, the student/parents/guardians will be informed and the teacher will solicit a solution in consultation with the student's parents/guardians to hold the student accountable and/or plan for further learning;
 - f. teachers will engage in on-going, timely communication with parents/guardians/students and the principal regarding missing or incomplete work; and
 - g. providing 4. b–f have been followed, the teacher can assign the student a mark of zero for that missed summative assessment item (assignment, test, project, etc.).

When your child has missing or incomplete work, When your child has missing or incomplete work, the Division code of IEA (Insufficient Evidence Available) will be applied in a teacher's grade book and will be used to alert



parents/guardians of missing assignments. We will use a variety of strategies to support students in completing curricular objectives. These strategies include:

- Contact between the teacher and student
- Contact between the teacher and parent/guardian
- Instructional and missed assessment support

Curriculum Summaries

Curriculum at a Glance (Alberta Education)

The Role of Homework

Homework is meant to:

- help support your child's learning.
- reinforce what your child learned in school.
- give your child more practice.

At the Academy at King Edward School, our homework is intended to support course work such as reading background information, reviewing learned material, researching and preparing for summative assessments.

Academic Integrity

Cheating is not acceptable. This includes plagiarism (copying someone else's work and passing it off as your own), stealing tests or assignments and getting answers for a test or assignment in advance. Cheating also includes giving answers or work to others to claim as their own.

If your child is suspected of plagiarism or cheating, school administration will meet with them and take action in accordance with Administrative Regulation <u>HG.AR Student Behaviour and Conduct</u>.

Percentage Marks Appeal Process

To appeal the percentage mark your child has been given, contact the classroom teacher. If you can't resolve the appeal with the teacher, contact the principal who will make a decision and explain it to you. The principal's decision is final. A principal's authority to do this is set out in the <u>Education Act</u>.

In early July, there will be a day to contact the school to appeal June final marks. When this date is set, we will communicate it to you.

The Role of Large Scale Tests

What is the Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI)?

The **Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI)** measures students' knowledge of the previous year's math curriculum. It shows teachers how well students understand different math concepts so they can identify appropriate programming for students.

Who takes the MIPI?

• students in Grade 10C, including those in French immersion programs

The MIPI test(s) will be administered during the administration window of August 30, 2024 to September 20, 2024. For students writing the MIPI in the second semester, the administration window will be from February 3–14, 2025.

What is the Grade 12 Diploma Examinations program?

The Grade 12 Diploma Examinations Program:

- certifies the level of individual student achievement in selected Grade 12 courses
- helps maintain province-wide standards of achievement
- reports individual and group results

For all 30-level diploma courses, the school mark will be weighted at 70 per cent of the student's final mark, and the diploma examination mark will be weighted at 30 per cent of the final mark. To pass a diploma course, a student must earn a final 'blended' mark of at least 50 per cent.

More information about the Diploma Examination Program is available online at <u>Diploma exams</u>. The diploma exam schedule for 2024-2025 can be found at <u>Diploma exams - overview</u>.