



SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

On **Wednesday, April 17th and Thursday, April 18th, 2024**, Sutherland will be holding Graduation Assessments for all students with **Semester 2 classes in Math 10, English 10, and/or English 12**. There are three exams required for graduation in British Columbia: the Literacy 10 Assessment (LTE 10), Numeracy 10 Assessment (NME 10), and Literacy 12 Assessment (LTE 12) must be written if a student plans on graduating in this province. Typically, students write the LTE 10 and NME 10 in their Grade 10 year, and their LTE 12 in their graduating year.

This year, students with classes in Math 10, English 10, and/or English 12 will be scheduled to **write their exams with these classes**. In November, we held a session for students with Semester 1 classes in these subjects; we are now holding assessments for students with these courses in Semester 2. Math 10 students will write Numeracy 10 with their class, English 10 will write Literacy 10 with their class, and English 12 students will write their Literacy 12 exams with their class. We will also include some students who have missed previous assessments. **These students will be directly contacted regarding when they are supposed to attend an exam session.** On the days of assessment, the school will follow an adjusted bell schedule in order to accommodate the time needed for testing.

Below is the schedule for this semester's exams. This will also be shared with students on Microsoft Teams. **Please check the schedule below and help us ensure that your student attends the correct session and location for their tests.**



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Group	Date	Time	Classes/Locations
S2 Period 3 Classes of Eng 12, Eng 10, and Math 10	Wednesday, April 17	8:30am - 11:30am (Per 3)	Hallam - C203 Ahoy - Library Lab Withers - Library
S2 Period 1 Classes of Eng 12, Eng 10, and Math 10	Wednesday, April 17	12:00pm - 3:00pm (Per 1)	Lindahl - Library Lab Workman - Library Ringrose - Library Mitruk - C203
S2 Period 2 Classes of Eng 12, Eng 10, and Math 10	Thursday, April 18	8:30am - 11:30am (Per 2)	Lindahl - Library Workman - Library
S2 Period 4 Classes of Eng 12, Eng 10, and Math 10	Thursday, April 18	12:00pm - 3:00pm (Per 4)	Alexis - C202 Hallam - Library Lab Bauck - Library Janjua - Library

Please see the [Ministry of Education website](#) for details on the sections and format for Graduation Assessments. The exams do not require preparation, but there are videos and practice tests available at the above link should students/families want to access those materials in advance of the exam. Other important information to know:

- Exams will held in the Library Computer Lab, C-wing computer labs, or main area of the Library at Sutherland
- Students will have 3 hours to write (the assessments are designed to be completed in 1.5 hours)
- Students must arrive at the exam within thirty minutes of the start time. They may not be permitted to start writing if they arrive after that time.
- Students are expected to attend classes during the rest of the day they are writing their assessment.

Background/Procedural Information:

The purpose of these assessments is to measure the extent to which students are literate and numerate. Rather than assess specific course curricula, the graduation assessments measure the application of numeracy and literacy skills to realistic situations. These assessments look at a student's ability to apply their knowledge and skills. Students will be required to analyze, reason, and communicate effectively as they examine, interpret, and solve problems. Graduation



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Assessments also emphasize the importance of the context in which students should be able to use their skills (e.g., home, employment, society).

The following policies are associated with the Graduation Assessments:

- Assessments are scored on a proficiency scale: 1 Emerging, 2 Developing, 3 Proficient, 4 Extending.
- Anyone scheduled to write the Numeracy 10 Assessment needs to **bring a non-graphing calculator, a pen, and a pencil to the assessment.**
- All the Assessments are cross-curricular and stand-alone (not tied to a specific course).
- The student's outcome for each of the Provincial Graduation Assessments will be recorded on their final transcript (BC Ministry of Education).

This schedule is subject to change based on changes to school operations or directions from the Ministry of Education or NVSD. Please reach out if you have questions.

Kindly,

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