Seycove Secondary School

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Dear Grade 10 Parents/Guardians:

The BC Graduation Program requires ALL students to write the following Graduation Assessments as part of their graduation requirements:

- **Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment** (January 24-28, 2022)
- **Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment** (April 25-29, 2022)
- **Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment** (Grade 12 Year- Date in 2024 TBD)

Therefore, Grade 10 students will write their Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments this year at Seycove during the dates listed above. These dates are set by the Ministry of Education and are non-negotiable.

The purpose of these assessments is to measure the extent to which students are literate and numerate and to provide students with information about their proficiency. Overall, the Provincial Graduation Assessments require students to apply their numeracy and literacy skills in realistic contexts. Rather than assess specific course curricula, the graduation assessments measure the application of numeracy and literacy skills to realistic situations, requiring students to employ the knowledge and skills considered to be essential for future success. The graduation assessments look at students' ability to apply their knowledge and skills and to analyze, reason, and communicate effectively as they examine, interpret, and solve problems. Graduation assessments also emphasize the importance of the context in which students should be able to use their skills (e.g., home, employment, society) *(BC Ministry of Education).*

The following policies are associated with the new Graduation Assessments:

- Assessments are required for graduation.
- Assessments are cross-curricular and stand-alone (not connected to a specific course).
- Students are expected to take the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment in their Grade 10 year.
- Students are expected to take the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment in their Grade 10 year.
- Students are expected to take the Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment in their Grade 12 year.
- Students have up to three opportunities to write the assessments: an initial write (required) and up to two rewrites (optional).
- Assessments are scored on a proficiency scale.
- The student's best outcome for each of the Provincial Graduation Assessments will be recorded on their final transcript *(BC Ministry of Education).*

For further information, videos, and practice assessments of the **Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment**, please visit: https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment

For further information, videos, and practice assessments of the **Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment**, please visit: https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment

On **Friday, January 28th** Grade 10 students have been assigned a specific date, time and location within the school to write their Literacy 10 Assessment (Computer lab 305, Library, Learning Centre, or Choices).

Please ask your student to check the bulletin board outside the main office for their specific assessment location and time. The schedule is attached to this letter and will be posted on our website banner.

On assessment day, <u>students must arrive at least 15 minutes</u> before their start time and make their way to the assessment room for a prompt start. Students will have 2 hours to write the assessment with an additional hour if needed. Students should bring picture ID, a pen, pencil, water, and a snack.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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JANUARY 2022 SESSION

Location: Computer Lab 305 & Library

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment

Friday, January 28th

Please arrive to Seycove 15 minutes prior to assessment start time

Assessment Time	Location	Student Last Name
9:30am – 11:30am	305	A - Hs
9:30am – 11:30am	Library	Hu - O
12:45pm – 2:45pm	305	P - Z