



SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

On November 2 and 3, 2023, Sutherland will be holding Graduation Assessments for all students with **Semester 1 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**. The **November 2/3** session will be for students with **Semester 1 classes** in these subjects. 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. In April, we plan to hold Graduation Assessments for students with Semester 2 courses in these subjects.

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	Location
S1 Period 1 Classes of Eng 12, Eng 10, and Math 10	Thursday, Nov 2	8:30am - 11:30am (Per 1)	Lindhahl - Comp 10 Johns - FMP 10 E Hallam - Eng 12	Lindhahl - C202 Johns - Library Hallam - Library Lab
S1 Period 2 Classes of Eng 12, Eng 10, and Math 10	Thursday, Nov 2	12:00pm - 3:00pm (Per 2)	Hallam - Eng 12 Zhang - Math 10 Assorted students missing prev. assessments	Hallam - C203 Zhang - Library Lab Assorted students - Library
S1 Period 3 Classes of Eng 12, Eng 10, and Math 10	Friday, Nov 3	8:30am - 11:30am (Per 3)	Manara - Eng 12 Hallam - NM 10 Bauck - Math 10	Manara - C203 Hallam - Library Lab Bauck - Library
S1 Period 4 Classes of Eng 12, Eng 10, and Math 10	Friday, Nov 3	12:00pm - 3:00pm (Per 4)	Lindhahl - NM 10 Alexis - Eng 12 Mitruk - Math 10 Zhang - WP 10	Lindhahl - C202 Alexis - C203 Zhang - Library Mitruk - Library Lab

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,



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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).

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 North Vancouver School District. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Kindly,

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