



SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment (LTE 10) is one of three exams required for graduation in British Columbia. The LTE 10, along with the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (NME 10) and Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment (LTE 12) must be written if a student plans on graduating in this province.

At the end of this month, we will be holding the **Grade 10 Literacy Assessment (LTE 10)** at Sutherland Secondary. Typically, this would only include Grade 10s; however, due to a cancellation of the exam in January 2022, we will hold Literacy Assessment exams for all Grade 10s, 11s, and a small number of Grade 12s that have not yet written their exams.

Sutherland Secondary plans to hold the three Graduation Assessments according to the following schedule in the 2022-23 school year. This first assessment will include Grade 10 and 11 students, while the January sitting will be primarily for Grade 10s to write their Numeracy Assessment and the April sitting will be for Grade 12s.

- **Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment** – Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2022
- **Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment** – Jan. 23-27, 2023
- **Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment** - Apr. 24-28, 2023

Please see the [Ministry of Education website](#) for details on the sections and format for the LTE 10 Assessment. The exam does 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.

Students will be scheduled to write their exam at Sutherland sometime in the week of October 31-November 4. Specific information about locations and times will be sent to students closer to the scheduled assessment. Our office staff will have a list of students scheduled to write and will support attendance input on the scheduled assessment days.

All assessments will:

- Be in the Library Computer Lab or main area of the Library at Sutherland
- Be written either in the morning (8:30-11:30am) or afternoon (12:00-3:00pm).
- Students will be assigned a time to write.



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- 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 will 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 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:

- Students are expected to take the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment and the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment in their Grade 10 year.
- Students are expected to take the Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment in their Grade 12 year.
- Assessments are scored on a proficiency scale: 1 Emerging, 2 Developing, 3 Proficient, 4 Extending.
- Anyone scheduled to write the Numeracy 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) assessment.
- The student's outcome for each of the Provincial Graduation Assessments will be recorded on their final transcript (BC Ministry of Education).
- Students must complete all three assessments (Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12) as a graduation requirement.



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This schedule is subject to change based on changes to school operations or directions from the Ministry of Education or North Vancouver School District. If students are ill on the day of the assessment, they should not write the assessment. Arrangements will be made for students to write the assessment at a future assessment time. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Kindly,

Shannon Smart

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Smart', is positioned below the printed name.

Vice Principal

Sutherland Secondary School