

# Graduation Assessments at Gleneagle for 2020-2021

## FAQ

### What is the purpose of the Graduation Assessments?

As per the Ministry of Education:

#### *Purpose*

The Provincial Graduation Assessments ensure that all students have the literacy and numeracy skills developed across the provincial curriculum. The Provincial Graduation Assessments align with the curriculum and reflect international trends for large-scale assessments where there is a focus on the competencies required for students to be successful in the modern world.

The Provincial Graduation Assessments inform both student learning and system-level performance. The three assessments measure the extent to which students are literate and numerate and provide students with information about their proficiency relative to the provincial curriculum. The Provincial Graduation Assessments also provide information to ensure public accountability, monitor student progress, and ensure that students meet curriculum requirements.

The Provincial Graduation Assessments measure the application of numeracy and literacy skills to realistic situations, learned across the course of the students' education, requiring them to employ the knowledge and skills considered to be essential for future success. The 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.

### Do students have to write the assessments?

Yes, the assessments are a graduation requirement.

### Do the assessments affect the student's Math or English mark?

No, they are not attached to any particular course.

It does not matter what course level the student is registered in, only the grade level to which the student is assigned, e.g. a student does not need to be registered in or have completed Math 10 or English 10 to take the Grade 10 assessments.

### How are students assessed?

The assessments are reported on a scale of 1 (Emerging) to 4 (Extending).

<i>Provincial Graduation Assessments</i>			
<b>Emerging</b> The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	<b>Developing</b> The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	<b>Proficient</b> The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	<b>Extending</b> The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

**Does the student need to meet a particular proficiency level in order to graduate?**

No, the only requirement is that the student write the assessments.

**Where is the assessment score reported?**

The student's assessment score is reported on the student transcript.

**Can students re-write the assessments?**

There will be an opportunity for students to re-write the assessments to improve their achievement level if they choose. Until graduation, students may write a Provincial Graduation Assessment up to three times: the original attempt and two re-writes.

**Are these assessments required for post-secondary admissions?**

Each post-secondary school has the authority to determine admission requirements. Some have already indicated they will not use the Graduation Assessments. It is possible others will use it in the future to inform decisions. Students can check with individual institutions to verify their admissions information.

**When do students write the assessments?**

Once fully implemented, students:

- write the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 assessments in their Grade 10 year
- write the Literacy 12 assessment in their Grade 12 year (not required for 2020-2021)

**Who needs to write the assessments this year?**

Current grade 10s

- will write the Numeracy assessment in the quarter they are taking Math 10
- will write the Literacy assessment in the quarter they are taking English 10

Note: if a student is not taking Math 10 or English 10 this year, we will assign the student one of the four sessions and notify the student by email

Current grade 11s

- should have already written the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 assessment last year
- students are required to register for the assessment if they did not write one or both of them last year

Current grade 12s

- should have already written the Numeracy 10 assessment
- are NOT required to write the Literacy 10 assessment
- are NOT required to write the Literacy 12 assessment

## How can students prepare for the assessment?

Students do not need to study for the assessment. They are designed to assess the student's level of numeracy and literacy skills during their Grade 10 and Grade 12 year. They are not attached to courses.

Students can benefit from previewing the format of the assessment. Students can access this information at the Ministry of Education website.

Numeracy:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

Literacy:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

## Do students need to register for the assessments?

All grade 10 students are **automatically registered** to write the assessments.

They will write it in the quarter they have Math 10 or English 10.

\*\*\*Math 10 classes include: Workplace Math 10 or Foundations and Pre-Calculus 10

\*\*\*English 10 classes include: Creative Writing 10, New Media 10 and Literary Studies 10

This will mean some students will write both assessments in the same quarter.

Grade 12 students who have not written the Numeracy 10 assessment will automatically be registered for the November 2020 session. An email with day, time and location will be sent to their 125-school email account.

Students who need to pre-register:

- a grade 10 student who is not in either a Math 10 or English 10 class this year
- any student who wishes to re-write an assessment

To register, please email Ms. Leanna Hall ([lehall@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:lehall@sd43.bc.ca)). Students may re-write in the January, April and June sessions only. The deadline to register is 30 days prior to the assessment date (see the dates below).

## What do students need to bring to the assessment?

- Pen/pencil and eraser
- Your Provincial Education Number (PEN) (this is a 9-digit number located in your MyED account or on a report card)
- Picture identification
- OPTIONAL: A scientific calculator for the Numeracy Assessment. An online calculator is provided within the assessment if needed

## What are the dates of the graduation assessments?

These dates are set by the Ministry of Education. For the 2020-2021 school year they are:

November 2-6

January 25-29

April 12-16

June 14-18

Students/classes will be assigned a specific date and location. Students must attend their assigned day and time.