

January 2016

To: Superintendents of School Divisions  
Principals of Schools (Kindergarten to Grade 12)

Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Provincial Assessments and Tests Schedule (2016/2017)**

In order to assist you in school planning, Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning wishes to inform you of the provincial tests and assessments schedule for the 2016/2017 school year.

**Grades 3 and 4 Assessment:**

- The Grade 3 Assessment in Reading, *Lecture*, and Numeracy and Grade 4 Assessment in French Immersion *Lecture* will take place in the fall of 2016. Information is available online at <[www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/gr3/](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/gr3/)>. Schools will use the Collection of Assessment Results (CAR) web application to report student-by-student results to the department in November. Further information will be provided to schools at the start of the 2016/2017 school year.

**Middle Years Assessment:**

- The Middle Years Assessment of Key Competencies in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Expository Writing, and Student Engagement will start in the fall of 2016. Information is available online at <[www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/myreporting.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/myreporting.html)>. Schools will use the CAR web application to report student-by-student results to the department between mid-January and the end of February. Further information will be provided to schools at the start of the 2016/2017 school year.

**Grade 12 Tests:**

- Provincial tests will be administered system-wide in the following subjects:
  - English Language Arts
  - *Français langue première, 40S : Langue et communication*
  - *Français langue seconde — immersion, 40S : Langue et communication*
  - Applied Mathematics/*Mathématiques appliquées*
  - Essential Mathematics/*Mathématiques au quotidien*
  - Pre-Calculus Mathematics/*Mathématiques pré-calcul*
- To receive timely and accurate summaries of results and feedback from the department it is crucial to return test-related materials by the deadline dates. The department will provide financial support (\$10.00 per mathematics test; \$12.25 per language arts test) to funded independent schools and to school divisions for each test that counts as a provincial test and for which materials are returned on time. The purpose of the financial support is to compensate teachers or provide for release time for marking the tests. This support goes to the jurisdiction in which the students are enrolled in the course.

Test/Assessment	Administration Dates	
	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Grade 12 English Language Arts Standards Test (Transactional, Literary, and Comprehensive Focus)</b> Optional for <i>Français</i> and French Immersion programs	Tuesday, January 10 to Friday, January 13, 2017	Monday, May 29 to Thursday, June 1, 2017
<b>Grade 12 <i>Français langue première, 40S : Langue et communication</i> Standards Test</b> <b>Students' Preparatory Activities:</b> beginning the Wednesday before the test	Monday, January 16 to Wednesday, January 18, 2017	Monday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 7, 2017
<b>Grade 12 <i>Français langue seconde, — immersion 40S : Langue et communication</i> Standards Test</b> <b>Students' Preparatory Activities:</b> beginning the Wednesday before the test	Monday, January 16 to Wednesday, January 18, 2017	Monday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 7, 2017
<b>Grade 12 Applied Mathematics Achievement Test</b>	Tuesday, January 24, 2017	Thursday, June 15, 2017
<b>Grade 12 Essential Mathematics Achievement Test</b>	Wednesday, January 25, 2017	Wednesday, June 14, 2017
<b>Grade 12 Pre-Calculus Mathematics Achievement Test</b>	Thursday, January 26, 2017	Tuesday, June 13, 2017
<b>National and International Assessments:</b>	--	<b>Spring 2017</b>
• <b>Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP)</b>	--	Potential field trial, several classrooms, Grade 8
• <b>Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)</b>	--	Field trial, several schools, 15- and 16-year olds Major domain: Reading

Information bulletins for the provincial tests, outlining test specifications, times, and duration, will be available in September 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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