



# FLEETWOOD PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Grade 10 (Grad 2022) Parents/Guardians,

The new BC Graduation Program requires ALL students graduating in the 2021 school year and beyond to write the following Graduation Assessments:

- The **Numeracy 10 Assessment**
- The **NEW Literacy 10 Assessment**
- The upcoming **Literacy 12 Assessment**

Current grade 10 students (2019/2020 school year) must complete the Numeracy Assessment 10 and the Literacy Assessment 10 this year, as a graduation requirement. In their grade 12 year, they will also complete the Literacy 12 Assessment.

The Grade 10 provincial graduation assessments require students to apply their numeracy and literacy skills in realistic contexts. Standards and expectations are set with what a Grade 10 student should know, do, and understand in a variety of contexts that require the application of literacy and numeracy skills. Rather than assess specific course curricula, the Grade 10 graduation assessments measure the application of numeracy and literacy skills to realistic situations, requiring students to employ the competencies considered to be essential for future success. The Grade 10 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 (BC Ministry of Education, 2019).

The Numeracy Assessment has been in place since January 2018 and the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment will be implemented as of November 2019. The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment will be introduced in the 2020/21 school year.

The following policies from the BC Ministry of Education are associated with the new Graduation Assessments:

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

Proficiency Scale	→			
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

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

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

At Fleetwood Park this year, Grade 10 students will write their Numeracy and Literacy Assessments during the times listed below. Please ensure students are available to write both sessions.

Thursday, <b>January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Literacy 10</b>	Last names starting with <b>A-K</b> <b>8:00am - 11:00am</b>	Last names starting with <b>L-Z</b> <b>11:30am - 2:30pm</b>
Friday, <b>January 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Numeracy 10</b>	Last names starting with <b>L-Z</b> <b>8:00am - 11:00am</b>	Last names starting with <b>A-K</b> <b>11:30am - 2:30pm</b>

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

Sincerely,

The Fleetwood Park Admin Team