

## Provincial Exam Websites

### Ministry of Education – General Exam Site

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/)

### Exam Schedule

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/schedules.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/schedules.htm)

### Exam Results

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/)

Students will require their Personal Education Number (PEN), surname and date of birth to create an account. As the Ministry does not mail out exam results, students should be encouraged to create an account prior to the release of exam results.

### Rereads, Rewrites and Reviews

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/rereads\\_rewrites/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/rereads_rewrites/)

If a student questions his or her mark on a provincial Grade 12 examination, the student may have that exam reread and remarked for a fee of \$50 per exam. Application must be made to the Ministry, Assessment Branch and adhere to deadline dates.

If a student questions his or her mark received on a Grade 10/11 provincial examination, the student may request a rereading of the examination (a "reread") through the student's school administration office. District policy and deadline will apply.

### Exam specifications

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/)

### Sample Exams Search

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/search/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/search/)

Scoring Guides for English 10,  
Communications 12 and Core French Exams  
[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/score\\_guides.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/score_guides.htm)

Examinable Terms and Devices in Literature  
(Download PDF file)

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/grade10/en/05\\_terms\\_device.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/grade10/en/05_terms_device.pdf)

Calculator Policy (Download PDF file)

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/calculator\\_policy06.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/calculator_policy06.pdf)

Approved Calculator Listing(Download PDF file)

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/calculator\\_listing.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/calculator_listing.pdf)

Math Problem Sets (Download PDF file)

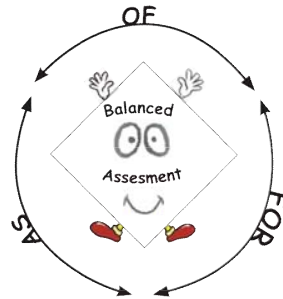
Principles of Math

English

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/pdfs/amaprob.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/pdfs/amaprob.pdf)

Applications of Math

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/pdfs/pmaprob.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/pdfs/pmaprob.pdf)



Contact Instructional Services  
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# Provincial Exams

- an overview -



## Provincial Exams and Graduation Requirements

Students who enter Grade 10 **after June 30, 2004** follow the *Graduation Program 2004*.

Students must write FIVE Graduation Program Exams:

- Language Arts 10,
  - Science 10,
  - Mathematics 10,
  - Social Studies 11/12,
- Compulsory Exams**
- All Other Grade 12 exams are optional. Students, not their school, make the choice to write Optional exams.

In order to graduate with a Dogwood, every student in the Graduation Program must earn 48 credits from required courses, 28 credits from elective courses and 4 credits from Graduation Transitions.

## Mark Allocation

- Grades 10 and 11 Exams  
School Mark 80%  
Provincial Exam 20%
- Grade 12 Exams (English 12, Communications 12, English 12 First People, Français Langue Première 12)  
School Mark 60%  
Provincial Exam 40%
- All Other Grade 12 Exams - If students choose to write these exams, results will count for 40 percent of the final course mark. If exams are not chosen, the classroom mark constitutes the final mark.

## Test-Taking Tips

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Listen carefully to the instructions.
- Ask questions about any instructions that you don't understand.
- Check the clock to see how much time you have.

### DURING THE TEST

- Skim the whole test so that you can plan your time
- Read and answer each question carefully
- Skip the difficult questions and come back to them later
- Watch the time so that you can answer all of the questions.

### AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED THE TEST

- Go back and check your answers, if you have time.
- Be sure that your name is on the test (or what is required of you)

**One of the most important ways to prepare for a test is to get a good night's sleep beforehand. Also make sure to eat a good breakfast. If your body is rested and fed, your mind is free to work.**

Adapted from Kemper et al, *Write Source*, Wilmington, Great Source Educational Group, 2005

## Exam Format

- English 10 and Socials 11/12 – open response answers and closed response answers (T/F,...)
- All other Grade 10 Exams – closed response answers
- All Grade 12 Exams contain a mix of open response and closed response answers.
- The Japanese 12 and Spanish 12 provincial exam will now include listening and speaking components starting in 2007/2008. Other Language 12 provincial exams will be phasing in this format.

## On Writing Compositional Exams

- Use active, not passive voice.
- Use present tense.
- Have a clear thesis.
- Read the question carefully. Underline key words. Make sure you've addressed the topic.
- Use formal language and avoid slang or conversational tone (unless that's called for.)
- Don't forget the title.
- Plan your answer and do some prewriting, i.e. outline, graphic organizer.

