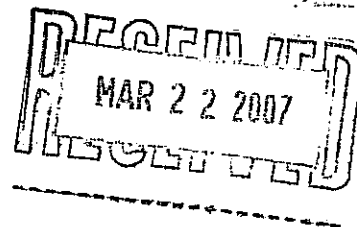


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To: Principals of Schools  
Superintendents of School Divisions

Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Provincial Assessment and Standards Testing Schedule (2007-2008)**

Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth wishes to inform you of the provincial assessment and standards testing schedule for the 2007-2008 school year. Provincial assessment activities are described in point form and the administration dates are summarized in a table to assist you in school planning.

**Grade 3:**

- The Grade 3 Assessment in Reading, *Lecture* and Numeracy and Grade 4 Assessment in French Immersion *Lecture* will take place in the fall of 2007. School divisions and funded independent schools will summarize their results on each of the critical competencies and report the results to the Department by Friday, November 23, 2007.

**Middle Years Assessment:**

- The final phase of implementation of this policy begins in the fall of 2007. The additional competencies to be addressed are engagement at Grade 7, writing in French at Grade 8 and reading in English at Grade 8. Further information about the policy is available at [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/myreporting.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/myreporting.html).

**Grade 12:**

- Standards tests will be administered system-wide in the following Grade 12 subjects:
  - English Language Arts
  - *Français langue première*
  - *Français langue seconde — immersion*
  - Applied Mathematics/*Mathématiques appliquées*
  - Consumer Mathematics/*Mathématiques du consommateur*
  - Pre-Calculus Mathematics/*Mathématiques pré-calcul*

- To receive timely and accurate summaries of results and feedback from the Department, it is crucial to return materials by the deadline dates. The Department will continue to provide, to funded independent schools and school divisions, \$10 per test that is locally marked and for which all materials have been submitted to the Department on time. The purpose of the \$10 is to compensate teachers and/or provide release time for marking standards tests.
- The standards tests will be locally marked and results will count 30 percent towards students' final grades. Training will be offered by the Department to support local marking.

| Test/Assessment  | Administration Dates  |   |
|--|---|---|
|  | Semester 1  | Semester 2  |
| <b>Grade 12 English Language Arts Standards Test</b><br>(Local Marking)<br><i>Optional for Français and French Immersion programs</i>  | Tuesday, January 8 to Friday, January 11, 2008                            | Monday, June 2 to Thursday, June 5, 2008                          |
| <b>Grade 12 Français langue première Standards Test</b><br>(Local Marking)<br><b>Prior to Test—Students' Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• readings, supplementary research, and note-taking</li> </ul> | <b>Written Test:</b><br>Monday, January 14 to Wednesday, January 16, 2008 | <b>Written Test:</b><br>Monday, May 26 to Wednesday, May 28, 2008 |
| <b>Grade 12 Français langue seconde Standards Test</b><br>(Local Marking)<br><b>Prior to Test—Students' Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• readings, supplementary research, and note-taking</li> </ul>  | <b>Written Test:</b><br>Monday, January 14, to Thursday, January 17, 2008 | <b>Written Test:</b><br>Monday, May 26 to Thursday, May 29, 2008  |
| <b>Grade 12 Applied Mathematics/Mathématiques appliquées Standards Test</b><br>(Local Marking)   | Tuesday, January 22 and Wednesday, January 23, 2008                       | Wednesday, June 11 and Thursday, June 12, 2008                    |

| Test/Assessment   | Administration Dates   |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | Semester 1   | Semester 2   |
| <b>Grade 12<br/>Consumer Mathematics/<br/>Mathématiques du consommateur<br/>Standards Test</b><br>(Local Marking) | <b>Project:</b><br>November 19 to 26, 2007<br><br><b>Written Test:</b><br>Monday, January 21, 2008<br><br><b>Portfolio:</b><br>Prior to Monday, January 21, 2008 | <b>Project:</b><br>April 7 to 14, 2008<br><br><b>Written Test:</b><br>Tuesday, June 10, 2008<br><br><b>Portfolio:</b><br>Prior to Tuesday, June 10, 2008 |
| <b>Grade 12<br/>Pre-Calculus Mathematics/<br/>Mathématiques pré-calcul<br/>Standards Test</b><br>(Local Marking)  | Thursday, January 24, 2008   | Monday, June 9, 2008   |
| <b>National and International<br/>Assessments</b>   | ---  | ---  |

Information Bulletins for each of the standards tests, outlining test specifications, times and test duration, will be available for schools in September 2007.

Yours sincerely,



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