

Guidelines for Semester Exams

Schedule

- Semester exams will be written June 4,5,6 (and June 7 for grade 11)
- Grade 11 will write exams during the exam schedule for all classes except IB Art and TOK.
- Grade 9 and 10 will write exams during the exam schedule for English, Social Studies, Math, Science and World Languages.
- The last day for re-assessment of Semester 2 work is Friday 1 June.

Exam Preparation

- The exams will focus on topics covered in semester 2.
- Time will be given in class during the week of May 28 - June 1 for review. Any new material introduced after the May 28 will not be included in the exam.
- No tests will be given in class after May 25.

What you can expect from your teachers:

- Teachers will provide time in class for review.
- Teachers will discuss the topics you can expect to see on the exam.
- As usual, teachers are available for help after school and other times in the day. Make an appointment to get help if you have questions.

Impact of the Semester Exam on the Overall Semester Grade

When determining an overall semester grade a range and balance of assessment activities is expected, as no one style of assessment will properly cover all the objectives of a subject or appeal to the preferred learning styles of all students. The Semester Exam is just one additional piece of assessment data.

At the end of each semester, teachers determine the most appropriate score for each standard and then assign an overall score using the IB 1-7 scale. Teachers will analyze the achievement levels of students over the course of the semester, paying particular attention to:

- Patterns in the assessment data.
- Anomalous or unexpected achievement levels.
- Other influencing factors, such as the level of support given to particular students, or mitigating circumstances such as illness.

Ultimately, teachers will use the evidence provided in the student work to use a best-fit approach to make a final decision. They will then decide upon and record the best-fit score.

Determining an Anticipated IB Grade

An Anticipated Grade is a Predicted Grade that has yet to be sent to the IB. Anticipated Grades are determined in the same way as Overall Semester Grades. The Anticipated Grades shared in June are not sent to the IB or universities. These grades are flexible and are intended to stimulate a discussion between student and teacher on ways to maintain or improve the score.

When students begin the university application process in grade 12 teachers are asked to provide an updated Anticipated Grade. This process can begin as early as October of grade 12. The Anticipated Grades continue to be updated periodically until the official Predicted Grades are sent to the International Baccalaureate Organization in March of the Senior year.

"The predicted grade is the teacher's prediction of the grade the candidate is expected to achieve in the subject, based on all the evidence of the candidate's work and the teacher's knowledge of IB standards." IB Handbook 2015