



## **High School Final Assessment Information for Parents/Guardians**

*January 2026*

### **Purpose of Final Assessments**

Final assessments assess students' understanding and application of the concepts and skills related to the expected learning outcomes for a subject or course. They can take many forms, including, but not limited to, presentations, portfolios, interviews, and examinations.

If an examination is the chosen format for a final assessment, it must take place during the timeframe specified by EECD.

### **Final Assessments (not in the form of an Examination)**

Specific subjects and teachers may complete final assessments during regular class times the week prior to the Summative Assessment (Examinations) period (January 28 & 29) as outlined in the provincial school calendar. Individual teachers will be communicating additional information to students and families. These assessments provide valuable information on student achievement of the learning outcomes. It is important that students be present for these assessments, as they cannot be easily rescheduled.

If your child will be absent, please contact their classroom teacher right away or reach out to the Vice Principal: Sharlene Ellis, [sellis@hrce.ca](mailto:sellis@hrce.ca)

### **Final Assessment (Examination)**

Final assessments in the form of an examination will take place on January 28th and 29th. Students are expected to attend all classes leading up to examinations.

*The Nova Scotia Examination (NSE) English 10 is a provincial standardized exam that assesses students' achievement of English 10 curriculum outcomes and counts for 20% of their final course grade. This will be written during class on Monday, January 26th and Tuesday, January 27th.*

The detailed schedule (including dates, times, teachers, and room numbers) can be found here: [Exam Schedule](#)

If your child will be absent for their exam, please contact their Vice Principal: Sharlene Ellis, [sellis@hrce.ca](mailto:sellis@hrce.ca)



### **Student Reminders**

- **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes leading up examinations. Students must be in class. They cannot be in the building and not in class.
- **Academic Integrity:** Students may not have phones, smartwatches, or other electronic devices at their desks during assessments.
- **Be Prepared:** Get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast or lunch! The school will have snacks on hand as students arrive for exams.
- **Textbooks:** All textbooks for semester 1 courses should be returned to the library after students final summative assessments.

### **Snow Days**

If school is closed due to weather during the exam days (January 28th or January 29th), the exam schedule will be adjusted.

### **Timeline for Additional Details**

Teachers will email families with specific dates, formats, and expectations for their course assessments.

Please encourage your child to reach out to their teacher directly with any questions.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

*We wish all students the very best as they prepare for final assessments and finish the semester strong.*