



# SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

1860 Sutherland Avenue, North Vancouver, BC V7L 4C2 - 604-903-3500

Monday, October 28, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation or “Dogwood Diploma” is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements. In addition to the required 80 course credits, there are 3 Graduation Assessments:

- The Literacy 10 Assessment (LTE 10)
- The Numeracy 10 Assessment (NME 10)
- Literacy 12 Assessment (LTE 12)

Typically, students write the LTE 10 and NME 10 in their Grade 10 year, and their LTE 12 in their graduating year. However, if a student has missed a previous assessment, we will include them in this year’s schedule. These students will be directly contacted regarding their attendance for an exam session, via MS Teams.

On **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, Sutherland will be holding Literacy 10 Assessments for all grade 10 students with Semester 1 classes in CLE 10. For grade 10 students taking CLE 10 in Semester 2, the Literacy 10 Assessments will occur on **Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 11**.

Students are scheduled to write their exams **with their Careers classes for grade 10 (CLE 10) and grade 12 (CLC 12)**. On the days of assessments, Sutherland will follow an adjusted bell schedule in order to accommodate the additional time needed for testing. Students writing the assessments will begin at 8:30am. All regular classes begin at 9:15am.

There will be a Graduation Assessment schedule on **Monday, January 20, 2025**. All grade 10 students will write the Numeracy 10 Assessments with their CLE 10 classes, from 8:30-11:30am. All grade 12 students will write their Literacy 12 Assessments with their CLC 12 classes, from 12:00-3:00pm. Students in grades 8, 9 and 11 will not have regular classes. They may be invited to attend review and completion sessions.

Please see the [Ministry of Education website](#) for details on the sections and format for Graduation Assessments. The exams do not require preparation, but there are videos and practice tests available at the above link should students/families want to access those materials in advance of the exam.



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Below is the schedule for this year's Graduation Assessments. This will also be shared with students on Microsoft Teams. Please check the schedule and help us ensure that your student attends the correct session and location for their tests.

Date	Time	Period	Classes (Semester/Period)	Location
<b>Mon. Nov 4, 2024</b> LTE 10	8:30-11:30am	1	S1P1 Matsubuchi CLE 10	Library Computer Lab
	12:00-3:00pm	2	N/A	
<b>Tues. Nov 5, 2024</b> LTE 10	8:30-11:30am	3	S1P3 Matsubuchi CLE 10	Library Computer Lab
	12:00-3:00pm	4	S1P4 Kwong CLE 10	Library Computer Lab
<b>Mon. Jan 20, 2025</b> (R&C Day) NME 10	8:30-11:30am	AM	S1P1 Matsubuchi CLE 10	Library Computer Lab
			S1P3 Matsubuchi CLE 10	C202
			S1P4 Kwong CLC 10	D209
			S2P1 Matsubuchi CLE 10	C203
			S2P2 Matsubuchi CLE 10	Main Library
S2P4 Reynolds CLE 10	B103			
<b>Mon. Jan 20, 2025</b> (R&C Day) LTE 12	12:00-3:00pm	PM	S1P1 Reynolds CLC 12 A	Library Computer Lab
			S1P1 Reynolds CLC 12 B	Main Library
			S1P3 Reynolds CLC 12 A	C202
			S1P3 Reynolds CLC 12 B	C203
			S1P4 Reynolds CLC 12 A	B103
			S1P4 Reynolds CLC 12 B	D209
<b>Thurs. Apr. 10, 2025</b> LTE 10	8:30-11:30am	1	S2P1 Matsubuchi CLE 10	Library Computer Lab
	12:00-3:00pm	2	S2P2 Matsubuchi CLE 10	Library Computer Lab
<b>Fri. April 11, 2025</b> LTE 10	8:30-11:30am	3	N/A	
	12:00-3:00pm	4	S2P4 Reynolds CLE 10	Library Computer Lab

This schedule is subject to change based on changes to school operations or directions from the Ministry of Education or NVSD. Please reach out if you have questions.



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Other important information to know:

- Students will have 3 hours to write (the assessments are designed to be completed in 1.5 hours)
- Students must arrive at the exam within thirty minutes of the start time. They may not be permitted to start writing if they arrive after that time.
- Students are expected to attend classes during the rest of the day they are writing their assessment.

## Background/Procedural Information:

The purpose of these assessments is to measure the extent to which students are literate and numerate. Rather than assess specific course curricula, the graduation assessments measure the application of numeracy and literacy skills to realistic situations. These assessments look at a student's ability to apply their knowledge and skills. Students will be required to analyze, reason, and communicate effectively as they examine, interpret, and solve problems. Graduation Assessments also emphasize the importance of the context in which students should be able to use their skills (e.g., home, employment, society).

The following policies are associated with the Graduation Assessments:

- Assessments are scored on a proficiency scale: 1 Emerging, 2 Developing, 3 Proficient, 4 Extending.
- Anyone scheduled to write the Numeracy 10 Assessment needs to **bring a non-graphing calculator, a pen, and a pencil to the assessment.**
- All the Assessments are cross-curricular and stand-alone (not tied to a specific course).
- The student's outcome for each of the Provincial Graduation Assessments will be recorded on their final transcript (BC Ministry of Education).

Kindly,

Cora Pross  
Vice Principal