

Discontinuation of Grade 12 Saskatchewan Provincial Examinations

Who currently writes provincial examinations?

- Provincial examinations are administered by the Ministry of Education for Grade 12 students instructed by non-accredited teachers, for home-based students and for adults wishing to earn 30-level credits in the subjects for which departmental examinations are prepared.
- Provincial examinations are prepared in the following eight Grade 12 subjects:
 - English Language Arts A30 (ELA A) and English Language Arts B30 (ELA B);
 - Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and Physics 30; and,
 - Workplace and Apprenticeship Mathematics 30, Foundation of Mathematics 30 and Pre-calculus 30.

Why are Grade 12 provincial examinations being discontinued?

- Discontinuing provincial examinations creates a more equitable system for Grade 12 students in Saskatchewan.
- Saskatchewan is the only province where some students are required to write provincial examinations in certain Grade 12 subjects while others are not.
- In the 2023-24 school year, only 25 per cent of students needed to complete a provincial exam, most of whom were from rural areas where there tend to be fewer accredited teachers.

Beginning in the fall of the 2025-26 school year, all Grade 12 course marks will be determined by the teacher.

What does this mean for teacher accreditation?

- All teachers in Saskatchewan hold a teacher's certificate issued by the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board. In the current system, certified Grade 12 teachers could become "accredited" if they had two full years of teaching experience, and the required number of university credits, in that subject area. Once accredited, teachers may be fully responsible for determining their students' course marks.
- Students who took Grade 12 courses from certified teachers who were not accredited were required to write Grade 12 provincial examinations in certain subject areas.
- With this change to Grade 12 provincial examinations, certified teachers no longer have to be accredited to determine their students' course marks. **Beginning in the fall of 2025-26, all Grade 12 course marks will be determined by the teacher, as they are in all other grades.**

How will adult and home-based learners earn Grade 12 credits?

- In the past, adult students and home-based learners were able to challenge the Grade 12 provincial examinations to earn 30-level credits. Discontinuing Grade 12 provincial examinations means this option will no longer be available.

- Adult and home-based learners will be able to enroll in Grade 12 courses through the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre or applicable post-secondary institutions to earn Grade 12 credits.

Will the Grade 12 provincial examinations be replaced?

- As part of the Provincial Education Plan, the Ministry of Education will continue to collaborate with education partners on the Saskatchewan Student Assessment (SSA) program. SSA will provide a snapshot of student performance in Grades 5 and 9 mathematics and Grades 4, 7 and 10 English language arts. Field-testing of SSA will begin in the 2025-26 school year, with full program implementation by 2027-28.