



Diploma exam weighting

Temporary change for the 2021-22 year

Eligibility

For the 2021-2022 school year, diploma exams are mandatory and their weighting has been temporarily changed to 10%. For students who are taking a diploma exam course for the first time, this means that their school-awarded mark will be worth 90%.

Given that diploma exams were optional during the 2020-2021 school year, some students may be retaking a diploma exam course or rewriting the diploma exam in 2021-2022. In order to be eligible for the 90/10 weighting, either:

- the student's school-awarded mark or diploma exam mark must be higher; or
- the student has a new school-awarded mark and a new diploma exam mark during the 2021-22 school year

Students who have received a full exemption and retake instruction in a diploma exam course must write the diploma exam to acquire a final official mark associated with the new school-awarded mark. Exemptions are not carried forward.

In all cases, the student's highest school-awarded mark, highest diploma exam mark, and highest final mark will be reported on the transcript.

Below are some examples that illustrate how students' marks will be calculated.

Example 1: If a student re-takes a diploma exam course, having opted not to write the diploma exam during the 2020-2021 school year, how will their mark be calculated?

Given that diploma exams are mandatory, these students must also write the diploma exam if they wish to improve the marks on their transcript. Exemptions are administration specific and do not carry forward.

For example, in June 2021 a student completed Mathematics 30-1 and chose not to write the diploma exam. Their school mark was 70%, they received an exemption for the diploma exam, and their final mark was 70%.

In June 2022, the student retakes the course and receives a new school-awarded mark of 65%. Their diploma exam mark is 75%. Using these marks from the 2021-2022 school year, their calculated mark is 66%. Since the new diploma exam represents the highest diploma exam mark achieved, the final mark is calculated using the 70% school awarded-mark and the 75% diploma exam mark. The student's final mark is 71%.

Example 2: If a student re-takes a diploma course, having written the diploma exam prior to September 1, 2021, what weighting will be used?

For example, in June 2021 a student completed Chemistry 30 and received a 65% school-awarded mark and a 55% diploma exam mark. Based on the 70/30 weighting, the final mark was 62%. The student re-takes the course and receives a mark of 80% in June 2022. Since the new school-awarded mark is higher than the previous school-awarded mark, the final mark will be calculated based on a 90/10 weighting of the 80% school-awarded mark and the 55% diploma exam mark. The final mark will be 78%.

Example 3: If a student retakes a diploma exam course and rewrites the diploma exam after September 1, 2021, how will their mark be calculated?

For example, in June 2021 a student completed English Language Arts 30-2 and received a school mark of 80% and a diploma exam mark of 60%. Based on the 70/30 weighting, the final mark was 74%.

In June 2022, the student retakes the course and receives a 79%. The student rewrites the diploma exam and receives a 59%. The 90/10 weighting results in a final mark of 77%.