



April 21, 2020

Questions about Post-Secondary and other Important Dates/Reminders

As per Alberta Education:

- Priority for Grade 12 students was to ensure those that are eligible to graduate would still be able to do so, and continue on to post-secondary studies without being penalized.
- Grade 12 diploma exams are cancelled to the end of June 2020.
- Government will be working with post-secondary institutions to ensure that these extraordinary circumstances do not prevent students from being eligible for admission to post-secondary studies for the upcoming school year.
- Students will receive a final mark for classes they are currently taking by the end of the school year, which will appear on their transcript.
- They can then use their transcript for post-secondary entrance, scholarships and other purposes, as they normally would.

Q & A

1. Are students now required to write their diploma exam in order to be accepted into post-secondary institutions?

- Yesterday, April 20, the following information was provided by a representative from the University of Alberta:
 - The University of Alberta will be looking at the final grades that show on the student's Alberta Transcript and will use those marks when calculating a student's admission average from the five required "30 level" courses.
 - Semester 2 marks on the transcripts will not include a diploma exam mark, however, we will still use the final marks on the Alberta transcripts (even though this year we know what it's made up of looks different).

This means that students do not have to write their diploma exam for courses taken in the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year and the teacher-awarded mark will appear on the student transcript as their final, official grade.

2. If a student takes a year off after high school graduation, will they need to write the diploma exam at a later date to gain admission to post-secondary for Fall 2021?

- The post-secondary schools have reassured us that they will use the final, official marks as listed on the student's transcript, regardless of whether it includes the diploma exam mark or not. This is not a "limited time offer" for Fall 2020.

3. How do I find out information on the status of my current post-secondary application for Fall 2020?

- Your most reliable information will come directly from the post-secondary institution themselves. You can call or email them to inquire about the status of your application. Also, please ensure that you regularly check your email inbox (also your Spam folder) for new information, as well as your

student portal with the post-secondary institution (ex. UAlberta Launchpad, MacEwan myStudentSystem, myMRU).

4. With campus tours and open houses cancelled for spring, how can I explore my post-secondary options?

- Many post-secondary schools are setting up virtual open houses and online presentations to encourage our high school students to explore their options after high school. Click here for a list of upcoming virtual events: [Post-Secondary Virtual Events](#)

5. Are you interested in applying for scholarships and bursaries?

- Please see our [St. Paul Education 2020 Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries Booklet](#) for information and deadlines.

6. What if I have more questions or concerns about graduation requirements or post-secondary that have not been answered here?

- Please contact one of our Career Counsellors using the information below. They will be happy to answer any questions you have or find the answers for you.

Career Counsellor	Schools	Phone Number	Email Address
Cheri Lindquist	Heinsburg Community School, Ashmont School	780-614-0778	lindcher@sperd.ca
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7. What is the plan for graduation ceremonies?

- We fully understand the significance of these ceremonies and we are committed to providing our graduating students with the best experience possible under these unprecedented circumstances. Graduation ceremonies are yet to be determined. We will be working with schools, students and parents in the future to determine what options may be available to recognize this important milestone for our students. Regardless of Division plans for graduation ceremonies, students will still receive their High School Diploma in the mail from Alberta Education as per normal.