

Lockerby Composite School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Welcome to the 2026 – 2027 School Year!

As we begin the new year, we would like to share an important update with you and your student. We ask that you please review this information together as it will impact your student's final grades in school.

The Ministry of Education has introduced **mandatory requirements** on how students are assessed and evaluated in secondary schools in Ontario.

Starting this September, **attendance and participation will count towards the final grade** for each course. This change recognizes and reinforces the importance of regular attendance, active participation, and engagement in learning to success in school.

The Ministry of Education has also implemented **mandatory examinations**. Students will be required to complete an in-person final exam for most secondary courses.

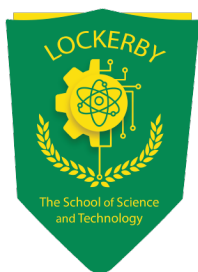
Please note the following school year examination dates:

- **Semester 1 - January 25 to 29, 2027**
- **Semester 2 - June 24 to 30, 2027**

Teachers will communicate the new assessment and evaluation requirements in course outlines that will be provided to students during the first week of school.

Generally, for Grades 9 and 10, the final course mark will be based on:

- 65% - Classroom work completed throughout the course
- 20% - Mandatory final evaluation(s), which may include a written examination and/or culminating task, depending on the subject
- 15% - Attendance and participation
 - excused absences will not count against the final grade



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Generally, for Grades 11 and 12, the final course mark will be based on:

- 65% - Classroom work completed throughout the course
- 25% - Mandatory final evaluation(s), which may include a written examination and/or culminating task, depending on the subject
- 10% - Attendance and participation
 - excused absences will not count against the final grade

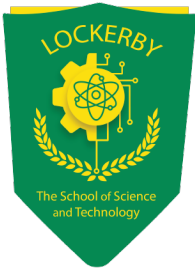
Teachers will continue to use varied and ongoing assessments to gather evidence of learning, participation, and engagement.

Throughout the school year, students can expect a greater emphasis on:

- Regular attendance
- Punctuality and on-time arrival to class
- Engagement in learning including:
 - assignment completion
 - in-class work
 - classroom conversations and observations
 - contributions to a positive classroom culture
- Preparation for final examinations

Rainbow School Board encourages and supports community-based extra-curricular, athletic, cultural, and other educational activities that may require a student to be absent from school. Absences that are a result of participation in sport or other activities that contribute to a well-rounded education will be considered as excused. Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- Informing the school, in advance of the school day, if their student is not able to attend school. These may include illness and other unforeseen circumstances, such as inclement weather;
- Contacting the school to attain an excused absence for community-based extra-curricular, athletic, cultural, and/or other educational activities including cultural days and holy days;
- Providing information or documentation to support an excused absence if requested;
- Talking to your student regularly about the importance of attendance, organization and upcoming assessments;
- Contacting the school should you have any questions about the Ministry of Education's changes to assessment and evaluation and/or course expectations for your student.



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Success in school starts with being present and making every day count. When students attend school regularly, they are well on their way towards learning, growing and reaching their goals.

Every day counts towards building knowledge, confidence and skills that lead to achievement both inside and outside the classroom. Prioritizing attendance helps students stay on track, perform better academically, and achieve long-term success.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you and your student.

Yours sincerely,

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Per:

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Principal