

Information on the Proficiency Scale & Percentage-Based Assessments

The Four-Point Provincial Proficiency Scale

This four-point scale is used to communicate student learning in all areas of learning in Grades K-9. The four points on the scale are Emerging, Developing, Proficient, and Extending.

| Grade | Definition |
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| IE - Insufficient Evidence | "Insufficient Evidence" indicates that there has not been sufficient evidence of learning in order to assess the student. |
| 1 - Emerging | "Emerging" indicates that a student is just beginning to demonstrate learning in relation to the learning standards but they are not doing so consistently. |
| 2 - Developing | "Developing" indicates that a student is demonstrating learning in relation to the learning standards with growing consistency. The student is showing initial understanding but is still in the process of developing their competency in relation to the learning standards. |
| 3 - Proficient | "Proficient" is the goal for students. A student is proficient when they demonstrate the expected learning in relation to the learning standards. Proficient is not synonymous with perfection. Instead, the student is able to demonstrate their learning consistently with the expected skill and competency for their grade level. |
| 4 - Extending | "Extending" is not synonymous with perfection or "100%". Extending means a student is demonstrating learning in relation to the learning standards with increasing depth and complexity. Extending doesn't necessarily mean the student is doing more volume of work or work that is of higher complexity than their current grade level. The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to expected learning. |

If a student enters a learning experience with Proficient understanding or achieves Proficient during the school year, the aim becomes to dig deeper and reach toward Extending their understanding.

Assessment provides timely feedback to students for continued learning, improvement and growth.

Letter Grades and Percentages

Letter grades and percentages are used in Grades 10-12 to indicate a student's learning in relation to the learning standards. The Provincial Letter Grades Order sets out the process for letter grade symbols and corresponding percentages and definitions.

| Letter | % Range | Definition |
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| A | 86-100 | The student demonstrates excellent or outstanding performance in relation to learning outcomes for the course. |
| B | 73-85 | The student demonstrates very good performance in relation to learning outcomes for the course. |
| C+ | 67-72 | The student demonstrates good performance in relation to learning outcomes for the course. |
| C | 60-66 | The student demonstrates satisfactory performance in relation to learning outcomes for the course. |
| C- | 50-59 | The student demonstrates minimally acceptable performance in relation to learning outcomes for the course. |
| F | 0-49 | The student is not demonstrating minimally acceptable learning in relation to the learning outcomes for the course. The letter grade "F" may only be assigned if an "IE" (Insufficient Evidence of Learning) letter grade has previously been assigned for that course. |

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| SG | N/A | <p>Standing Granted: Although completion of normal requirements is not possible, sufficient evidence of learning has been demonstrated to warrant, consistent with the best interests of the student, the granting of standing for the area of learning and grade. Standing Granted may be used in cases of serious illness, hospitalization, late entry, or early leaving, but may only be granted by an adjudication process authorized by the principal, vice principal, or director of instruction in charge of a school.</p> |
| TS | N/A | <p>Transfer Standing: Although completion of normal requirements is not possible, a sufficient level of performance has been attained to warrant, consistent with the best interests of the student, the granting of standing for the course or subject and grade. Standing Granted may be used in cases of serious illness, hospitalization, late entry or early leaving but may only be granted by an adjudication process authorized by the principal, vice principal or director of instruction in charge of the school.</p> |
| IE | N/A | <p>Insufficient Evidence: The student has not provided sufficient evidence of learning in relation to the learning outcomes for the course.</p> |

Assignment of an "Insufficient Evidence" Letter Grade

1. An **IE** may be assigned at any time during the school year and is not restricted to term and final reports.
2. Where an **IE** is assigned, the student and the parent of the student must be informed and have an opportunity to consult with the teacher on the plan of action specified in subsection (3).
3. Where an **IE** is assigned, teachers must be prepared to identify what the problem is and specify a plan of action that is intended to help students achieve the curricular

competencies.

4. An **IE** may be communicated in a variety of ways, including a written plan, verbally by telephone, or in a direct meeting involving teacher, parents and students.
5. Where an **IE** is assigned, the **IE** letter grade must be converted to another letter grade:
 - when letter grades are recorded on the permanent student record card,
 - before submission to the ministry for inclusion on that student's transcript of grades, and
 - before a student's records are transferred to another school unless there is an agreement between the principals of the two schools to defer the conversion of the **IE** letter grade.

Insufficient Evidence (IE) is not a final grade. This temporary grade aims to get students, parents, and caregivers working with teachers to have willing students demonstrate further evidence of learning to have the student's mark eventually translated into a proficiency scale indicator or letter grade and percentage.

Successful Completion of Courses in Grades 10-12

Completing a course in Grades 10-12 requires a minimum of a C- grade.

Resources

[BC K-12 Student Reporting Policy](#)

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