



1. Rationale

The Simcoe County District School Board recognizes that the primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning in an environment where all students have multiple opportunities to achieve success. Assessment and evaluation practices are to be fair, transparent and equitable for all learners.

2. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Simcoe County District School Board to ensure that the final percentage mark reflects student achievement of the overall curriculum expectations. A mark of zero may be given when a teacher is unable to collect any evidence of student learning.

3. Definitions

3.1 Professional judgement

Professional judgement is informed by professional knowledge of curriculum expectations, context, evidence of learning, methods of instruction and assessment, and the criteria and standards that indicate success in student learning.

3.2 Professional practice

Professional practice means judgement involving a purposeful and systematic thinking process that evolves in terms of accuracy and insight with ongoing reflection and self-correction.

4. Guidelines

- 4.1 The principal will work with teachers to ensure common and equitable grading practices.
- 4.2 Teachers will consider all evidence of student learning when using their professional judgement to determine a student's report card grade.
- 4.3 The final percentage mark on report cards should reflect a student's most consistent level of achievement with consideration given to the most recent evidence of student learning.
- 4.4 For Grades 9 and 10 the code "I" may be used on a report card to indicate that insufficient evidence is available to determine a mark.
- 4.5 Credit recovery should be considered when students in Grades 9 and 10 receive an "I" on the final report card.
- 4.6 Credit recovery should be considered when students in Grades 9 to 12 receive a mark below 50% on the final report card.



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5. Administrative Procedures

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.