

Ministry of Education - Assessment and Reporting

Below you will find additional clarification on assessment and reporting. This information has been shared with CODE and CODELF to pass along to Directors of Education

Q. Can marks can go down after March 13th?

Grades and marks will not go down from what they were on March 13th. No student's mark should be negatively affected by performance during the school closure period. This applies to both elementary and secondary students. Continuity of learning is critical to prepare students with the knowledge and skills for success in the next grade, course or postsecondary destination. Every effort should be made to keep students involved and engaged in their learning, recognizing that some students in extenuating circumstances may no longer be able to participate. The ministry and its education partners are considering how the school closure period will impact planning for the 2020-21 school year.

A. What is the timeline for Grade 11 and 12 students to drop courses without penalty?

According to Growing Success (page 60), students can withdraw from a Grade 11 or 12 course no more than five instructional days after the first report card is issued in a semestered school, or more than five instructional days after the second report card is issued in a non-semestered school. For the 2019-20 school year, this date has been changed to May 6, 2020. Schools will make every effort to reach out to students to communicate the deadline for dropping courses. Principals will use their discretion to continue to work in the best interest of each student. At the end of the school year, final marks are provided to OUAC/OCAS, which replaces the midterm mark for consideration by postsecondary institutions. If a student withdraws from a course after their midterm mark has been provided to OUAC/OCAS, then their final mark will be revised with the new course status.