

- **Part A of the English and Social Diploma exams will be written in various locations around the school. The room information will be on the exam schedule.**
- **All other final exams (including the Part B of the above Social Diploma) will be written in the gym. Wear a hoodie! It can be chilly.**
- **Don't forget to return your textbooks after you finish each exam!**

#### **Exam Week Reminders:**

- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your exam.
- Wait *quietly* outside the exam room location
- Be PREPARED! Bring a pencil (or three), eraser, calculator (if required).
- **Put NEW batteries in your calculator.** The last thing you need is for your calculator to quit in the middle of your exam
- **Bring your STUDENT ID CARD.** You need your student number to put on your exam.
- Bring a *quiet* snack (think pre opened granola bars, banana, orange etc)
- Bring a water bottle
- Bathroom breaks are permitted. One student at a time. Staff will escort the students to and from the bathroom
- Students must stay in the exam room for a minimum of one hour. Don't rush to finish your exams. Use the time you have been given.
- **Students only need to attend school at their scheduled exam time.** Once you have finished your last final exam, you do not have to return to school until the first day of semester 2 (January 31).
- If your exam is in the gym, bring a hoodie. It can be cold in the gym.

#### **Attendance for Final Exams**

- **All students are expected to write their final exams according to the schedule whether it is an in-class or exam week final.** If a student's schedule calls for two exams to be written at the same time, he or she is to contact the principal immediately and staff will make alternate arrangements.
- Students who cannot write for reasons of illness must provide medical documentation.
- Students who are absent for compassionate reasons involving an immediate family member must advise the school in writing.

Students who miss final exams for the reasons listed above will have their final grade based on semester work only.

Students who miss final exams for reasons other than those listed above (as defined in the School Act) will likely be assigned a final exam mark of 0%. For this reason, families are expected to schedule vacations, sporting activities, and other non-urgent business outside of exam periods.

- Students who arrive late for Diploma Exams are subject to the guidelines established by Alberta Learning. Students who arrive up to one hour late will be allowed to take the test. Because the security of the exam cannot be guaranteed after one hour has elapsed and some of the students have been dismissed, a late-arriving student will not be allowed to begin the exam after the initial hour has passed.
- Students arriving more than an hour late will have an opportunity to write the exam at the next sitting. Typically the next sitting is mid-semester, at the end of the following semester or in the summer. Students must register to rewrite a diploma examination through their MyPass account and a rewrite fee is required.

### ***Basic Exam Writing Rules***

- Calculators are allowed only if stated on the test or exam. Your calculator must be cleared by a staff member prior to the exam starting.
- Cell phones, Smart watches, and AirPods are prohibited during a test or exam. Use of a cell phone or other non-approved technology during an exam will result in a zero on the exam.
- Students are expected to refrain from talking, whispering or gesturing during the testing period, even if they are finished writing.
- Students who benefit from the work of others, who assist others with exam information, or who bring in information for the purpose of assistance on an exam will receive a mark of 0%.

**Students may be removed from the exam room if they do not to comply with the basic rules of exam writing and they may be assigned a mark of 0% or marked on what has been completed, at the teacher's discretion.**

### ***Procedure for suspected cheating in exam situations:***

1. Supervisor who notices suspicious behavior alerts other supervisor(s) of suspicions. Supervisor(s) monitor to confirm or dismiss.

2. If cheating is observed, or even thought to be occurring, the final exam is removed from the student(s) involved.
3. Student is immediately removed to the office. Wording such as "This is not allowed, you need to come with me" should be used.
4. If it is just one student, that student should go into the Principal's office. If it is more than one student, they should be put into separate areas (principal and vice principal office for example) and not allowed to speak to one another.
5. Administration will have both the student(s) and the supervisor(s) fill out an incident statement, stating why the student was removed from the exam. They will sign and date the statement.
6. The Principal/admin will take the statements and talk to the supervisor(s) about the incident. The Principal/admin will then talk to the student(s).
7. The student(s) will then finish writing the exam in isolation, in the office.
8. If cheating is confirmed, the student will be given a zero on the final exam.
9. The Principal/admin will then immediately phone the student's parents.
10. An email will be sent home by the Principal/admin informing the student and parents about the decision and consequences. JMHS student handbook will be cited in the email. Example below.

***Upon close review of the circumstances, the students caught cheating on the final exam will receive a mark of zero, as per page 17-18 of the JMHS student handbook: "students who benefit from the work of others, who assist others with exam information, or who bring in information for the purpose of assistance on an exam, will receive a mark of 0%."***