

Toronto District School Board

Policy P.063 SCH

Title: **PRE-EXAMINATION MORATORIUM ON MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

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1.0 OBJECTIVE

To provide the basis for a procedure for schools to follow during pre-examination periods

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Moratorium a temporary prohibition or suspension (of an activity), *The Canadian Oxford Dictionary, 2001*

3.0 RESPONSIBILITY

Associate Director

4.0 PROCEDURES

- 4.1. During the moratorium period of four (4) days prior to the scheduled mid-term or semester and final exam days, there shall be no:
 - excursions;
 - assemblies (except in extenuating circumstances, i.e. violent incident, bereavement);
 - shortened instructional school days;
 - conferences or meetings that remove teachers from their schools;
 - interschool activities;
 - projects or assignments for students writing an examination
 - culminating activities for students writing an examination;
 - homework, other than outlined in 5.2.
- 4.2. Homework that is considered to be part of the systematic review and examination preparation process (such as review quizzes, sample examination questions, or practice tests) and that do not count for marks, may be assigned during the pre-examination moratorium period.
- 4.3. School principals shall be permitted to authorize exceptions to the pre-examination moratorium as stated in Section 5.1 where withdrawal from an activity may disad-

vantage or disappoint a student or group of students such as those involved in provincial athletic competitions.

- 4.4. Should a school principal exercise his or her authority under Section 5.3, the parents and guardians of the affected students (or students over the age of 18) shall be informed that the activity is taking place during the pre-examination moratorium period.
- 4.5. At their discretion (consistent with school guidelines), teachers may accept late assignments during the moratorium period that allow students to improve their 70% term grade.
- 4.6. If there are no scheduled written examinations in the subject, and only when necessary, in-class culminating activities may be completed during the moratorium.

5.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Board policy P.036: Homework

Operational Procedure PR.541: Homework

Program Planning and Assessment, MOE, 2000

FRESH AER: Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting