



## Demonstration of Learning

As part of a Lambton Kent District School Board wide initiative to increase student term work, attendance and engagement in the classroom, Ridgetown District High School is implementing a Demonstration of Learning Program for all Grade 9 and Grade 10 **applied level** courses. We feel that if students are able to demonstrate through regular and ongoing assessment strategies that they understand the curriculum expectations, they may not need to repeat their proof of skills and knowledge gained through the writing of all formal exams. If your son/daughter is considered to have shown competency in reaching the Ontario standards by reaching a Level 3 in course material, they may not be required to write a final examination in the **applied level** course.

Grade 9 & 10 students in applied level courses must meet **all** of the criteria below in order to be excused from the final exam:

- Students must achieve a minimum of Provincial Level 3 on all course work prior to the exam
- All major assignments and tests must be completed in a timely manner.
- No more than 10 absences over the course of the semester are permitted (only school activity related absences such as field trips, athletic events are not considered in this total).

Should the student and/or the parent wish to have the student write the final exam they will be permitted to do so. The final decision as to whether or not the student will be excused from the final exam rests with the professional judgment of the teacher and school administration.

We feel this is an excellent opportunity to both promote daily in-class learning while decreasing the associated stress inherent with a formal exam period. If you have any questions regarding this initiative please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school administration.

Sincerely,

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