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Pilot Project – Demonstration Learning in Applied and Open Classrooms

Welland Centennial Secondary School and 5 other secondary schools will be participating in a pilot project to support student learning in grade 9 and 10 applied and open level classrooms during the 2012-13 school year. Over the course of the semester, we believe that if students are able to demonstrate their learning through authentic and accurate assessment strategies, then the students do not need to repeat their proof of skills and knowledge gained through writing of a formal exam. The students will need to demonstrate consistently throughout the semester that they have learned the curriculum expectations. This can be achieved through a variety of ways. To conclude the course, students will be expected to complete the course culminating activity(ies).

To be eligible to complete the course without writing the final exam, students must meet the following criteria:

- Final Course Mark for the semester work must be a minimum of 70% (Provincial Standard)
- Attendance – maximum of 9 days away in the class (any school related absence is not counted against the student)
- Assignments – All major assignments are completed
- Suspensions – no suspensions

Students who meet the criteria above are eligible to complete the course without writing the final exam and will not be required to come in on the exam day to write the exam. Any student who meets the criteria may choose to write the exam if they wish.

By providing an incentive for students in the form of an exam exemption it is hoped that this pilot project will:

1. increase student engagement (improvement in attendance, submission of work, perseverance, performing consistently over the course of the semester; performing at the provincial level or above);
2. improve class mark distribution by having more students achieve at a higher level.

Results of this project will be shared with students and parents at the conclusion of each semester. If you have any questions about this initiative please contact the Principal, Paula MacKinnon, or Vice Principal, Norbert Kuebeck, at 905 735-0700.
