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Good day parents and guardians,

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment has released the new Northwest Territories (NWT) High School Graduation Requirements. This is an important and exciting part of the renewal of the NWT Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 (JK-12) school curriculum.

The new requirements will see more time allocated for career education than previously, and shift to an updated credit system. Instead of diploma exams, students will take numeracy and literacy focused assessments. This will help educators plan for and support their students as they progress through high school. The new graduation requirements were developed through engagement with representatives of interested Indigenous Governments, members of the field, and education bodies.

The changes will take effect for students entering Grade 10 in the 2024-2025 school year.

We know you will have a lot of questions about what the new graduation requirements include and how they differ from the existing requirements. Please take time to read through the attached FAQs and the comparison of current and new NWT high school graduation requirements.

If you have questions, concerns, or feedback, please direct them to the Department of Education, Culture and Employment at: nwtcurriculum_renewal@gov.nt.ca.

This is an exciting time for students in the NWT, and we appreciate your support and patience as we transition to our renewed curriculum and courses.

Thank you,

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