

# A PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD FOR ALL QUÉBEC STUDENTS

## Information document for parents

Starting in the 2011-2012 school year, a new provincial report card will be used in schools throughout Québec. This information document presents an overview of the new report card. It also provides you with valuable information to help you monitor your child's progress in school and better understand the evaluation periods that will take place throughout the school year.

### A PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD AND ONGOING COMMUNICATION

- At the beginning of the school year, you will receive notification as to the main types of evaluation that have been planned for your child and when these evaluations will take place. As well, you will receive information about the dates on which the ministerial examinations will be held.
- By October 15th at the latest, you will also be informed in writing about how your child has started off the school year.
- Throughout the school year, you will receive three report cards that follow the standardized format for all elementary and secondary schools in Québec. A report card will be issued at the end of each term, no later than:
  - November 20 • March 15 • July 10
- As in the past, other types of communication (assignments, homework, tests, examinations, portfolios, parent-teacher meetings, etc.) will ensure ongoing collaboration between parents and the school.
- More frequent communication will also be arranged if your child has any specific needs.

### FEATURES OF THE PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD

An **overall mark**, expressed as a percentage, will be included in the report card for each subject. In addition, detailed results will be provided for the following subjects:

- English Language Arts:
  - *Uses language to communicate and to learn*
  - *Reads and listens to spoken, written and media texts*
  - *Produces written and media texts*
- Mathematics:
  - *Solves a situational problem*
  - *Uses mathematical reasoning*
- French as a Second Language:
  - *Communicates in French*
  - *Understands oral and written texts in French*
  - *Produces oral and written texts in French*
- Science (in secondary school):
  - *practical component*
  - *theory component*

The **group average**, expressed as a percentage, will also be included for each subject.

## FEATURES OF THE PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD (cont.)

Teachers' **comments** will be entered in the report cards for Terms 1 and 3 and will focus on certain aspects related to your child's ability to exercise critical judgment, organize his or her work, communicate effectively and work in a team.

Comments could also pertain to your child's strengths, challenges and progress in specific subjects.

A **final mark** for the year, communicated in the last report card, will be calculated by taking into account the results of the three terms, as follows:

- The results of Term 1 will count for 20% of your child's final mark in a subject.
- The results of Term 2 will count for 20% of the final mark.
- The results of Term 3 will count for 60% of the final mark.

However, the marks on ministerial examinations (other than the Secondary IV and V certification examinations) will also be taken into account in the final mark. The marks obtained on the Secondary IV and V uniform examinations for the certification of studies will be reported on the achievement record issued by the Ministère.

## EVALUATION OF KNOWLEDGE

In elementary and secondary school, the marks communicated in the report card will cover the learning set out in the curriculum for each subject taught. These marks will reflect the knowledge that your child has acquired and that he or she will draw on throughout the learning process.

## REMINDER

To earn a Secondary School Diploma, your child must pass the following courses:

- In Secondary IV: History and Citizenship Education, Science, Mathematics and Arts Education
- In Secondary V: English Language Arts, French as a Second Language as well as Ethics and Religious Culture or Physical Education and Health

An example of the content of the new report card is available on the Ministère's Web site at [www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/bulletinNational/index\\_en.asp](http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/bulletinNational/index_en.asp).