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Rewrite Procedure

As a part of our school year preparations, we have come together as a middle school team to make some changes to our current rewrite practices to align with our Administrative Procedure no.350 Student Evaluation. While we want to continue to honour the learning journey that each child is on, we would like to also honor the learning process and not simply the learning product. We want to support students in achieving maximum success and focus on a learning environment where achievement matches the engagement and effort put forth by the individual student.

As educators, we want to foster an expectation that students prepare well for exams and quizzes. We also want to see the transfer and application of the work habits that are being taught in class, and to see that students are using those formative habits to apply them to summative assignments and assessments. As always, we understand that there will be times when life happens and proper preparation for an exam doesn't occur. We can certainly appreciate this on occasion and will definitely support the student on a case-by-case basis, if the child has actively participated in the process of learning.

Our school community has established a rewrite procedure for summative assessments such as quizzes, unit exams and major assignments. This procedure includes accountability from the student and a component of teacher discretion. Through course outlines, teachers will communicate their process for rewrites, whether it be using test corrections, a rewrite form or another method. If the rewrite form is being used, once the form has been completed by the student and submitted to the teacher, a conversation will occur. If the student is able to communicate the struggle they had with a particular concept and can also discern the steps they are willing to take to ensure that they better understand the learning, the teacher will use their professional discretion, and will then consider providing a re-write opportunity if appropriate in the learning situation.

As we begin the school year, middle school teachers will review the expectations surrounding rewrites or test corrections and outline the importance of being as prepared as possible prior to a major exam or assignment. As a part of our team, we felt it was important to keep you as parents informed of the changes we are making as well.

As always, we appreciate your support and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to connect with your child's teacher.