



The A-Z of Diploma Examinations - AM / Interpreting Diploma Examination Results as a Formative Tool to Enhance Teacher Instructional Practices - PM



PRESENTED BY
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SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
March 19, 2018	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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LOCATION

LCI Large Lecture Theatre - C119, 1701 5th Avenue South (located in LCI)

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The A-Z of Diploma Examinations - AM Session

No matter where your opinion falls on the issue of the need for them or how much they are weighted, Diploma Examinations remain an integral element of Alberta's high school graduation certification process. This session, provided by a former Director of the Diploma Examinations Branch of Alberta Education, offer insights into all elements of the examinations from how they are made and scored, to how students can best prepare for writing the exams. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions to eliminate gaps in knowledge and common misconceptions.

Interpreting Diploma Examination Results as a Formative Tool to Enhance Teacher Instructional Practices - PM Session

Used appropriately, diploma examination results information provided by Alberta Education can serve as a valuable tool for teachers, administrators, and instructional leaders to assess and enhance instructional practices.

The session begins with a discussion of what constitutes an appropriate relationship between school-awarded grades and diploma examination marks and how discretion needs to be used in interpreting provincial data. Following this, an analysis of the *instructional group*, *school* and *school authority* results is provided to demonstrate how the data can be best interpreted to discover the "stories" embedded within. The presenter will conclude the training portion of the

day with illustrative examples of causes of discrepancies between school grades and diploma marks.

Time is then allotted for participants to analyze their diploma results, with the presenter offering assistance as requested.

Participants will be provided with several Excel programs that can be used to input data to have enhanced, visual interpretations of exam results.

please bring a laptop to the session

This learning opportunity is made possible through funding from Alberta Education.

Presenters

Tim Coates

After a number of years in the classroom, Tim Coates was seconded to Alberta Education as a Diploma Examination Manager; first for Social Studies 33, and later for Social Studies 30. From 2005 until 2014 Tim was the Director of the Diploma Examination Program Branch. His final service to Alberta Education was as the coordinator of the Classroom Assessment Capacity project.

From 2009 until 2018 Tim served as a sessional lecturer at the University of Alberta, teaching a course in classroom assessment. Tim has offered many professional development presentations throughout Alberta and on occasion in the United States. He has been featured as a keynote speaker at district professional development and conventions. Tim's educational interests and expertise focus on how to make assessments that engage students and provide meaningful information.

Registration Notes

Each session individually is \$20. If you attend both sessions lunch is included at a fee of \$30.



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