

Diploma Exam and grade 9 math PAT exam - Preparation opportunity

April 24, 2024

Dear parents of Grade 12 and Grade 9 students,

Chinook's Edge School Division is pleased to provide a high quality learning opportunity for students in all diploma exam courses, and students taking the Grade 9 Math Provincial Achievement Test (PAT), in June 2024.

In January 2024, Chinook's Edge partnered with Castle Rock Research Corporation to offer exam preparation courses, called Excelerator, in some diploma exam subjects. In June 2024, we are pleased to **expand this offering to all diploma exam subjects, and Grade 9 Math.**

Diploma Exam preparation courses typically cost \$165 per course but **will be offered free of charge** to all Chinook's Edge Grade 12 students this semester. The Grade 9 Math course will also be free of charge. Also, this opportunity will be provided to students in their home communities, allowing participation without having to travel to another city.

Each Diploma Examination preparation course will include instruction aligned to the curriculum and practice questions that mirror the diploma exam and PAT style questions. Educators will utilize thousands of questions to generate an immediate feedback loop to diagnose student strengths and learning gaps and create individualized learning plans for each student.

All courses will include test taking and time management strategies that will maximize student performance. The Mathematics 30-1 and Mathematics 30-2 courses will also include a section on graphing calculator strategies and usage. **Each Diploma Examination preparation course will be 24 hours in length spread over six days. The Grade 9 Math session will be 12 hours in length spread over six days.**

All course instruction will be offered online by certified Alberta Teachers via Google Meet and is intended to supplement and support our Chinook's Edge teachers instruction and guidance.

Course structure and technology requirements

- The courses will be online and synchronous, using Google Classroom as the platform.
- ***Students will need to be registered with a personal Google email account which is not the same as their CESD email account.***
- Prior to the start of the courses, the student will receive an email from their Excelerator course teacher (or teachers if enrolled in multiple courses) inviting them to the Google Classroom and will be provided with login details for the SOLARO Excelerator course(s).
- Each student needs access to a computer since the courses will be conducted online.
- All sessions will be recorded so any student that misses a scheduled session can catch up by reviewing the recording.

For more details, complete schedules and registration information, please visit <https://castlerockresearch.com/excelerator-for-cesd>. *(To receive the 100% discount for students of Chinook's Edge School Division, please enter your discount code CEEXC2024 for the Diploma Prep*

Course or CEPAT2024 for the Grade 9 PAT Prep Course at checkout and the amount will be removed from your total.)

The **deadline for registration** in either the Diploma or Grade 9 Math prep courses is **Friday May 24th, 2024**.

Sincerely,

Jason Drent
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Chinook's Edge School Division