

State of Israel
Ministry of Education
English Inspectorate

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Dear English Teachers,

**RE: Postponing Commencement of Compulsory Testing
of the Literature Program (Log and Exam)**

1. In order to allow teachers more time to learn about and implement the literature program, it has been decided that it will only be mandatory for all four and five-point students to be tested on the D or F literature module in the summer of 2013 (instead of in the summer of 2012). This means that:
 - students who are presently in the tenth grade will not be required to take the D or F literature modules in the eleventh or twelfth grades. Nevertheless, teachers who would like to allow their students to take the exam in 2010, 2011 or 2012 may still do so. (See #2 below.)
 - the literature assessment (Log or Exam) will be mandatory for four and five-point students who will begin the tenth grade in September 2010.
 - from 2013, students will only be allowed to take the literature modules for D and F. It will no longer be possible to take these exams in their previous format.

2. For teachers who would like their students to take the D or F literature module according to the original timetable published in the Director-General's Bulletin (September 2008 and October 2009) or for those teachers who participated in the pilot or the in-service course:
 - students presently studying the F module in the eleventh and twelfth grades may take the exam starting this summer 2010.
 - four and five-point students who will be in the eleventh or twelfth grades in September 2010 can take the D or F literature module starting January 2011.

3. Please note the following:

- According to the guidelines of the Testing Dept., the grades for the Log can only be submitted in the summer moed.
- During the interim period between the present format of the exam and the implementation of the literature format, students not studying the literature module need to continue studying literature according to the previous format that will account for 30% of their yearly grade, as has been the case until now.

Sincerely,

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