

Kópavogur, 13th April 2018

Dear student and parent/guardian,

This letter contains information about the manner in which the results of the National Examinations—held in Grade 9 in March 2018—will be distributed to students, as well as information about the re-administration of the Icelandic and English examinations later this spring, and this coming autumn.

Distribution of the results of the March examinations

The results of the National Examinations held in March are now available. Each school is responsible for distributing the results to its students. For the Icelandic and English examinations, those students who were able to complete at least 80 per cent of the examination will receive a grade according to the applicable scale (A, B, C or D). All students, regardless of whether they were able to complete the examinations or not, will be able to view their solutions and results on personal examination results sheets made accessible in their respective schools.

All those who sat the mathematics examination will receive a grade according to the applicable scale (A, B, C or D) as well as their percentile rank, and their results in the individual sections of the examination. Students will also be able to view the solutions they gave in the mathematics examination on a personal examination results sheet made accessible in their schools.

Examination dates and registering for a resit

As decided by the Minister of Education, Science and Culture, Grade 9 students will have the possibility to resit the National Examinations in English and Icelandic. After consulting with stakeholders, a flexible examination schedule was decided upon, allowing schools to choose whether to administer the examinations in the spring or in the autumn. The first examination period will be from 30th April to 11th May, and the second from 10th to 15th September. At each school, the headteacher will schedule the examinations for two different dates within one or other of these periods, and inform students and parents about the dates chosen.

Resitting the examinations is optional

As already stated, students will have the possibility to resit the Icelandic and English examinations when they are administered again. This means that schools and parents/guardians are free to choose whether a particular student takes both examinations, only one of them, or neither of them. It is important that each student's parents/guardians inform the school whether or not they want the student to take the examinations, since it is the headteacher's responsibility to register students for the examinations.

Please note that students who have already received their results from the March examinations are considered to have completed the examinations and are not required to retake them. Students who have already received the results of the earlier examination but nevertheless wish to resit the examination must therefore submit a request to the headmaster in accordance with instructions issued by the school. If a student who has already received the results of the Icelandic and/or English examinations decides to retake one or both of those examinations, **the new grade will apply.**

Further information on the examinations

The Directorate of Education website contains various information relating to the examinations. This includes [sample examinations](#) which students can make use of in order to familiarize themselves with the examinations. Detailed information about the examinations and the way in which they are conducted is also available on various pages on the website and in its FAQ section, [Spurt og svarað](#).

We apologise to students, to their families and to schools for the trouble which the re-administration of the examinations may cause them.

Respectfully,
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Director of Assessment