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Re: Complaint regarding the certification of studies for homeschooled youth

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to bring to your attention a matter of significant inequities in the rules for certification of studies for homeschooled youth.

A clear disadvantage

The current process for grading Ministry exams differs significantly between homeschooled youth and those studying in an educational institution. In this pandemic year, for those in an educational institution, the Ministry exam will account for 20% of their report card grade. However, this single end of year exam will account for 100 % of the passing grade for homeschooled students. According to article 34 of the [provincial curriculum](#), the percentage should account for 50% in normal situations, excluding the pandemic. Contrary to a student attending an institution, who has the possibility of weighting their grade according to the work they have done throughout the school year, none of the school work, or other evaluations done during the school year are considered for our homeschooled youth. Even if the evaluation was done by a teacher with a valid teaching license. In addition to going against the policy for the evaluation of learning established by the Ministry of Education, this inequality in the grading process places homeschooled youth at a clear disadvantage, especially when the parent-educator is not able to access resources that are equivalent to those provided to school students and their educators. Homeschooled youth should have access to the same grading process as that provided to school students, with the ability to weight their single-test scores through the work they have done throughout the year, which is currently not the case.

Insufficient and untimely preparation

Like the representatives of our association (AQED - Association québécoise pour l'éducation à domicile), we have tried to obtain information regarding the preparation for ministerial exams. While the Ministry of Education and the Direction de l'enseignement à la maison should be responsible for this, the work seems to have been delegated to the SSC, with the motto that "the exams can be done according to your local modalities" Our school service center provided us with very little information and no resources. Students in school have two or three years to complete a cycle. Their teachers are familiar with the Ministry exams and will prepare them in various ways during the cycle. They carry out practices and preparation sessions that can take several months. Parent-educators should have access to these resources.

Sincerely,

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