

## **Allan Watson School Diploma Course Policy**

The mandate of Allan Watson School is to provide students an educational opportunity based on the Knowledge and Employability (K&E) series of courses. Successful completion of these courses will result in students receiving an Alberta Education Certificate of High School Achievement. Students also may earn an Alberta High School Diploma while at Allan Watson if they have completed the required courses. These courses must be taken in addition to the K&E courses. In order to earn the High School Diploma, students must complete Math 24, Science 24, English 30-2 Social 20-2 and Social 33 (will become 30-2 in September, 2009).

In order to have the best chance at success in the high school diploma courses, certain minimum requirements must be met. Due to the increased pressure, workload and academic difficulty of the Diploma courses, it is highly recommended that students achieve a minimum of 65% in the appropriate K&E prerequisites. The prerequisite courses are Math 20-4, Science 20-4, English 30-4, and Social 20-4. If these grades are not met, Allan Watson School does not recommend students be placed in the Diploma program.

## **Allan Watson School Grading and Evaluation Policy**

The goal of this policy is to provide accurate, effective, and authentic assessment of student's achievement and also to have greater consistency in assessment of students in the core courses. Allan Watson School recognizes the training, experience, and professional judgment of teachers in assessing students work and efforts. It is recommended, however, that certain minimum standards be met in order to achieve consistency between courses and ensure students are well placed in appropriate programs.

Teachers of core academic courses are asked to use the following guidelines for the overall assessment of their respective courses:

Summative Assessments (tests, projects, labs, etc)

- should account for 70% - 75% of course mark

Formative Assessments (daily activities, practice work, participation, etc)

- should account for 25% - 30% of course mark
- participation should account for no more that 10% of course mark