

POLICY ON INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS FOR EXTERNAL QUALIFICATIONS

ISP SCHOOL



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In accordance with the Code of Practice for the conduct of external qualifications produced by QCA, ISP Senior School (61364) is committed to ensuring that:

- internal assessments are conducted by staff who have the appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills;
- assessment evidence provided by candidates has been produced and authenticated according to the requirements of the specification;
- the consistency of the internal assessment is secured through internal standardisation as necessary;
- Staff responsible for internal standardisation attend any compulsory training sessions.

Written appeals procedure

Each awarding body publishes its arrangements for appeals against its decisions. In addition, an appeal can be made to the School concerning internal assessment:

- the appeal applies only to the procedures used in arriving at internal assessment decisions and does not apply to the judgement themselves; you cannot appeal against the mark or grade only the procedures used
- the parent or guardian must make the appeal in writing to the School's Examinations Officer: *appeals should normally be made by 30th April for examinations in the summer series. This deadline may be extended in exceptional circumstances in situations where the coursework marking and moderation schedule extends beyond this time (?);*
- the enquiry into the internal process will normally be led by the Examinations Officer and the *Head of Sixth Form(?),* provided that neither has played any part in the original internal assessment process;
- the teacher making the assessment will be able to respond to the appeal in writing, and a copy will be sent to the *appellant (?);*
- the enquiry will consider whether the procedures used for the internal assessment were in conformity with the published requirements of the Awarding Body and the 'Code of Practice'.

The *appellant (?)* will be informed in writing of the outcome of the appeal, including:

- relevant communications with the Awarding Body;
- any steps taken to further protect the interest of the candidates.

If the *appellant (?)* is unhappy about the response in writing, he/she can ask for a personal hearing, where the panel will consist of the Head Teacher and a member of the Board of Education(not an Education representative).

Enquiries About Results (Re-marks)

In cases of Enquiries About Results, where the school does not uphold a request for such an enquiry, the student may normally pay to have an enquiry carried out. Where the student wishes to challenge the decision not to hold an enquiry or consequent appeal, a similar procedure to that mentioned above will be carried out.



Note:

Each awarding body specifies detailed criteria for the internal assessment of work. In addition, the awarding body must moderate the assessment and the final judgement on marks awarded is that of the awarding body. Appeals against matters outside the School's control will not be considered in the School's appeals procedure.

Policy outlining staff responsibilities – GCSE controlled assessment

Deputy Head Teacher

Accountable for the safe and secure conduct of controlled assessments. Ensure assessments comply with JCQ guidelines and awarding bodies' subject-specific instructions.

At the start of the academic year, begin coordinating with subject coordinators to schedule controlled assessments. (It is advisable that controlled assessments be spread throughout the academic years of key stage 4).

Map overall resource management requirements for the year. As part of this resolve:

Clashes/problems over the timing or operation of controlled assessments.
Issues arising from the need for particular facilities (rooms, IT networks, time out of school etc.)

Ensure that all staff involved have a calendar of events.

Create, publish and update an internal appeals policy for controlled assessments.

Subject coordinators

Decide on the awarding body and specification for a particular GCSE.

Ensure that at least 40% of overall assessment (controlled and/or external assessment) is taken in the exam series in which the qualification is certified, to satisfy the terminal assessment requirement in accordance with the awarding body specification.

Standardise internally the making of a teachers involved in assessing an internally assessed component.

Ensure that individual teachers understand their responsibilities with regard to controlled assessment.



Ensure that individual teachers understand the requirements of the awarding body's specification and are familiar with the relevant teachers' notes, and any other subject specific instructions.

Where appropriate, develop new assessments tasks or contextualize sample awarding body assessments tasks to meet local circumstances, in line with awarding body specifications and control requirements.

Teaching staff

Understand and comply with the general guidelines contained in the JCQ publication *Instructions for conducting controlled assessments*.

Understand and comply with the awarding body specification for conducting controlled assessments, including any subject-specific instructions, teachers' notes or additional information on the awarding body's website.

Supply to the exams office details of all unit codes for controlled assessments.

Obtain confidential materials/tasks set by awarding bodies in sufficient time to prepare for the assessments(s) and ensure that such materials are stored securely at all times.

Supervise assessments (at the specified level of control). Undertake the tasks required under the regulations, only permitting assistance to students as the specification allows.

Ensure that students and supervising teachers sign authentication forms on completion of an assessment.

Mark internally assessed components using the mark schemes provided by the awarding body. Submit marks through the exams office to the awarding body when required, keeping a record of the marks awarded.

Retain candidates' work securely between assessments sessions (if more than one).

Post-completion, retain candidates' work securely until the closing date for enquiries about results. In the event that an enquiry is submitted, retain candidates work securely until the outcome of the enquiry and any subsequent appeal has been conveyed to the centre.

Ask the appropriate special educational needs coordinator (SENCO) for any assistance required for the administration and management of access arrangements.

Exams officer



Enter students for individual units, whether assessed by controlled assessment, external exam or on-screen test, before the deadline for final entries.

Enter students' 'cash-in' codes for the terminal exam series.

Where confidential materials are directly received by the exams office, to be responsible for receipt, safe storage and safe transmission, whether in CD or hard copy format.

Download and distribute mark sheets for teaching staff to use, and collect and send mark sheets to awarding bodies before deadlines.

On the few occasions where controlled assessments cannot be conducted in the classroom arrange suitable accommodation where controlled assessment can be carried out, at the direction of the senior leadership team.

SEN Team/Deputy Head Teacher

Ensure access arrangements have been applied for.

Work with teaching staff to ensure requirements for support staff are met.