

What are Predicted Grades?

They are grades that an applicant's school believes they're likely to achieve in positive circumstances. These grades are then used by universities, as part of the admissions process, to help them understand the applicant's potential.

They should be entered for all pending qualifications (Ontario Gr.12 courses), and it is added by the referee of each applicant when they submit their reference. It is the responsibility of each School Administrator and Guidance Counsellor to ensure that the referee is aware of what the predicted grade is likely to be.

What should predicted grades NOT be:

- Affected by students, parents, or career pressures: there are risks for inflating predicted grades
- Influenced by university entry requirements

Risks of Inflating Predicted Grades:

- There is of course pressure to inflating predicted grades to give applicants a better chance of receiving an offer for a certain program. However, this could significantly disadvantage the student.
 1. An applicant may receive an offer with conditional requirements that they cannot meet.
 - This means that the student will spend time and preparation getting ready to attend this school, only to be refused from the school after they cannot meet the requirement. This will lead to the student not having a school to attend in the next school year.
 2. If a university has reason to believe that a predicted grade is inaccurate, they will withdraw offers.

Rosedale Predicted Grades – Process Recommendation

When submitting predicted grades, it is recommended that references should wait until the student has, at minimum, at least 2-3 midterm marks for their Grade 12 marks.

For most schools, this will be around October-November.

Keep in mind that student applications (including references) are not due until mid January for most UK universities. The more midterm marks a student can gather, the more accurate the predicted grades will be.

Predicted grades cannot be changed after the application has been submitted.

IMPORTANT: Please keep in mind that the following recommended process to predicted grades is not an exact scientific process, and is based solely on previous Rosedale student experiences. Your students' final marks may very well be different from the ones that are predicted here based on their personal circumstances.

- **For Cambridge or Oxford applications:**

Since the applications for Cambridge and Oxford is usually in October, predicted grades can be quite difficult without any midterm marks for Grade 12. There are two ways to approach predicted grades for Cambridge/Oxford:

- a) **Use the Ontario Grade 11 final marks to help approximate.** The Grade 11 final marks can be a good indicator as to what students will receive in Grade 12.
 - For example: the final mark for Grade 11 Chemistry is likely to be within plus or minus ~5% of the final mark for Grade 12 Chemistry.
- b) **If the student doesn't have Ontario Grade 11 final marks, then they can utilize their Grade 11 local marks for predictions.** These predictions are riskier, as the local country curriculum may be very different from Ontario curriculum. So, it is advised that the student's current Classroom Teachers be consulted during the grade prediction process.

- **Process for all other UK schools:**

1. **Use the student's Ontario Grade 11 final marks to help approximate Grade 12 predicted grades if available.**
 - For example: the final mark for Grade 11 Chemistry is likely to be within plus or minus ~5% of the final mark for Grade 12 Chemistry.
2. **If Ontario Grade 11 final marks are not available, look at the student's midterm marks for all available Ontario courses. Final marks should be used if available.**
To make predictions for:
 - **ENG4U:** Use the student's ESLDO/ESLEO or ENG3U midterm marks. If the student is currently taking ENG4U, use the midterm mark for ENG4U.
 - It is advised that the predicted mark is lowered by 5-10% of the midterm mark.
 - **MHF4U:** Use the student's MHF4U or MCR3U (if currently taking) midterm mark.
 - It is advised that the predicted mark is lowered by 1-3% of the MHF4U midterm mark and 5-8% of the MCR3U midterm mark.
 - **MCV4U/MDM4U:** Use the student's MHF4U or MCR3U (if currently taking) midterm mark.
 - It is advised that the predicted mark is lowered by 1-3% of the MHF4U midterm mark and 5-8% of the MCR3U midterm mark.
 - **SPH4U/SCH4U/SBI4U:** Use the student's Grade 12 science midterm marks if available, if none are available, use the MHF4U midterm mark.
 - It is advised that the predicted mark is lowered by 1-3% of the MHF4U/Grade 12 Science midterm mark.
 - **BOH4M/BBB4M/CIA4U/CHY4U/HFA4U:** Use the students' midterm marks for that class, if not available, use the ESLDO/ESLEO/ENG3U midterm marks.
 - It is advised that the predicted mark is kept the same as the midterm mark if using the exact class's midterm mark.
 - If using ESLDO/ESLEO's midterm mark, the mark should be lowered by 3-5%
 - If using ENG3U's midterm mark, the mark should be raised by 1-4%.
3. **Have a conference with the student's classroom teacher,** and go over the student's predicted marks.
4. **Administrators and Counsellors can send the completed predicted mark to Rosedale's Guidance Team** for assessment and final advice and verification.
5. **After finalization, provide the student's referee with the predicted marks.** Ensure that the referee's reference is aligned with the predicted grades, because it would look quite strange if a very low predicted grade was combined with a very positive reference!

To clarify any questions or confusion, please contact Rosedale's Guidance Team.