



TIPS FOR PARENTS

How to Interpret Examination Results

How to Access Your Child's Examination Results

You and your child, as well as your child's teacher, can access examination results online within one to two weeks of a practical examination. Official results and the marking form with the examiner's comments will be available online one to two weeks after the marks have been displayed.

The marks for all theory examinations are released approximately one month following the written examination. Official results and marked papers are available four to six weeks after the marks have been displayed.

To access student history, marks, marking forms, and marked theory papers:

1. Go to examinations.rcmusic.ca
2. Log in to your account by entering your email and password
3. Parents click on "My Family," students click on "My Examination"
4. Click on "View History" to view the student's history, and/or to make changes to the student's record such as address, name or date of birth
5. Find the examination details on your Examination List
6. You will find the mark in the furthest right-hand column (named Mark)
7. If the marking forms or marked papers are available, an additional link "view PDF" will be visible
8. Click on "view PDF" to view and/or download the scan

What elements are included in a Practical Examination?

Practical Examinations are a comprehensive evaluation of a student's current abilities on a chosen instrument, including voice. Students and teachers work together to choose and prepare a selection of repertoire to perform for the examiner as well as preparing technique, aural skills, and reading skills according to the syllabus/program guidelines.

Interpreting Practical Examination Results

You and your child may access the marks and comments given by the examiner. The examiner's report explains in general terms how the final mark was calculated. It is intended to assist students in their future musical development. The mark reflects the examiner's evaluation of your child's performance during the examination, and may not reflect previously demonstrated abilities or potential for future development. It is helpful to think of an examination as a snapshot of a particular time in your child's development.

Marking Criteria

First Class Honors with Distinction 90–100

This standing is achieved by truly exceptional students who demonstrate complete technical command and perform with a confident, masterful style. This mark identifies that your child clearly demonstrates an authentic, personal spark in their performance.

First Class Honors 85–89

A student who has achieved this standing has presented a truly engaging and intelligent performance, displaying technical polish and finesse, definite and apt characterization, and a sense of spontaneity.

First Class Honors 80–84

A student receiving this grade has shown that they are technically solid and demonstrated sensitivity, intelligence, and talent. They have proven themselves well-prepared and able to execute the examination requirements thoughtfully and confidently.

Honors 70–79

A student who reaches this level of standing has exhibited thorough and careful preparation and has demonstrated some interpretive skills. They have presented the repertoire with overall command and accuracy, and have shown awareness and general security in technical elements.

Pass 60

A student receiving a Pass has done adequate work. Further study would be needed to improve.