

November 6, 2024

**Dear High School English Coordinators and Teachers,**

I would like to begin by praying for your safety and well-being in these difficult times. I understand how challenging it has been for all of us and would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all your hard and wonderful work. The [English inspectors](#), [national counselors](#), and myself are here for you, to help and support you if you have any questions or concerns.

Please read this letter carefully. It contains general information and updates about the Bagrut exams. These updates modify parts of the Mikud published in August 2024.

**1. Literature Program (Relevant to 12th graders)**

The accommodations for the literature program are the same as last year's, summarized in this table.

<b>Module</b>	<b>Regular requirements</b>	<b>Mikud for 2025 - 12<sup>th</sup> graders</b>	
<b>Module B (16383)</b>	2 short stories 1 poem 2 book reports	1 short story 1 poem 1 book report	2 literary pieces
<b>Module D (16483)</b>	3 short stories 3 poems 4 book reports	2 short stories 2 poems 3 book reports	4 literary pieces
<b>Module F (16583)</b>	1 play/novel 3 short stories 2 poems 4 book reports	Option 1) 2 short stories 2 poems 3 book reports  Option 2) 1 play or novel 1 short story 1 poem 3 book reports	4 literary pieces    3 literary pieces

\*See appendix for calculation of internal literature grade.

A new [document](#) has been uploaded to the portal providing teachers with easy access to all relevant documents for the newly aligned literature program.

**Please remember that you can only report one grade for each student and only from the winter of 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

## 2. COBE:

For information about the dates of the COBE simulations and exams, visit this [page](#) on the portal. Please note that the simulations for this winter will be open from November 6<sup>th</sup>.

NOTE: In light of the large gap between test days, simulations will remain available THROUGHOUT THE MOED, EXCEPT for test days. Practice exams are open all year long.

As noted in the English Inspectorate [bulletin](#) published in August, the 5-point COBE will no longer include keywords on the screen. To enable your students to practice for the exam without these keywords, Matach has prepared practice exams which are now available on the iTest system as a *summer 2024 simulation (016586-2024Ssim-Tir)*. The practice exams are also available on Matach's [TESTBOX](#) website.

## 3. BOOST & Module A

Starting this winter, all 3-point students must take the BOOST (the computerized 3-point level oral Bagrut exam). The content of the BOOST exam includes a listening section, a very structured interview on pre-prepared topics and very simple description of pictures. Sample tests can also be found on Matach's [TESTBOX](#) website. Click on She'elon 16387. The BOOST replaces the F2F oral exam (16385); 07 students will still be allowed to take the test with a human tester if they wish. The listening component of Part II of Module A will be eliminated. The new module A exam will consist of two texts (A + B). A sample Module A test will be available on the Portal in the next few days. The dates of the BOOST simulations and exams are the same as the COBE.

For more practice materials, visit the portal [here](#).

\*Please note: Teachers who have students with extenuating circumstances (tragedy/illness/stuttering, etc.) may contact Aharona Gvaryahu by WhatsApp for further guidance and assistance. Applications for these students to be tested F2F must be sent to the Testing Department by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. Module C (16382)

The number of possible writing topics has been reduced to 7 out of the original 19 – See the new list of 7 topics in the updated [Mikud](#).

## 5. Module E (16471)

Please remember, as stated in the bulletin, that Module E will include the complete List C of the lexical Band 3. This means that Band I, II, and Lists A, B & C of Band III from core 1 will be included in the winter and summer exams of 2025. The complete lists can be found on the [portal](#).

List D will only be included from the Winter Bagrut of 2026.

For more special war accommodations for the Northern, Southern and Haifa Districts from the Testing Department, please click [HERE](#).

## **6. Testing Special Education Students (07)**

Students in special education schools and special education classes, or those included in regular classes, may be tested in a face-to-face examination by a teacher in school, who is NOT the student's English teacher at the time of the exam. This is true for ALL of the Bagrut modules: A, C, E, G and the oral Bagrut modules: 016385, 016485, and 016585.

**Special education students should be encouraged to do the computerized exam if they can.**

## **7. Shema Students (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)**

For updated information about Shema students, please check the documents on the [portal](#).

## **8. Diplomacy**

Please refer to the updated Mikud on the [portal](#).

## **9. Advanced Groups (Native Speakers & האצה)**

According to the new [guidelines](#) published by the Testing Department in September 2024, students can only take the BOOST/COBE starting in the winter of 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We are still waiting for instructions about native speakers and האצה groups from the Testing Department. We will send you updates as soon as we receive this information.

## **10. Registering on the Experts' Site**

ALL teachers who prepare students for Bagrut and who report the internal literature grades OR test special education students orally MUST be registered on the [Experts' Site](#) and approved as testers ( ,16485 ,16385 ,16585 בוחן לשאלונים). If you are not registered, please do so ASAP. The process includes uploading your paperwork: a teaching certificate in English, a recommendation from your principal, and the list of in-service courses you completed (השתלמויות) in the last two years. **Please note that your school principal can approve your status as** בוחן הערכה חילופית ובוחן הקלות בע"פ **on the Expert site. To do that, your** אישור מנהל מוסד **should upload** רכז בגרויות

## **11. Marking Bagrut Exams**

Teachers interested in marking Bagrut exams should apply via the experts' site and ask to be a "מעריך". Further information about the process, including the link to the experts' site, can be found on this [page](#).

## **12. The Makpetzah**

The Makpetzah provides online support lessons in small groups or individually. It is an online tutoring initiative for students in 4th grade – 12th grade. All students can register and receive private tutoring for free. If you are interested in giving lessons, please contact Shoshi Harris (shoshi133@gmail.com).

I wish you and your students a successful and productive year.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Elias Farah  
Chief Inspector, English Language Education (JH & HS)

CCs:  
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David Gal, Senior Director, the Testing Department  
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National Counselors

## Appendix:

### Calculation of internal literature grade:

#### **3 points ([excel to calculate grade](#))**

- 1 summative 30%
- 1 post 50%
- 1 book 20%

#### **4 points ([excel to calculate grade](#))**

- 2 summative assessments 40%
- 4 post reading or bridging 40%
- 3 books 20%

#### **5 points ([excel to calculate grade](#) – note 2 tabs available depending on option)**

##### **Option 1**

- 2 summative assessments 40%
- 4 post reading or bridging 40%
- 3 books 20%

##### **Option 2**

- 2 summative assessments 40%
- 3 post reading or bridging 40%
- 3 books 20%