

April 10th, 2025

Dear High School English Coordinators and Teachers,

Re: Bagrut Clarifications

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you for the forthcoming holidays. May this time be both restful and meaningful.

On March 27th, 2025, the Ministry of Education published [a press release](#) regarding upcoming changes to the Bagrut testing process. Starting in January 2026, students will be eligible to begin the testing process with the written modules in the winter moed of 11th grade. According to the press release, special populations may be tested at the 3-point level from the summer of 10th grade.

I would like to highlight two very important points:

1. The guidelines released by the Testing Department in [September](#) 2024 (Section 6, page 6) regarding the BOOST and the COBE (16387, 16486, 16586) — and reiterated on [March 27th](#), 2025 (Section 7, page 5) — remain in effect. This means that, starting from the next school year (תשפ"ו), students may be tested on the COBE and BOOST only from the winter moed of 12th grade.
2. It is essential to carefully design the testing schedule for your students in a way that minimizes disruptions to their learning process and the development of their language proficiency. It is highly recommended to distribute the exams over the final two years of high school to enhance their language skills. The focus should go beyond preparation for the Bagrut exams and aim to equip students for the future. Therefore, we highly recommend completing the final written module in the 12th grade.

I wish you and your students continued success in the Bagrut exams.

Sincerely,
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