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## Cariboo Will Use Province-Wide English Test in 1977-78 Session

Cariboo College Principal Jack Harrison announced today that the college will use the new province wide English Placement Test introduced by Education Minister Dr. Pat McGeer.

"As a result of the introduction of this new test," Harrison said, "the college will not now be requiring students to take its own writing skills evaluation."

The new Provincial English Placement Test will be required of all incoming full-time academic, and most career and technical students according to information received from Deputy Education Minister Dr. Walter Hardwick.

Harrison stated that the new English Placement Test has a number of advantages for Cariboo College.

"It will provide a broader base of results against which to measure our students," he said, "since it will involve most students in these categories across the province."

"The new instrument will be particularly helpful for out-of-town students, since it allows them to take the test in their hometowns rather than requiring them to come in to the college, as had been the case," Harrison noted.

The new test will also result in some saving to Cariboo College since the costs will be borne by the province.

"If for some reason," the Principal stated, "the Ministry of Education's test is not given, or is unduly delayed, the college will revert to its existing evaluation program."

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