

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has officially released the Regents exams scores for the 2010-2011 school year and we wanted to share them with you as soon as we had the go-ahead.

We are particularly pleased to note increases in both the percentage of students passing the Regents exams, and those achieving the mastery or highest level. Key subjects where our students made positive gains were in the areas of math and science chiefly on the Algebra II/Trigonometry, Integrated Algebra, Earth Science and Chemistry Regents.

Each year after we receive the results of the Regent's exams, our teachers conduct an in-depth analysis. The data is organized by standards with the individual questions on the exam that covered those standards. We receive the percentage of correct answers for each question. Teachers review each question, the number and percent of incorrect answers, determine the reason for the mistake and develop a corrective action (revising the curriculum map, more instructional time on a specific topic, changing the instructional approach and sharing best practices with a colleague.) We implement these strategies to a new cohort of students. Our goal is always to increase proficiency and mastery of the content.

Last year was the first Algebra II/Trigonometry Regents, and analyzing data from that exam definitely helped inform our instructional practices going forward. We are making important strides on many fronts to help Dobbs Ferry students ultimately achieve at the mastery level. They include:

- Revising curriculum
- Teachers becoming more comfortable with differentiation
- Working closely with teachers that need additional mentoring
- Becoming more effective in meeting the needs of all learners
- Following through on working to improve test scores across the board

We want all of our students to improve yearly and to reach their own potential and individual goals. We are encouraged by the latest Regents data, and are looking forward to working with our teachers in utilizing this information to ensure that every student is fully prepared for the next course of study.

If you have any questions about your individual child's Regents' results, please contact the school office or your student's guidance counselor. Click on the links below to see comparative analysis of test scores for the past seven years.

[Regents Passing Percentages](#)
[Regents Mastery Percentages](#)

Regards,

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