

Curriculum and Instruction Committee
March 24, 2021

In attendance:

Rita Kennedy, Board Of Education
Shannon Stringer, Board of Education
Tarcy Baron, Board of Education
Lisa Brady, Superintendent
Doug Berry, Assistant Superintendent

The Committee discussed the following items:

USDOE Rejected NYSED waiver request as a result NYS will:

Regents Exams

- Only administer the Regents Exams required under ESSA in June 2021 - ELA, Algebra1, Earth Science and Living Environment
- August 2021 Regents exams are cancelled
- Regents Exam Exemption Eligibility Requirements for students who don't sit for the exam or in courses where the exam is not being offered
 - Only students who have met the standards for the course of study, will be eligible for an exemption. To qualify for an exemption they must meet one of the following:
 - Be enrolled in a course of study that culminates in a Regents examination by the end of the school year and will have earned credit in said course.
 - A student who previously passed a course ending in a Regents examination, but needed to pass the Regents exam to graduate.
 - A student in grade 7 or 8 who is enrolled in a Regents level course has met the standards assessed in the provided coursework.
- Remote only students will not be required to come in to take Regents examinations but will be offered the opportunity to do so
- In person students who do not sit for the exam will be eligible for the exemption if they meet the requirements above

Spring 2021 Grades 3 – 8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Test

- Schools are only required to administer Session 1 of both assessments.

- Session 2 will be made available to schools for an optional administration.
- Spring 2021 assessments have been reduced in length as the embedded field questions have been removed.
- The state adjusted the Elementary and Intermediate Level Testing Schedule so that schools may use the entire testing window to allow for greater flexibility.
 - o English Language Arts: April 19 – April 29, 2021
 - o Mathematics: May 3 – May14, 2021
- Schools are not expected to bring students into the building to participate in testing if they are fully remote. However, it is suggested that districts make parents of fully remote students aware of the state testing window should they want their child to participate in the assessments.
- Schools are allowed to administer tests in a hybrid model on days that students are in session; schools are not required to assess an entire grade on the same day.
- Make-up testing for absent students can begin on the school day immediately following the first day of test administration.

Spring 2021 Grade 4 and 8 Science

- Schools will only Administer the written component of grades 4 and 8 science exams

April 12 Return to full day in person instruction k-12

- Plans continue to progress
- Some students have shifted from remote only to in person instruction - still finalizing numbers
- Efforts to distance has required that some classes be relocated