

THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **Stuyvesant High School** 345 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10282-1099 Telephone: (212) 312-4800 Facsimile: (212)587-3874

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Dear Stuyvesant Families,

As we head into the spring, many of you have questions about the Regents exams. In a typical year, Regents exams are administered in June and August in 10 subject areas. This June, only four Regents subject exams will be administered - Algebra I, English Language Arts, Living Environment, and Earth Science. Stuyvesant does not administer the Earth Science Regents. These exams will be administered in person, in our school building. There will be no additional Regents administration scheduled for August. Certain students are eligible for Regents exam waivers, which count as a passing score for that exam for graduation. Waivers are available for all Regents exams subjects, including the four exams being administered in person. (See eligibility criteria described below.)

It is very important you let us know if you would like your student to participate in this year's **Regents exams** so that we can prepare and create a testing schedule that ensures the health and safety of all of our students. Please read on for more information about this year's exams.

What Regents exams will be administered in the school building?

Only three Regents exams will be administered in June. The three exams are:

- Algebra I
- English Language Arts
- Living Environment

The following Regents exams have been cancelled for June:

- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Global History & Geography
- United States History & Government
- World Language (LOTE) exams

How will we keep students safe during in-person test administration?

Health and safety are our first priorities. We are asking for you to sign up by the deadline of **Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 5:00pm,** so we can create testing schedules and room assignments that allow for social distancing protocols. All schools will adhere to COVID-19 <u>health and safety protocols</u>. Visit<u>schools.nyc.gov/RTShealthsafety</u> to learn more.

How do you sign up for the exams?

¹ As per NYC DOE Academic Policy, students cannot earn credit by examination using the Regents exam waivers.



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If you would like your child to participate in this year's State exams, please notify us by filling out this google form by Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 5:00pm.

Is your child eligible for a Regents waiver?

If your student is eligible for a Regents waiver, they can use this waiver toward graduation requirements and are not required to pass that Regents exam. To be eligible for a Regents exam waiver in June or August 2021 (Regents exams will not be administered in August 2021), your student <u>must pass the course sequence leading up to that Regents exam</u>. If your child is eligible for a Regents waiver then no action is needed from you. You may wish to have your student take the Regents exam if they are not on track toward passing all of the necessary courses by June. ¹

Waivers are available for all 10 Regents exam subject areas. If you are still unclear on whether your student is eligible to receive a Regents waiver, contact your student's <u>school counselor</u>. You can also review your student's progress toward graduation in your NYC Schools Account at mystudent.nyc. If you need assistance with this account, contact Ms. Ingram at <u>ringram3@schools.nyc.gov</u>.

Can a student earn an Advanced Regents Diploma with a Regents Waiver?

Yes. Any student granted a waiver is not required to pass such exam(s) necessary for any diploma type. This includes the Regents with Advanced Designation.

If a student receives a Regents Waiver can they take the exam in the future?

Yes. Any student granted a waiver is eligible to take a Regents exam during a future administration.

If your student is already learning in the building, do you still need to sign up for the exams?

Yes. You must let us know if you would like your student to take a Regents exam, whether they are learning in-person or remotely.

If your child is fully remote, are they expected to come in to take the exams?

No. Students receiving fully-remote instruction are not expected to come to school to take the Regents exams. However, if you would like your student to take an exam, they can be included—just notify us using the contact information above.

If your child does not take the exams, will they be penalized?

No. Any student who does not participate in the 2021 June Regents exams will not be penalized. Your student may waive a Regents exam requirement for graduation provided that they meet specific eligibility criteria as described above.

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When are the exams?

The exams will be administered within the following dates:

- English Language Arts Thursday, June 17
- Living Environment Tuesday, June 22
- Algebra I Wednesday, June 23

If you have more questions, how can you learn more?

You can also always reach out to your child's school counselor with any questions or concerns. We are here to help.

We appreciate your collaboration and flexibility as we continually work to ensure a strong, supportive education for your child and every student in our school community.

Sincerely,

Seung C. Yu Principal

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