



# Skaneateles High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please find below key questions and answers offered from the NYS Board of Regents as it pertains to the adjusted graduation requirements for the Covid-19 School Closures. It is important for you to know that our local school district employees as well as the employees at the state level understand the stress, pressure and unusual nature of the current state of education for our students. These changes have been put forth with all of that in mind. To summarize briefly, all Regents exams this year are cancelled. Students who would be taking Regents exams that would typically be necessary in order to earn either their Local, Regents or Advanced Designation Diploma, will not be required to take those exams this year, and not taking those exams will not be held against them. (For example: A student who is taking Regents Algebra 2 this year and is working toward earning their Advanced Designation Diploma by passing the Algebra 2 Regents exam in June -> That student will still be able to graduate with the Advanced Designation Diploma regardless of the fact that they haven't taken that test). Please find below excerpts from the guidance released from the state that we thought might be of interest to you. Please do not hesitate to contact your school counselor with any questions that you may have.

1. Are students exempt from Regents Examination they were planning on taking during the June 2020 test administration? Students who meet one of the following eligibility requirements are exempt from Regents Examinations they were planning to take in June 2020: • The student is currently enrolled in the course of study culminating in a Regents Exam and by the scheduled date of the June 2020 Regents Examination will have earned credit in such course of study; • The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and has failed to earn credit by the end of the school year. Such student returns for summer instruction to make up the failed course credit and is subsequently granted diploma credit in August 2020; or • The student was previously enrolled in the course leading to an applicable Regents Examination, has achieved course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents Exam but was intending to take the test in June to achieve a passing score. (See FAQ #5 for more information).

6. How will students who are granted exemptions to exams meet assessment requirements for graduation? Students granted an exemption from any examination are not required to pass such specific examinations to meet the assessment requirements for any diploma type (local, Regents, or Regents with advanced designation). For example, a student that was enrolled in ELA 11 and was scheduled to take the examination in June 2020, does not need to meet the ELA assessment requirement for a local, Regents, or Advanced Regents diploma.



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7. Do students need to complete 1,200 minutes of satisfactory laboratory experiences in order to be exempted from a science Regents Exam? No. Hands on laboratory experiences missed because of extended school closure or student absence due to COVID-19 does not preclude a student from being exempt for the corresponding Science Regents Examination.

9. May a student who is exempted from a Regents examination due to COVID-19 be admitted to future administrations of the Regents exam? Yes. Schools/districts shall provide opportunities for students to attempt Regents exams in subsequent administration periods, if students so choose. If the student's educational entitlement has ended, please refer to question 35 (post-graduation section).

10. Can students earn credit for courses that did not meet the unit of study (180- minute/week) requirement outlined in Commissioner's Regulation 100.1(a)? Yes, per Guidance #2: Additional Guidance to Schools from NYSED, any student who achieves the learning outcomes for a course of study should earn the applicable course/diploma credit without regard to 180-minute/week unit of study requirement in Commissioner's Regulations Part 100.1.

24. Can students exempted from Regents exams still earn a Regents diploma with Advanced Designation? Yes. Any students who have Regents Exams exempted due to the cancellation of the June 2020 examination administration are not required to pass such Regents exams necessary for the Regents with Advanced Designation. Example: A student is scheduled to take the Algebra II Regents examination and the ELA Regents examination in June 2020. S/he have passed all other examinations necessary for the Regents with Advanced Designation. Such student will not be required to pass ELA and Algebra II but will still earn the Regents with Advanced Designation diploma.

To review the full document please visit:

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/nysed-covid-19-regents-grad-req-faq.pdf>

Sincerely,

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