

June 2021 Regents Exam Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are the June 2021 Regents Examinations cancelled?

The NYSED plans to administer only the following Regents Examinations:

- Algebra I
- Earth Science (written test only)
- English Language Arts (ELA)
- Living Environment

2. Are the August 2021 Regents Examinations cancelled?

Yes. The NYSED will not be administering any Regents Examinations in August 2021. If a student fails a course and retakes it in summer school and passes they are eligible for the Regents exemption. See question 4 for more information.

3. Are students that are enrolled in one of the four courses culminating in an administered Regents Examination (Algebra I, Earth Science, ELA, Living Environment) required to take the associated Regents Examination?

These examinations shall be administered only in instances where schools and districts can ensure the health and safety of students and teachers. Students receiving remote instruction should not be made to come to school for the sole purpose of taking a Regents Examination.

North Shore plans to safely administer the Algebra I, Earth Science, ELA, and Living Environment Regents exams. Remote students are invited, but not required, to take these exams.

4. Are all students intending to take a June 2021 or August 2021 Regents Examination exempted from the associated diploma requirement?

Students who meet one of the following eligibility requirements are exempt from the associated diploma requirement:

- be currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and earn credit in such course of study by June 2021 or August 2021;
- be in grade 7 or grade 8, enrolled in a course of study leading to a Regents Examination, and meet the learning outcomes for such course of study by June 2021 or August 2021;
- successfully complete a make-up program by August 2021 in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination; or



- previously achieved course credit in a course of study leading to a Regents Examination, has not yet passed the associated Regents, but intended to take the test in June or August 2021 to achieve a passing score. (Refer to Question 9 for more information).

- A student is eligible for a Regents exemption if they are passing the course.
- If a student fails a course, but makes up the credit in summer school, they can receive the Regents exam exemption.
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5. If the four Regents Examinations are administered, will students still be entitled to an exemption from the diploma requirement related to passing these examinations?

Yes. Even if students take the June 2021 Regents Examination(s) in Algebra I, Earth Science (written test only), English Language Arts, and/or Living Environment, they are still entitled to the exemption(s) from the associated diploma requirement.

A student **passing** a course may sit for the Regents exam and receive a score, but elect to receive an E for Exempt on their transcript instead of the grade.

6. What if I am currently failing a course?

A student failing a course is not eligible for an exemption from the Regents exam. However, if the student fails the course, but passes in summer school they are eligible for the exemption at that time.

A student failing a course is not eligible for an exemption but may still benefit from a passing score on the Regents. This would be true in the case of a passing score helping them to pass the course once the final grade is calculated including the passed regents exam.

7. If a student with a disability has access to safety net options or appeals leading to a local diploma, should schools consider exempted exams to represent a score of 55 or 65*?

All Regents Examination exemptions should be considered scores of 65 for the purposes of making diploma determinations involving safety net options or appeals.

Note: No numeric score shall be reported on the student's transcript.

*The numeric exam score will only factor into the student's grade if it helps the final average. See question 12 below.

8. Can students with assessment exemptions still earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation?

Yes. Any students granted exemption(s) from assessment requirements due to COVID-19 are not required to pass such exam(s) necessary for any diploma type. This includes the Regents with Advanced Designation.

Example: A student is scheduled to take the Algebra II Regents Examination and the ELA Regents Examination in June 2021. The student passed all other examinations necessary for the Regents with Advanced Designation. Such student will not be required to pass the Regents Examinations in ELA and Algebra II but will still earn the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation if all other requirements are met.

9. If a student takes a Regents Examination in June 2021 (Algebra I, Earth Science (written test only), English Language Arts, and/or Living Environment), must the school/district record the student's score on the student's transcript?

Schools and districts must record the score of any Regents Examination on a student's permanent record. **The choice to record a score or an "E" for exempt on a student's transcript should be made in consultation with the student, and the student's choice for official transcript purposes should be respected whenever possible.**

10. What is the permanent record?

The permanent record is a card stored in the student's file, but not shared with colleges. This is different from the transcript, which is sent to colleges.

If a student sits for a Regents exam, the Counseling Department will communicate with the student to confirm what is reported on the transcript. If a student is passing the course and does not sit for the exam they will receive an E for Exempt.

Scenario 1:

- A student sits for a Regents exam and does well. The student's grade may be reported on the transcript if the student requests it.

Scenario 2:

- A student sits for a Regents exam and does not do well. The grade will be stored on the permanent record card, but not on the transcript. An E will be reported on the transcript.

11. How should schools reflect examination exemptions on a student's transcript?

Student transcripts should not reflect a numeric score for any examination where the



students are granted an exemption. Student transcripts should reflect the examination name and a score of “E” for exempt.

12. Will the Regents exam impact the student’s final year grade?

North Shore is implementing a no harm policy that states if the Regents exam score is higher than the final course average, it will factor into the final grade. If the Regents exam score is lower than the average, it will not factor in.

- If the Regents score is higher it will be calculated 20% and all 4 quarters 20%
- If the Regents score is lower all 4 quarters will be 25%
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13. Do I have to opt out of the Regents exam?

There is no official opt out form, but the school will need to know if you are sitting for the exam. More information will be sent from the district.

14. Can I still earn a Regents diploma if I am granted an exemption?

Yes - an exemption is considered passing. A student may still earn a Regents diploma and Advanced Regents diploma if applicable

13. Will it negatively impact my child to take the Regents exam?

The Regents score will only factor into the student’s final average if it raises the grade. Thus, sitting for a Regents exam will not hurt the student, but can bring up the grade if the student performs well. The student will have the option for the score to appear on his or her transcript. If the student does not take the exam, an E will be reported on the transcript and each quarter will factor in at 25%.

14. Where can I find more detailed information?

NYSED issued a comprehensive FAQ that can be found [here](#).