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Regents Exams Required by USDE to be Offered in June / August 2021

Background

Last month, [NYSED requested an assessment](#)

would [“propose a series of regulatory amendments](#) at the March Board of Regents meeting so Regents Exams would not be required to meet graduation requirements and to cancel any Regents Exam that is not required by USDE to be held.” Since then, the Department has received questions from the field about which Regents Exams would be administered and which would be canceled if the USDE does not grant the Department’s waiver request.

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that students be assessed once in high school in ELA, mathematics, and science. Therefore to comply with the federal requirement, **if USDE does not approve the assessment waiver requested by NYSED, only the Regents Exams below would be administered in June 2021:**

- Algebra I
- English Language Arts
- Living Environment
- Physical Setting/Earth Science.

At the March Regents meeting, **the Department will propose to cancel the following Regents Examinations for June 2021 regardless of the outcome of New York’s waiver request as these exams are not federally required:**

- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Physical Setting/Chemistry
- Physical Setting/Physics
- Global History & Geography
- United States History & Government

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