

Subject: Update on Plan for Regents Exams

Dear Hommocks and MHS Parents,

I am writing with an update on our plan for courses that typically culminate with a Regents Exam at the end of the school year.

As you may be aware, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has cancelled all but four of the June 2021 Regents, as well as the August 2021 Regents, due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. The four Regents examinations that NYSED currently plans to administer include:

- English Language Arts - Thursday, June 17
- Living Environment - Tuesday, June 22
- Algebra I - Wednesday, June 23
- Earth Science (written test only) - Thursday, June 24

While all districts throughout the State are required to offer the exam for each of the above courses, your child is not required to take it. Students who earn credit by June, 2021 in a course that would typically culminate in a Regents Exam are eligible for a June Regents exemption. Students who successfully complete a Regents-bearing make-up program by August 2021 also are eligible to receive an August Regents exemption.

The choice to record a numeric 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 will be respected whenever possible. A student who chooses to take one of the four Regents exams, and fails, can be given an exemption as long as s/he passes the course. Additionally, the District has decided not to incorporate numeric Regents scores into final averages for the 2020-21 school year.

For planning purposes, we will survey middle school and high school parents shortly to determine your child’s intent to participate in the June Regents. If you do not explicitly express your child’s intention to take an exam, it will be assumed that your child will not be taking the test.

In the coming days, you will receive additional follow-up communications from MHS Principal Elizabeth Clain and/or Hommocks Principal Dr. Al Sackey. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards,

Dr. Robert I. Shaps
Superintendent of Schools