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MAKING SENSE OF REGENTS CANCELLATIONS

**REVIEWING RECENT CHANGES TO NYS
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

APRIL 20, 2020



**Due to COVID-19,
June 2020 Regents Exams
are canceled.**

**What does this mean for
students scheduled to take
these exams?**

Webinar Agenda



1. Short overview of regular graduation requirements

2. Changes due to COVID-19

3. Tips

4. Resources

Poll: Who is Here Today?



I am a

A. Student

B. Parent

C. Educator

D. Other professional

Poll: Who is Here Today?



Where do you live?

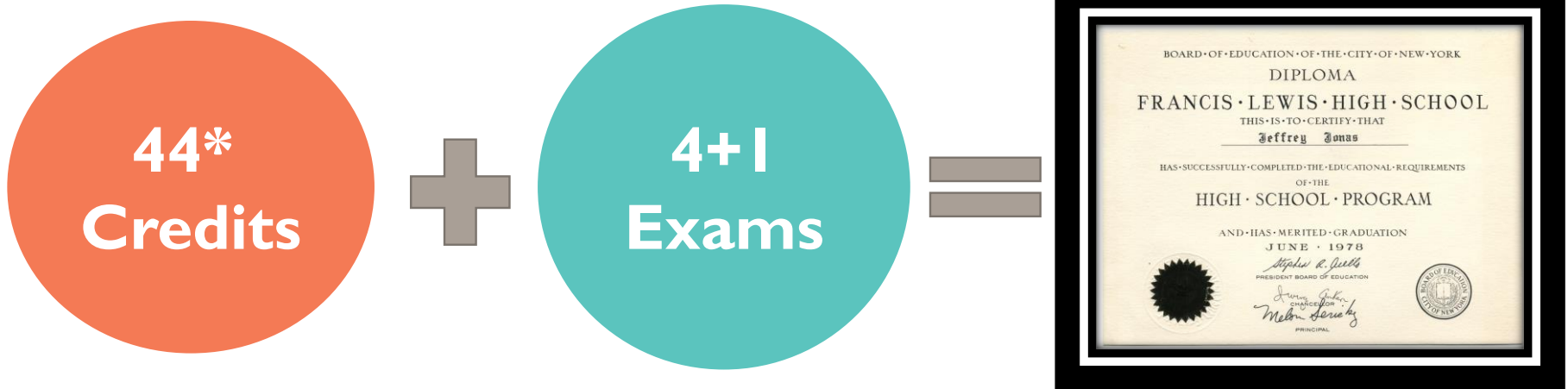
A. New York City

B. NY State, not NYC

C. Outside of New York



Graduation Requirements



*Note: NY State requires 22 credits to graduate. In NYC, these same courses are counted as 44 credits. For a detailed list of NYS credit requirements, click [here](#).



44* Credits in the Right Places



8 English



8 Social Studies



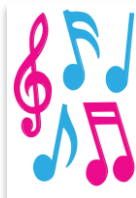
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6 Math



2 Second Language



2 Music/Art



5 Gym/Health



7 Other

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Credits: COVID-19 Exceptions



Attendance does not count towards grades

No lab time requirement for science Regents

No instruction time requirement





Pass “4 + 1” Exams

ELA



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+ 1



History

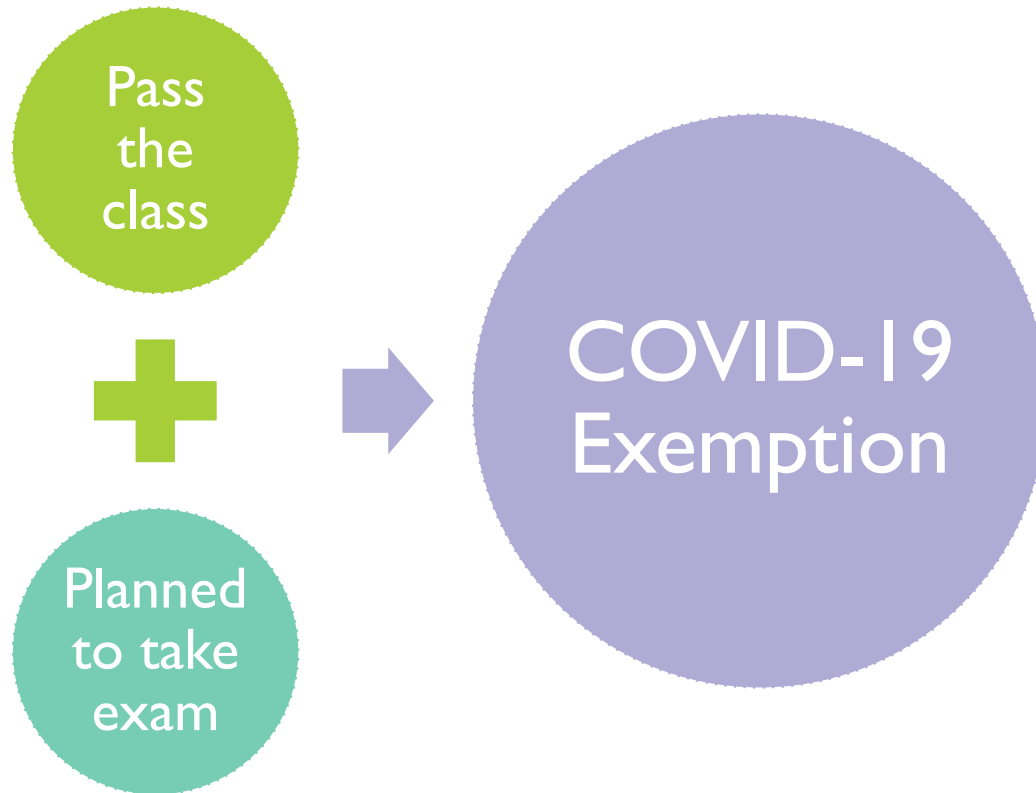


Science

4 + 1 Exams: COVID-19 Exemption



Students in grades 7-12 who **pass the class** AND **planned to take an exam in June 2020** can **graduate without taking that exam**.



Passing the Class



Pass the class
this school
year

Pass the class
in August
2020

Already
passed the
class



"Planned To Take Regents"



Currently in a class that has a Regents exam

Told your school you wanted to re-take the Regents exam in June 2020

Getting academic intervention, additional instruction, or tutoring to prepare for a Regents exam

Took/retook the Regents exam in June 2019, August 2019, OR January 2020.





Pass “4 + 1” Exams

ELA



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History



Science



What is a “+ I” ?

Any 5th
Regents exam

SAT II

Language Other
Than English
(LOTE) Assessment

Career and
Technical Education
(CTE) Assessment

Career
Development and
Occupational Skills
(CDOS) Credential



Career Development and Occupational Skills (CDOS) Credential - Basics

Available to any student

Documents your entry-level work skills

Can replace one Regents exam

Can be awarded alone or added to a diploma



CDOS Requirements: Option I



4 credits (216 hours) of CTE courses
or work-based learning

Career plan

Employability profile (showing you meet
CDOS standards)

CDOS: COVID-19 Exemptions



Option I

- Students will be exempt from any credit/ hours they were planning to get in Spring 2020 semester



CDOS Requirements: Option 2



Pass approved work-readiness assessment

National Work Readiness Credential

SkillsUSA Work Force Ready Employability Assessment

National Career Readiness Certificate WorkKeys

Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems Workforce Skills Certification System

CDOS: COVID-19 Exemptions



Option 2

- 2019-2020 graduates are exempt from the CDOS assessment



What should my transcript say?



Exams with COVID-19 Exemption:

Each exam with a COVID-19 Exemption should be listed

Transcripts will NOT list a score

Score will not be considered in Honors/Advanced Regents Diploma determinations

Will exempt students from that sub-test on the TASC

Tips



Track your progress toward graduation using [this worksheet](#).

Make sure you pass the class. Ask for help if Remote Learning is not working for you.

Make sure your school knows which exams you were planning to take in June 2020. *Put it in writing.*

You can stay in school until the June after your 21st birthday, or until you earn a diploma.

For more tips, from AFC, including live COVID-19 updates, click [here](#).

Tips for Students with Disabilities



All students with IEPs in NYC should have a [Remote Learning Plan](#).

IEP meetings are still happening. Ask about your child's progress toward graduation at your IEP meeting.

COVID-19 Exemptions cannot be used as the "high score" for students with disabilities using the "[Compensatory Safety Net](#)"

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NYS Graduation Requirements, Generally



[AFC Guide on NYC Graduation Requirements](#)

[AFC Guide on Graduation Options for Students with Disabilities](#)

NYS Graduation Requirements, COVID-19 Changes



[AFC Summary of COVID-19 Graduation Changes](#)

[NYSED COVID-19 Graduation Guidance:](#)

[NYSED COVID-19 Graduation FAQ](#)

Rethinking Regents Exams



New York State is launching a Blue Ribbon Commission to rethink high school graduation requirements.

The Blue Ribbon Commission Process includes:



1. A **Literature Review** of other state's graduation pathways and requirements



2. **Regional Information Meetings** open to the public to gather input from people across the state



3. The Commission will use this information to develop a **proposal**

Rethinking Regents Exams



If you are a...



Current High School Student



Parent



NY High School Alumni



Government official



Teacher



**Community activist or
organization member**



School administrator

**Now is the time to share your thoughts
and experiences with high school diploma
requirements in New York State!**

Rethinking Regents Exams



Tell the State Education Department (SED) what you think should be required to graduate.

- [Click here](#) to get Grad Measures updates from SED
- Fill out [this survey](#) to tell SED what you think should be required to graduate

**COALITION
FOR MULTIPLE
PATHWAYS
TO A DIPLOMA**



Join us to urge NY State to [Rethink Regents](#)

- Email agrant@afcnyc.org join us
- Follow us on Facebook [@DiplomaCoalition](#)

COVID-19 Resources



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[AFC's Live updates on COVID-19](#)

[Help Now NYC](#): General Resources

[Thrive NYC](#): Mental Health and Emotional Support

- ✦ Includes 24/7 Supports and links to NYC agencies resources

Remote Learning Resources



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- [AFC's Remote Learning 101 Webinar \(one hour\)](#): This is a recording of our April 8th webinar, covering some of the resources available for remote learners and their families during school closings, including: school and community resources, additional instructional support, and special education services
- To request a Free technology for NYC students:
 - complete the [Remote Learning Device Request Form](#) or
 - call 718-935-5100, and choose option 5
- [School Virtually](#): Free resources for all learners
 - ✦ Includes supports for students with disabilities and language learners.
 - ✦ Some good tips!
- [eBooks](#) for people with learning barriers
 - ✦ Free for US students with proof of disability
- [Visual Calendar](#)
 - ✦ Audio-Visual Calendar/Planner
 - ✦ One-time \$
- [Snap and Read](#)
 - ✦ Reads both accessible and inaccessible text aloud, levels vocabulary, and translates
 - ✦ Monthly \$



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