

**June and August 2021 Regents Exam Waivers:** During the [March 2021 Regents meeting](#), the Board of Regents approved amendments to the graduation requirements for students graduating in June and August 2021. These amendments allow exemptions to the diploma requirements associated with the June and August 2021 Regents administrations. To be eligible for a Regents waiver for June and/or August 2021, a student must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Be currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents exam and will have earned credit in such course of study by the end of the 2020–2021 school year, or the 2021 summer session;
- Have previously been enrolled in a course leading to an applicable Regents exam, have earned course credit, and have not yet passed the associated required Regents exam, but was intending to take the test in June or August 2021 to achieve a passing score; or
- Be in grade 7 or 8, and currently enrolled in a course of study leading to a Regents and have met the standards assessed in the provided coursework.

Effective immediately, NYSED will extend exemption eligibility for pathway assessments, alternative assessments, technical assessments, and locally developed tests through the 2020–2021 school year. For more information, see the [COVID-19 Emergency Regulations Part II Revisions to Diploma Requirements](#). Detailed guidance on the eligibility requirements and policies related to June and August 2021 Regents exam waivers, as well as the process to schedule students to receive these waivers, is forthcoming.

**Updated Guidance on State Assessments Memo:** On February 12, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) submitted a formal request to the US Department of Education (USDOE) to waive state testing requirements at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Pending a decision from the USDOE regarding the waiver request, the DOE prepared this [Updated Guidance Regarding State Assessments memo](#) based upon ongoing conversations with NYSED, so that schools can prepare to proceed with the following spring 2021 test administrations:

- NYS Grades 3-8 ELA and math;
- NYS Grades 4 and 8 science;
- NYSESLAT;
- Regents/World Languages (LOTE and SLP); and
- NYSAA.

Note that for all state assessments, NYSED has shared that:

- Schools will not be able to administer any of this year’s state assessments remotely, and if exam administrations occur, they will be “school-based” and “in-person.”
- Schools that are entirely remote during the entire testing window are not expected to re-open for the sole purpose of administering the tests.
- Students receiving full-time remote instruction are not expected to come into a school building to participate in test administrations.
- Schools should conduct outreach to families of full-time, remote instruction students to determine the parents’ interest in having their child come to school to participate in state assessments.

Schools should prepare for the administration of state assessments this spring. If the assessment waiver request is not granted by USDOE for spring 2021, NYSED is providing updates and flexibilities to test administration, as outlined in this [Updated Guidance Regarding State Assessments memo](#).

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