

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 101, 207, 208, 209, 305, 308, 309 and 3204

1. Subdivision (a) of section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is amended, effective October 28, 2013, as follows:

(a) General requirements for a Regents or a local high school diploma. Except as provided in paragraph (d)(6) and subdivision (g) of this section, the following general requirements shall apply with respect to a Regents or local high school diploma.

Requirements for a diploma apply to students depending upon the year in which they first enter grade nine. A student who takes more than four years to earn a diploma is subject to the requirements that apply to the year that student first entered grade nine.

Students who take less than four years to complete their diploma requirements are subject to the provisions of subdivision (e) of this section relating to accelerated graduation.

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2. Subdivision (b) of section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is amended, effective October 28, 2013, as follows:

(b) Additional requirements for the Regents diploma. Except as provided in paragraph (d)(6) and subdivision (g) of this section, the following additional requirements shall apply for a Regents diploma.

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3. Subdivision (c) of section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is amended, effective October 28, 2013, as follows:

(c) Additional requirements for the local diploma. Except as provided in paragraph (d)(6) and subdivision (g) of this section, the following additional requirements shall apply for a local diploma.

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4. Subdivision (g) of section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is added, effective October 28, 2013, as follows:

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the following provisions shall apply to the specified student cohorts for purposes of meeting the English and Mathematics requirements for a Regents or local diploma:

(1) English.

(i) Students who first enter grade 9 in September 2013 and thereafter shall meet the English requirement for graduation in clause 100.5(a)(5)(i)(a) of this section by passing the Regents Examination in English Language Arts (Common Core) or an approved alternative pursuant to section 100.2(f) of this Part.

(ii) Students who first enter grade 9 prior to September 2013 shall meet the English requirement for graduation in clause 100.5(a)(5)(i)(a) of this section by (a) successfully completing a course in English Language Arts (Common Core) and passing the Regents Examination in English Language Arts (Common Core) or an approved alternative pursuant to section 100.2(f) of this Part; or (b) successfully completing a course in English aligned to the 2005 Learning Standards and passing the Regents Comprehensive Examination in English or an approved alternative pursuant to section 100.2(f) of this Part; provided that for the June 2014 and August 2014 administrations only, students enrolled in English Language Arts (Common Core) courses may, at the discretion of the applicable school district, take the Regents Comprehensive Examination in English in addition to the Regents Examination in English Language Arts (Common Core), and may meet such English requirement by passing either examination.

(2) Mathematics.

(i) Students who first begin instruction in a commencement level mathematics course aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards in September 2013 and thereafter shall meet the mathematics requirement for graduation in clause 100.5(a)(5)(i)(b) of this section by passing a commencement level Regents Examination in mathematics that measures the Common Core Learning Standards, or an approved alternative pursuant to section 100.2(f) of this Part; provided that for the June 2014, August 2014 and January 2015 administrations only, students receiving Algebra I (Common Core) instruction may, at the discretion of the applicable school district, take the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra in addition to the Regents Examination in Algebra I (Common Core), and may meet the mathematics requirement for graduation in clause 100.5(a)(5)(i)(b) of this section by passing either examination.

(ii) Students who first began or will complete an Integrated Algebra, Geometry, or Algebra 2/Trigonometry course prior to September 2013 shall meet the mathematics requirement for graduation in clause 100.5(a)(5)(i)(b) of this section by passing the corresponding commencement level Regents Examinations in mathematics or an approved alternative pursuant to section 100.2(f) of this Part.