

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 101, 207, 305 and 801-a and Chapter 482 of the Laws of 2010.

Subdivision (c) of section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective July 1, 2012, as follows:

(c) Instruction in certain subjects. Pursuant to articles 17 and 65 of the Education Law, instruction in certain subjects in elementary and secondary school shall be provided as follows:

(1) for all students, instruction in patriotism and citizenship, as required by section 801 of the Education Law;

(2) for all public school students, other than students in charter schools, instruction in civility, citizenship and character education as required by section 801-a of the Education Law, including, but not limited to, awareness and sensitivity to discrimination or harassment and civility in the relations of people of different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, genders, and sexes;

[(2)] (3) for all students in the eighth and higher grades, instruction in the history, meaning, significance and effect of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the amendments thereto, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the State of New York and the amendments thereto, as required by section 801 of the Education Law;

[(3)] (4) for all students, health education regarding alcohol, drugs and tobacco abuse, as required by section 804 of the Education Law;

[(4)] (5) for all students, instruction in highway safety and traffic regulation, as required by section 806 of the Education Law;

[(5)] (6) for all students, instruction in fire drills and in fire and arson prevention, injury prevention and life safety education, as required by sections 807 and 808 of the Education Law. Such course of instruction shall include materials to educate children on the dangers of falsely reporting a criminal incident or impending explosion or fire emergency involving danger to life or property or impending catastrophe, or a life safety emergency;

[(6)] (7) for all students in grades one through eight, instruction in New York State history and civics as required by section 3204(3) of the Education Law;

[(7)] (8) for public school students, instruction relating to the flag and certain legal holidays, as required by section 802 of the Education Law;

[(8)] (9) for all public elementary school students, instruction in the humane treatment of animals and birds, as required by section 809 of the Education Law; and

[(9)] (10) for all public school students, instruction relating to the conservation of the natural resources of the State, as required by section 810 of the Education Law.