

## AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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

Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (g) of section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is amended, effective January 27, 2016, as follows:

(i) English.

(a) Students who first enter grade 9 in September 2013 and thereafter shall meet the English requirement for graduation in clause (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.

(b) Students who first enter grade 9 prior to September 2013 shall meet the English requirement for graduation in clause (a)(5)(i)(a) of this section by:

(1) 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

(2) 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 January 2014, June 2014, August 2014, January 2015, June 2015, [and] August 2015, January 2016 and June 2016 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.

(c) . . .