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To: District Superintendents
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associated examination-related diploma requirement:

- x currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents, Department Approved Alternative, or a Pathway Examination and earn credit in such course of study by June 2021 or August 2021;
- x currently in grade 7 or grade 8, enrolled in a course of study leading to a Regents, Department Approved Alternative, or a Pathway Examination, and meet the learning outcomes for such course of study by June 2021 or August 2021;
- x successfully complete a make-up program by August 2021 in a course of study culminating in a Regents, Department Approved Alternative, or a Pathway Examination; or
- x previously achieved course credit in a course of study leading to a Regents, Department Approved Alternative, or a Pathway Examination, has not yet passed the associated assessment, but intended to take the exam in June or August 2021 to achieve a passing score.

Students who take one of the four Regents Examinations being administered in June 2021 and fail, may still qualify for an exemption to the diploma requirement associated with the examination, as long as they meet one of the eligibility requirements above.

Use of Safety Net Options

All current [safety net options](#) remain in effect for all students and must be considered in the determination of which diploma type can be awarded. To determine whether general education students, English Language Learners (ELLs), and students with disabilities are eligible to earn either a Regents or local diploma, districts and schools should consider an exempted examination to be equivalent to a score of 65. However, students with disabilities eligible for the compensatory safety net option may not use exemptions on tests to compensate for lower test scores.

Any student, including a student with a disability, who does not earn a Regents or local diploma continues to be eligible for a free public education until the end of the school year in which the student turns age 21, or until the receipt of a Regents or local high school diploma, whichever shall occur first.

Locally Developed Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B.9 (A)4.3 (i)2.7 (nc)-2 (l)2.6 10point B.9 (A)e

Honors

Students seeking the Honors endorsement on their diploma must meet one of the following criteria:

- x earn a computed average of 90 or greater on all Regents examinations applicable to the diploma; or
- x earn a computed average of 90 or greater on a minimum of three Regents Examinations applicable to the diploma and exemptions granted for the other examinations applicable to the diploma; or
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