On March 19, 2021 the State Education Department (NYSED) announced the State’s plan for the June 2021 Administration of the NYS High School Regents Examinations. The following Regents Examinations will be administered in June 2021: Algebra I, Earth Science (written test only), English Language Arts, and Living Environment. While each high school must offer the four required Regents exams, students who qualify for an exemption will not need to take the Regents exam if they do not wish to do so. The Regents exemption also applies for 8th grade students who are taking Honors Algebra or Honors Earth Science.

Students can qualify for an exemption from the requirement to take the Regents exams if they meet one of the criteria listed below:

- The Student is currently enrolled in Algebra 1 or Algebra 1B and is projected to earn credit in the course by June 2021.
- The Student is currently enrolled in Living Environment and is projected to earn credit in the course by June 2021.
- The Student is currently enrolled in Earth Science and is projected to earn credit in the course by June 2021.
- The Student is currently enrolled in English 11 or AP English Language and is projected to earn credit in the course by June 2021.

The New York State Education Department has cancelled all of the other Regents Exams for this school year, any student currently enrolled in a course that would otherwise end in a Regent (not listed above) will receive an exemption status on their transcript for that exam.

While most students will be eligible for a Regents exemption, some students may still elect to take the exam, and we welcome those who choose to do so. In order to best prepare for these assessments, it is important for us to know how many students will be electing to take a Regents exam. Students who are currently enrolled in a course culminating in one of the Regents exams being offered this school year, will be asked to complete a survey next week indicating their intention to take the Regents exam in June. Transportation will be provided for students who elect to take the Regents exam. Please contact your student’s school counselor if you have questions about the Regents exam and the exemption criteria.

During the administration of the Regents exams all health and safety protocols will be followed including social distancing, face coverings, and the requirement that all students complete the Daily COVID Questionnaire.

Sincerely,

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Principal
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The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.