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Dear Niagara Falls High School Families:

As the end of the school year approaches, we have information to share about Regents exams, local final exams, and how students will be graded for their classes. Please read this Frequently Asked Questions document below for more information.

Q1: Which Regents exams be given in June 2021?

A1: Regents exams will be given in the following subjects ONLY: Algebra I, Earth Science, English Language Arts (ELA), and Living Environment. The Regents exam calendar is included in this mailing.

Q2: Which Regents exams are cancelled for June 2021?

A2: Regents exams cancelled for June 2021 are Chemistry, Physics, Geometry, Algebra II, Global History & Geography, United States History, and World Languages Checkpoints A (Spanish I) and B (Spanish 3).

Q3: Will remote students take Regents exams in-person at Niagara Falls High School?

A3: Remote students may choose to take the Regents exams being offered at NFHS but they are not required. Regents exams will not be given online.

Q4: Will there be Regents exams in August 2021?

A4: No.

Q5: If a student is taking one of the classes where an exam is being given this June (see Question #1), are they required to take the Regents exam?

A5: Maybe. The situations below are for both remote and hybrid students.

- If the student is failing the class, they will want to take the Regents exam in June. Passing the Regents exam will grant them both exam and course credit.
- If the student is passing the class, they do NOT have to sit for the exam and will be granted an exemption on their Regents exam. Students passing the class may CHOOSE to take the Regents exam at NFHS.

Students will indicate whether they plan to take exams during class in the first two weeks of May. Please be sure to discuss this decision with your child prior to May 3.

Q6: If a student takes a Regents exam in June, does the score have to go on the student's transcript?

A6: Yes. The student will be able to choose whether to record an "E" for exempt (if the student passed the course) or a numeric score on their transcript.

Q7: What if a student is enrolled in a course that usually ends in a Regents exam (see Question #2), but that exam is cancelled this year?

A7: As long as the student passes the course by June or August 2021, they will earn an exemption ("E") for that exam.

Q8: What does it mean to earn an exemption ("E") on a Regents exam?

A8: Getting an exemption ("E") on a Regents exam means the student will not have to pass that exam in order to graduate. Students receive an "E" by passing the class ending in a Regents exam.

Q9: What happens if a student does not pass the class or the Regents exam?

A9: The student will be enrolled in our NFHS Summer Credit Recovery Program. If they pass the class by August, the student will earn the Regents exam exemption. If the student does not pass the class by August, they will have to retake the Regents exam in January or June of 2022 in order to earn their diploma.

Q10: Can students still earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation if they have Regents exam exemptions? What about Mastery in Math or Science endorsement(s) and Honors designations?

A10: Yes. New York State has provided detailed information on how to determine diploma types, endorsements, and designations. Please contact your school counselor to discuss student-specific questions related to this. It may be beneficial for students to take Regents exams this June for the purpose of Advanced Designation and endorsements.

Q11: Will local final exams take place in courses that do not end in a Regents exam?

A11: No. Local final exams are cancelled this year EXCEPT in classes where college credit is given.

Q12: How will final course averages be calculated this year since so many exams are cancelled?

A12: Final course averages for all Niagara Falls High School courses will be an average of the students' four marking period grades. Remember that a Final Course Average of 65% or higher will earn a student credit in the course.

10-week + 20-week + 30-week + 40-week grades = Final Course Average

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Information related to Regents exams will continue to be communicated on the NFHS YouTube channel, website, and Microsoft Teams Parent Team. We also encourage you to contact your school counselor for clarification or student-specific questions. Please remember to discuss with your child whether you wish for them to take one of the Regents exams that are being offered in June.

We appreciate your attention to this important information.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Jones