



To: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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Subject: Registration of Religious and Independent High Schools

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the registration of religious and independent high schools?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by state statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its June 2025 meeting.

Background Information

Religious and independent high schools with a graduating class for the first time must submit the Application for Religious and Independent Secondary School Registration and are visited by staff from the Office of Religious and Independent School Support.

Upon approval, the schools (Attachment A) as attached will be authorized to issue valid New York State diplomas, administer State examinations on-site, and become a member of the University of the State of New York.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the religious and independent schools listed on the attached table be registered effective June 10, 2025.

Timetable for Implementation

If approved by the Board of Regents, schools listed in the attached table will be registered effective June 10, 2025.

Religious and Independent High Schools Recommended for Registration

School Name	County	Time of Department Visit	Current Registration Status	Proposed Registration Status
Congregation Machna Shalva High School	Kings	Spring 2023	Pending	Full
Peace Academy	Kings	Spring 2025	NA	Full
Freeport Christian Academy	Nassau	Spring 2025	NA	Full
Mesivta of Great Neck	Nassau	Spring 2025	NA	Full
Woodward Children's Center	Nassau	Spring 2025	Pending	Full
Yeshiva Kol Torah of the Five Towns and Far Rockaway	Nassau	Spring 2025	NA	Full
Collaborative College High School – Homestead School	Sullivan	Spring 2025	NA	Full