



TO: P-12 Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Proposed amendment of §100.5(g)(1) of the Regulations of the Commissioner, relating to the transition to Common Core-aligned Regents Examinations in Mathematics (Algebra II)

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Should the Board of Regents amend §100.5(g)(1)(ii) of the Commissioner's Regulations to provide additional flexibility in the transition to Common Core-aligned Regents Examinations in mathematics by allowing, at the discretion of the applicable school district, students receiving Algebra II (Common Core) instruction to take the Regents Examination in Algebra 2/Trigonometry aligned to the 2005 Learning Standards in addition to the Regents Examination in Algebra II (Common Core), and meet the mathematics requirement for graduation by passing either examination?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Implementation of policy.

Proposed Handling

The proposed amendment will be presented to the P-12 Education Committee for discussion at the September 2015 Regents meeting.

Procedural History

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making will be published in the State Register on October 7, 2015. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached. Supporting materials are available upon request from the Secretary to the Board of Regents.

Background Information

At their July 2013 meeting the Board of Regents adopted by emergency action, effective July 30, 2013, a new Commissioner's Regulation §100.5(g) to allow students to meet diploma requirements by passing Regents Examinations in English Language Arts and mathematics that are aligned to the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards. Section 100.5(g) was permanently adopted at the October 2013 Regents meeting. Section 100.5(g)(1)(ii) allows, at local discretion, students receiving Algebra I (Common Core) instruction to take the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra (2005 Revised) in addition to the Regents Examination in Algebra I (Common Core) and meet the mathematics graduation requirement by passing either exam. In April 2014, the Board provided the same flexibility with regard to the rollout of the new Regents examination in Geometry (Common Core).

The proposed amendment would provide similar flexibility with respect to the Regents Examination in Algebra II (Common Core) by allowing, at the discretion of the applicable school district, students receiving Algebra II (Common Core) instruction to take the Regents Examination in Algebra 2/Trigonometry aligned to the 2005 Learning Standards in addition to the Regents Examination in Algebra II (Common Core), and meet the mathematics requirement for graduation by passing either examination. This flexibility would be permitted until the final administration of the Algebra 2/Trigonometry Regents examination in January 2017.

Timetable for Implementation

It is anticipated that the proposed amendment will be presented for adoption at the December 2015 Regents meeting, after publication of a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the State Register and expiration of the 45-day public comment period prescribed in the State Administrative Procedure Act. If adopted at the December 2015 meeting, the proposed amendment will take effect on December 30, 2015.

Attachment

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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

Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (g) of section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is amended, effective December 30, 2015, as follows:

(ii) Mathematics.

(a) Students who first begin instruction in a commencement level mathematics course aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards in September 2013 and thereafter shall meet the mathematics requirement for graduation in clause (a)(5)(i)(b) of this section by passing a commencement level Regents examination in mathematics that measures the Common Core Learning Standards, or an approved alternative pursuant to section 100.2(f) of this Part; provided that:

(1) . . .

(2) . . .

(3) for the June 2016, August 2016 and January 2017 administrations only, students receiving algebra II (common core) instruction may, at the discretion of the applicable school district, take the Regents examination in algebra 2/trigonometry aligned to the 2005 Learning Standards in addition to the Regents examination in algebra II (common core), and may meet the mathematics requirement for graduation in clause (a)(5)(i)(b) of this section by passing either examination.

(b) . . .

(c) . . .