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Dear Parents/Guardians of all students enrolled in grades 7-12:

This letter is to inform parents and students about the New York State Regents Exams and local final assessments that will be offered in June 2021.

The June 2021 Regents exam regulations have provided a unique opportunity for our students. This year students have the option of participating in Regents exams with a safety net feature built in. The following 4 exams will be administered in June 2021: Algebra 1, English Language Arts, Living Environment, and Earth Science (written test only). Students are afforded the opportunity to participate in these exams and if they score well they can take that grade and apply it to their overall average. In reference to the [FAQ June 2021 and August 2021 Exemptions and Diploma Requirements, question 49](#) issued by the New York State Education Department, "the choice to record the students score or an "E" for exempt on a students transcript should be made in consultation with the student, and the students choice for official transcript purposes should be respected whenever possible." With these parameters in place, we are encouraging that all students who are enrolled in these courses participate in taking the upcoming Regents examinations in June and if they do not pass or are not happy with their grade, they can take the state provided exemption. Our teachers, students and families in Lancaster are second to none and have worked incredibly hard this year to prepare for these assessments.

## Regents Exam Week

The New York State Regents exam calendar is below, the district is looking to survey families to see how many students are going to participate in Regents exams. All students (hybrid and remote) must come to school in order to participate in any Regents examination.

## Regents Survey Participation

Complete the survey ONLY if your child is enrolled in one of the following Regents courses for the June 2021 Regents exam period: Algebra I, ELA 11, Living Environment, Earth Science. **Please have the survey completed by Friday May 7th, 2021.** A final determination in regards to the last day of classes will be made after the data is collected.

## [Regents Exam Survey](#)

## Regents Exam Schedule

June 17th	June 18th	June 21st	June 22nd	June 23rd	June 24th
9:00am - 12:00pm	Juneteenth Holiday	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm
English Language Arts		World Languages (Checkpoint A/B)	Living Environment	Algebra I	Earth Science (written test only)

**Local Final Assessments**

Courses at LMS and LHS will offer end of year final assessments to those students who do not have an average of 65% or higher in the course. Students who are passing their courses will NOT be given a local final assessment and will be exempt for the courses they have an average above 65%.

These assessments will be given before the end of the school year and will be open book/notes assessments.

**End of Year Grading and Earning Course Credit**

As we continue through the fourth marking period, we would like to provide everyone with our plan for end of the year grade calculation.

**For students who are currently passing a course (overall average above 65%):**

For all students who have an overall average of 65% or higher, those students are not required to participate in a local final assessment/project. Those students will be provided with an exemption from participating in that course’s local assessment.

For those students who are enrolled in a course that is administering a Regents assessment this year:

- All students are encouraged to participate in the Regents examination.
- If a student fails or is unhappy with their grade on the examination they can be given the state provided exemption.
- If the student has an overall average of 65% or higher they will pass the course with Regents credit.

**For students who are not passing a course (overall average below 65%)**

Students still have an opportunity to receive course credit. Please see the chart below:

Pathways to Earn Course Credit	
Pathway #1: Local Final Assessment/Project	Pathway #2: Regents Examination
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If the student is not passing (64% or below) 4 marking period average and the student <i>earns a 65% or higher on the final assessment/project they will earn course credit.</i></li> <li>● Students earning course credit by passing the local final assessment/project will receive a grade of 65 for their final grade.</li> <li>● Local final projects/assessments will be recorded as a 5th grade and if the student passes, the overall average will be manually overridden to a 65%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If the student is not passing (64% or below) 4 marking period average and the student <i>earns 65% or higher on a Regents Exam being administered for a Regents level course, they will earn course credit.</i></li> <li>● Students earning course credit by passing the Regents Exam will receive a grade of 65 for their final grade.</li> <li>● Regents exams will be recorded as a 5th grade (Final/Regents exam) and if the student passes, the overall average will be manually overridden to a 65%</li> </ul>

\*\*Concurrent Enrollment courses with local colleges may not be able to offer all of the above options. Those faculty members who teach those courses, please work with your collegiate liaisons to insure those students can still receive college credit.

**Options for Students who do not earn course credit**

Option #1 - Summer School	Option #2 - Repeat the Course
Students will have the opportunity to attend the LCSD Summer School program.	Repeat the course during the 2021-22 school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the High School or Middle School Principal.

Sincerely,

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