

Update to the Diploma Requirements



**PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TRANSFER STUDENTS
STUDENTS OF MILITARY FAMILIES**

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Physical Education Changes

Existing Physical Education (PE) Requirements Before the Change at the September BOR Meeting



All students must:

- Earn 2 credits in PE to meet the diploma requirements
- Enroll in PE every semester they attend high school
- No exemptions for out of state transfer students

Physical Education (PE) Credit Requirement Changes



- **Applicability:** All students who transfer to a NY State high school from outside the State at any time during their high school career
- **Key Change:**

Such transfer students must:

- ✦ earn $\frac{1}{4}$ credit of PE for every semester they are enrolled in a NY high school regardless of the number of PE credits they bring with them; AND
- ✦ enroll in PE every semester they are in a NY high school until they have completed 8 semesters (4 years) of high school

# Semesters Expected in a NYS School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Minimum number of PE credits required for graduation	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	2

Physical Education (PE) Enrollment Requirement Changes



- **Applicability:** All students
- **Key Change:**
 - Students may cease enrolling in PE when both of the following criteria have been met:
 - ✦ They complete the eighth semester of high school; AND
 - ✦ They have obtained the required number of credits to graduate per the chart below

# Semesters Spent in a NYS School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Minimum number of PE credits required for graduation	1/4	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 3/4	2

Transfer Student Test Waivers

Existing Transfer Student Testing Requirements Before the Change at the September BOR Meeting



Students who enter a registered New York State high school for the first time in grade 11 may be exempt from the Global History and Geography Regents and may meet the assessment requirements for a Regents or local diploma by passing the Regents Exams in :

- ELA
- 1 Math,
- 1 Science
- US History

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Existing Transfer Student Testing Requirements Before the Change at the September BOR Meeting



Students who enter a registered New York State high school for the first time in grade 12 may be exempt from the Global History and Geography Regents and the Science Regents and may meet the assessment requirements for a Regents or local diploma by passing the Regents Exams in :

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- 1 Math
- US History

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Flexibility for Students of Active Duty
Transitioning Military Families Under
the Interstate Compact on Educational
Opportunity for Military Children

Special Provisions

Applicable to: Transitioning students of active duty military families

- NY Schools will provide and accept unofficial hand carried records from such students for the purpose of placement while awaiting official records
- Such students will have 30 days to obtain required immunizations
- NY schools will honor the placement of students in educational courses, extracurricular and interscholastic activities when available and if space allows
- A properly executed power of attorney is to be considered sufficient for the purpose of establishing residency

Exams Accepted in Lieu of Regents Exams

Applicable to: Transitioning students of active duty military families

NY Schools will accept the following in lieu of Regents exams required for graduation:

- **exit or end of course exams required for graduation in the sending state**, where the principal from the school in the sending state attests in writing that the student has achieved a satisfactory passing score on such exam(s) and has met the proficiency standards for the course(s) assessed in the sending state.
- **national norm referenced achievement tests**, where the principal from the school in the sending state attests in writing that the student has achieved a score equal to or greater than the national grade equivalent corresponding to the grade in which the corresponding Regents examination required for graduation is typically administered
- where the principal of the school has accepted course credit for a course that would typically culminate in an examination required for graduation in New York State, the principal shall accept any **corresponding alternative end of course local examination** for such course(s), where the principal from the school in the sending state attests in writing that the student has achieved a score on such exam that meets the proficiency standards for the course assessed in the sending state

Additional Information

- Full text of the Regents Item can be found at:
<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/917p12a2.pdf>
- Guidance to be distributed in the near future will be posted on the Curriculum and Instruction website at
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/>
- Questions on the transfer credit regulations can be directed to
emscurric@nysed.gov
- Questions on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children can be directed to
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