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REGENTS NEWS

2013 Regents News

In October 2011, the Board of Regents voted to prohibit teachers from scoring their own students' state assessments, beginning in school year 2012-13.

NYC has moved to strengthen this requirement for Regents exams by shifting to a distributed scoring system (DSS), bringing Regents scoring further in-line with similar scoring programs for ELA/Math and NYSAA. The Regents Distributed Scoring has as a priority to have each student's exam marked by staff from at least two different schools. In addition, teachers will not score the exams of students attending their school.

There will be two scoring models for the January 2013 New York State Regents: day-scoring and per session.

Only schools administering day-scoring exams in January will be required to contribute staff to meet the scoring requirements.

Staff from school citywide will be eligible to apply for per session scoring positions.

The following exams will follow the day-scoring model: Integrated Algebra, Comprehensive English, and Living Environment.

The following exams will be scored following the

per session model: Algebra 2/Trig, Geometry, US History Gov't, Global History & Geography, Physics, Chemistry, and Earth Science.

The day scoring timetable for the January 2013 Regents follows: Integrated Algebra: Wed., 1/23, Thu., 1/24, Fri., 1/25; Comprehensive English: Wed., 1/23, Thu., 1/24, Fri., 1/25; and Living Environment: Thu., 1/24 and Fri., 1/25.

This year's answer documents will be two pages.

Jan 2013: Scoring Format & Models

	Day-Scoring	Per Session
Non-electronic	Integrated Algebra Comprehensive English Living Environment	Algebra 2/Trig Geometry US History Gov't Global History & Geography Physics
Electronic	n/a	Chemistry Earth Science

Day-Scoring: Only schools administering these exams in January will be required to contribute staff to meet the scoring requirements.

Per-Session: Staff from schools citywide will be eligible to apply for per session scoring positions.

The Finality of Examination Scores

- When the teacher scoring committee completes the scoring process, test scores must be considered final and will be entered onto students' permanent records via the scanning process.
- Scoring committees, once they have rated an exam, are not permitted to re-score them, regardless of the final score. Specifically, exams receiving a final score of 60-64 or 50-54 may not be re-scored.
- Principals and other administrative staff in a school or district do not have the authority to set aside the scores arrived at by the teacher scoring committee and rescore student examination papers or to change any scores assigned through the procedures outlined in the scoring materials provided by SED.

January 2013: Exams & Scoring Timeline

Exam	Tue. 1/22	Wed. 1/23	Thu. 1/24	Fri. 1/25	Sat. 1/26	Sun. 1/27	Mon. 1/28	Tue. 1/29
Integrated Algebra	AM Admin	Day Scoring						
Comprehensive English	PM Admin	Day Scoring						
Physics	PM Admin				Per Session Scoring (Intermittent)			
Living Environment		AM Admin	Day Scoring					
Algebra 2/Trig			PM Admin		Per Session Scoring (Intermittent)		Chancellor's PD Day (No Scoring Activities)	Spring Semester Begins (No Scoring Activities)
US History & Gov't.			AM Admin		Per Session Scoring (Intermittent)			
Geometry			AM Admin		Per Session Scoring (Intermittent)			
Earth Science				PM Admin	Per Session Scoring (Intermittent)			
Chemistry				PM Admin	Per Session Scoring (Intermittent)			
Global History & Geog.				AM Admin	Per Session Scoring (Intermittent)			

- Scoring staff are expected to be at the scoring site by 8:30 a.m. each day and will be expected to stay for the full length of the teacher work day (i.e., 6 hours and 20 minutes plus extended time).
- Staff serving in site management roles should be available before and after the scoring day.
- The exact days and times for per session scoring of each exam have yet to be determined. Scoring periods for exams scored in per session will be communicated later this fall.

TEACHERS

Grading Policies for Fall 2012

 Class grades are calculated according to the departmental grading policies that were established in September.

The following numeric grades may be assigned: **passing: 65-100 in increments of 1, failing: 55 or 60, and medically excused/no credit: 7.**

The following interim grades may be entered but must eventually be changed to a numeric grade on the student's transcript in order for the student to be awarded class credit:

New or recently arrived students: Students who enroll in a course after it has started may have missed assignments or assessments needed to generate a complete course grade for a given marking period. These students may be given a grade of **1** but must complete the remaining course requirements by the end of the semester following the termination of the course in order to receive a final grade and credit, as applicable.

No show: A grade of **45** is given to a student who fails to attend a course and does not participate in any of the work from which a grade can be derived.

Interim Reports

 LaGuardia educators have found that Interim Progress Reports can send a strong message about student performance.

You may pick up forms from your department chairperson on Wednesday, November 14. They are due on Tuesday, November 20. We expect to send them out on Wednesday, November 21. Parents appreciate your efforts.

New Date for

End of Second Marking Period

 The second marking period will now end on Tuesday, November 27.

New Date for Grades Due

 Grades are now due at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 6. Revisions are now due by 12 p.m. on Friday, December 7. Report cards will be distributed on Monday, December 10.