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Office of State Assessment

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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Large City School Districts
Commissioner's Advisory Council on Nonpublic Schools

FROM: Steven E. Katz *Steven E. Katz*

SUBJECT: Final Dates for the January 2018, June 2018, and August 2018
Regents Examination Periods

The dates for the January, June, and August 2018 Regents Examination periods are being provided at this time to assist schools and districts with developing their local school calendars for the 2017-18 school year.

Final dates for the January 2018 Regents Examination period:

Monday, January 22 through Thursday, January 25

Final dates for the June 2018 Regents Examination period:

Tuesday, June 5 (for the first administration of the new Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography — Grade 10) and Tuesday, June 12 through Friday, June 22.

Friday, June 15 and Friday, June 22 will be Rating Days; no State examinations will be administered on these dates. No Regents Examinations or RCTs will be scheduled on Friday, June 15, 2018 due to the observance of Eid Al Fitr.

Final dates for the August 2018 Regents Examination period:

Thursday, August 16 and Friday, August 17.

Specific exam schedules for these three examination periods will be provided near the end of this school year. If you have questions concerning the testing windows for the 2018 Regents Examination periods, please send an inquiry by e-mail to emscassessinfo@nysed.gov or call the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5900.



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Dear Colleagues,

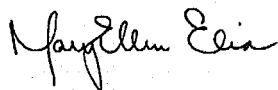
During the past year, we have been working together to ensure our policies, our standards, and our assessments are of the highest quality and are in the best interest of our students. Experience has taught us that we must be thoughtful in our approach. Over the past few years, we have seen that rolling out new educational initiatives too quickly can result in confusion. Many of you have heard this message from the Commissioner when discussing the review of the English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards. If the educators doing the review say they need more time to get it right, she will listen. This work is too important to rush.

The same logic applies to all subjects, including Social Studies. We are writing to you today to let you know that we have asked the Board of Regents to allow us to use the 2017-18 school year as a transition year, giving educators across the State additional time to implement the new Social Studies Framework (see table below for a timeline). This transition year will also help us further refine the new exams before they are administered to our students for the first time. This means:

- The 2017-18 school year will be a full transition year. During this time, the Regents Exam in Global History and Geography will maintain the current test design but will only measure content from approximately 1750 to present, reflecting the division articulated in the new Framework.
- The new Global History and Geography Regents Exams based on the new Social Studies Framework will be field tested and vetted by New York State educators during the next two years. These new exams will then first be administered to students beginning in June 2019.
- Decisions about the new U.S. History and Government Regents Exam based on the new Framework will be forthcoming.

We are proud of the work that has been done on the new Social Studies Framework and Toolkit. This new conceptualization of Social Studies is rich and complex, and thus difficult to measure. We need additional time to continue to involve our teachers in the process to be sure our new assessments accurately and fairly measure the content and practices articulated in the new Framework. We must also give our educators more time to implement fully these curriculum and assessment shifts. Our new implementation plan will ensure we have the time to make this happen.


Thank you, as always, for your continued service to our students.



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Social Studies Implementation Timeline	
<u>CURRENT APPROACH</u> June 2016 – Jan 2018	Current assessment model measuring current two-year course.
<u>TRANSITION YEAR</u> June 2018 – January 2019	Current assessment model, but measuring content from approx. 1750 – the present.
<u>OVERLAP PERIOD</u> June 2019 Aug 2019 Jan 2020 June 2020	2 Options available at district discretion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transition Year Regents, OR• New Global History and Geography II Regents
<u>POST-TRANSITION</u> Aug 2020 - onward	Global History and Geography II Regents



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To: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Schools
Administrators of Secondary-level Schools
Directors and Chairpersons of Social Studies

From: Steven E. Katz *Steven E. Katz*

Subject Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Transition Timeline for the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography

The Office of State Assessment has been working closely with members of the Content Advisory Panel to develop the new Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II (Grade 10). This group has worked to develop claims, evidence, and performance level descriptions for the new assessment as well as suggested question formats. Surveys detailing the suggested format of the new assessment and prototype test items have been issued to solicit feedback from educators. The Content Advisory Panel has taken a lead role in analyzing this feedback and working to incorporate educator input into the new assessment design.

The following information is provided to help answer questions that have emerged concerning the transition timeline for the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography.

Question: What will the June 2017 Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grades 9 & 10) measure?

Answer: The June 2017 Regents Examination in Global History and Geography will be based on two years of study: the NYS Learning Standards for Social Studies (1996) and the skills and content for Grades 9 and 10 found in the Social Studies Resource Guide and Core Curriculum (1998).

Question: Why will there be a Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography beginning in June 2018?

Answer: In order to ensure a gradual transition to the new Social Studies K–12 framework, and to continue the extensive role played by NYS educators in the development of the new framework-based Social Studies Regents Examinations, a Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) based on the existing test format will be given. This transition exam will be provided from June 2018 through June 2020 and will measure content only from the second year of the Global History and Geography course consistent with the delineation made in the new framework (i.e., content covering approximately 1750 to the present). (See <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/916brca10.pdf>.)

Question: What will the June 2018 Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography measure?

The Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) will be based on one year of study, the NYS Learning Standards for Social Studies (1996) and the skills and content for Grade 10 found in the Social Studies Resource Guide and Core Curriculum (1998) in Units 5–8 (pages 105–120). Skills-based questions from the Methodology unit (pages 93–94) may also be included in this examination if the content of the questions relates to Units 5–8. The essays will be based on the themes on page 89 and topics in Units 5–8. This includes human and physical geography.

NOTE: Themes and concepts are defined on pages 8–11 and skills are presented on pages 12–18.

Question: What will be the format of the Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10)?

Answer: The Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) will have the same three parts as the current Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grades 9 & 10) except that Part I will contain 30 multiple-choice questions rather than 50. Part II will contain one thematic essay question. Part III A will contain open-ended questions based on several documents, and Part III B will contain one essay question based on the documents and the student's knowledge of specific social studies content. The 30 multiple-choice questions will be weighted so as to account for approximately 55% of the student's final score, similar to the 50 multiple-choice questions on the current Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grades 9 & 10).

Question: How long will the Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) be available?

Answer: The Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) will be available from June 2018 through June 2020. Seven total transition examinations will be administered. The **last** Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) will be administered in June 2020.

Question: When will the **first** new Framework-based Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) be available?

Answer: The first administration of the new Framework-based Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) will be in June 2019.

Question: Will the Transition Regents Examinations in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) be posted on the Office of State Assessment web page?

Answer: Yes, as with past exams, these exams will be posted shortly after each examination has been administered.

Question: Will the new Framework-based Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) be posted on the Office of State Assessment web page?

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**Timeline for Transition Examination and New Framework-Based Examination
Regents Examination in Global History and Geography**

Year	January Administration	June Administration	August Administration
2017	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10)	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10)	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10)
2018	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10) (Last Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) (First Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10)
2019	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) (First Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)
2020	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) (Last Administration) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)
2021	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)

