

SED Update June 2015

Assessment

As of now, there continues to be no plans to offer the A2/Trig assessment next year as a safety net for students who are also taking Common Core Algebra 2. The reason is that the standards are so different that an overlap of the exams is not as automatic as for the other math tests. The [transition to common core memo](#) indicates that the last administration of the A2T exam will be January, 2017.

The last administration of the old Geometry Regents exam is scheduled to be January, 2016.

Graduation Requirements

There is a [new chart](#) from SED that **explains graduation requirements**. They also have reorganized the web page for [graduation requirements](#) and [Pathways](#). It is suggested that we think of the Regents examination requirement as four core plus a choice rather than to think of replacing an assessment. Advanced Diploma options don't impact students who are seeking a pathway in Languages, Arts, or CTE, but there are some nuances for STEM and ELA. The [FAQs](#) can help to explain this better than the memo.

The regulations about CPR instruction are expected to be approved. Thirty minutes of instruction at the high school level will be required. This is not certification, just some awareness training. Included in this will be a requirement that students be told what an AED is and where they can be found.

APPR

The field is waiting for the regulations that have to be adopted at the June Board of Regents meeting. Until then, some of the potential changes are discussed [in this column](#).

In the meantime, districts should be preparing "back-up SLOs" in case the test-refusal numbers have any impact on teachers receiving scores from the state ($n = 16$). Although the guidance is not completely clear, SED is steadfastly maintaining that it is a district's responsibility to evaluate all teachers. The first 20% is a non-negotiable part of APPR. If you have any back-up SLOs for others it might be a good idea to use them with others.

Accountability

Approval from USDOE on NY's NCLB waiver request has not yet been received, although it's expected. Just how the test refusal numbers impact this is unclear. Focus and priority lists were just released; LAP lists are expected in the fall.

Standards

The first of the expected social studies inquiries are being listed at engageny in the [social studies toolkit](#). In reality, however, they are housed at the [C3teacher.org](#) site. It is important to remember that the inquiries are not complete units. Rather, they are parts of units. Work has begun on the next version of the Regents exams in social studies.

Some content additions have been suggested for the New York State Science Learning Standards. Very few deletions have been suggested. The standards writing team is being formed this summer. Especially K-8, the Next Generation Science Standards will be very close to what we end up with in New York.