

## SED Update November 2015

### Assessment

Students who started 9<sup>th</sup> grade prior to 2013 will be allowed to take the old Comprehensive Examination in English in addition to the Common Core ELA Regents. Passing either examination will count for these students, only. Students who started high school in 2013 can take only the Common Core exam.

The 2016-2017 assessment calendar is under development by SED. It will be some time before it is released, however, due to the complexity of including on-line opportunities for the stand-alone field testing. Winter/spring is what we are being told.

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### Standards

A “Standards Survey” was distributed by SED. They wanted to collect feedback from the field about the standards and their implementation. Subsequently, a standards review team will take a look at the feedback. The survey closed November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Although feedback is not yet being accepted, the [draft](#) of the New York State Science Standards is available for review. You will see, the middle-level is organized in bands rather than grade levels. When the comment window is open, it will be important to provide feedback about this organization. The OCM BOCES Center for Innovative Science Education will be preparing a special web page that will explain the differences between the NGSS and the NYSSLS so that a thorough analysis can be conducted.

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### APPR

[EngageNY](#) has resources about §3012-d, as does OCM BOCES on its [APPR site](#). Resources for student performance measures have been added.