Academic Policy

Submit Low Score Regents Exam Appeals and Review Updated Guidance

You or your designee should submit appeals for low scores on Regents exams and/or the superintendent’s determination of graduation for students with IEPs as soon as students are eligible and no later than by January 30 for January graduates. You must not discharge students as graduates in ATS until all approved appeals appear on the student’s transcript with a mark of ‘WG’.

In addition, please note the following:

- **Low-score Regents Appeals:**
  - A recommendation letter is no longer required for any low-score Regents appeal.
  - Schools should use traditional low-score Regents appeal options such as the low-score appeal (RQSA Option 10 – RGT), new arrival ELA appeal (RQSA Option 11 – ELL), and safety net appeal (RQSA Option 14 – SFN) for exams taken in January 2024. Regents exams in January 2024 and beyond are not eligible for the special appeal (RQSA Option 15 – SPC), but some students may be eligible based upon recent completion of coursework. For more information on eligibility criteria, refer to the table on page 2 of the Appeal to Graduate with a Low Score on Regents Exams.
  - For all active students with approved low-score Regents appeals, Central will apply the transfer exam code with a mark of ‘WG’ to students’ transcripts (the start date will be announced in a future edition of Principals Digest). Schools should not use a transcript update to add the approved exam that was appealed.

- **Superintendent’s Determination for Students with IEPs:**
  - To meet the exam requirements for ELA and math, the student must have:
    - Received a minimum score of 55 on the ELA and/or math exam; or
▪ Earned a COVID-related Regents waiver or successfully appealed a score between 52 and 54 on the ELA and/or math exam; or
▪ Completed the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential.
▪ Students pursuing the superintendent determination of graduation may not use approved Special Appeal scores of 50 and 51 to meet the ELA and/or math Regents eligibility criteria.

Note that wiki pages are only accessible through the DOE network or the virtual desktop. For additional information, review the updated Appeal to Graduate with a Low Score on Regents Exams guide. For questions, please contact your district’s OPE lead supporting all academic policy, performance, and assessment workflow.