

# RIVERHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Riverhead High School and Middle School will be administering the New York State Regents Examinations in June and August.

All students enrolled in a course culminating in a Regents Examination will be required to take the associated Regents Examination on the assigned date. There **will be no exemptions for the remaining Regents Exams** (with the exception of the U.S. History & Government Regents Exam, which was canceled for June 2022).

The Riverhead Central School District recognizes inequities in the educational opportunities provided to students across New York State caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Therefore, at the June 14, 2022 Board of Education meeting, Policy 4711 will be waived for the 2021-2022 school year. Regents Exams will not be calculated into a course final average unless it improves a student's final course grade in that course of study.

The waiver will address the following two scenarios to determine a student's course grade:

- Include the Regents Examination result if in fact it benefits the student's overall course average. In this scenario, the Regents Examination will be weighted as 20% and each quarter will be weighted 20% to determine the student's final course grade.
- In the event the result of a Regents Examination decreases a student's overall course grade, in this scenario, the Regents Examination score will not be included to determine the student's overall course grade. Each quarter will be weighted at 25% to determine the final course grade.
- In both scenarios, the Regents Examination grade will be recorded on the student's transcript.

Please note that students must still pass their Regents Examinations in order to meet graduation requirements set forth by the New York State Education Department. In a memo dated May 16, 2022, Commissioner of Education, Betty Rosa announced a temporary expansion of the existing process to appeal to graduate with a lower score on a Regents Examination known as "The Special Appeal." Eligibility conditions for the special appeal can be found by clicking on the following link:

[NYSED Special Appeal](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SPOH", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sean P. O'Hara  
Principal