



# REGENTS EXAMS AND GRAD REQUIREMENTS QUESTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19 CLOSURES

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## EARNING CREDIT



How will students earn credit in interrupted courses without completing unit of study requirements?

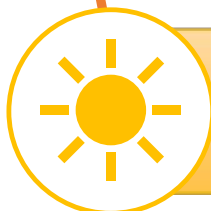
- A student should be granted credit as long as the student has **met the standards assessed in the provided coursework.**

# REGENTS EXAMINATION EXEMPTIONS

Students who would have taken Regents exams are exempted from the diploma requirement provided they meet **one** of the following eligibility requirements:



**Currently enrolled in course culminating in a Regents Exam** and earns credit by June 2020; **OR**



**Currently enrolled** in course culminating in a Regents exam, fails to earn credit by June 2020, passes during summer instruction, is **granted credit in August 2020**; **OR**



**Previously earned credit** in a course culminating in a Regents exam, did not yet pass the associated Regents Exam, but was **intending to take the Regents exam in June 2020**.

# STUDENT INTENTION

Students who previously earned credit, did not yet pass the Regents exam, and were intending to take the exam in June 2020 are eligible for the exemption.

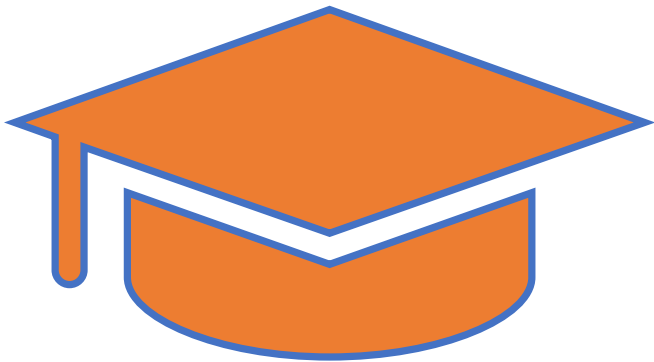
How do I know if a student was “intending” to take a Regents Examination?

Student **informed school** s/he wished to retake the examination; or

Student was **preparing** to take the examination (receiving academic intervention, supplemental instruction or tutoring of some kind); or

Student **took** the examination in **June 2019, August 2019** or **January 2020** in an attempt to pass or better his/her score.

# MEETING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



How will students with exemptions meet requirements for graduation?

- Students granted an exemption from any examination are not required to pass such specific examinations to meet the assessment requirements for any diploma type.
- Example: Student enrolled in ELA II scheduled to take Regents exam in June 2020 does not need to meet the ELA assessment requirement for a local, Regents, or Advanced Regents diploma.

# LABORATORY REQUIREMENTS



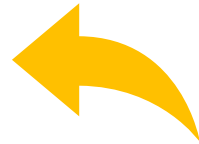
Do students need to complete 1,200 minutes of lab experiences to be exempt from a science Regents?

- No. Hands on labs missed due to COVID-19 do not preclude students from being exempt from the associated Regents exam.

# PATHWAY ASSESSMENT EXEMPTIONS



Student is **currently enrolled** in course leading to +I Pathway Assessment and earns credit by end of the 2019-2020 school year;  
OR



Student was **previously enrolled** in a course leading to +I Pathway, earned course credit, has not yet passed the assessment, but was intending to take test in June 2020; OR



Student is currently or was previously identified as **ELL**, home language is Chinese, French, Italian, Korean or Spanish, **OR deemed qualified** by principal (in consultation with relevant faculty), was intending to take **LOTE +I** assessment in June 2020; OR



Student **deemed qualified** by principal (in consultation with relevant faculty) in the use of ASL, intending to take **LOTE +I ASL** assessment in June 2020.

# CDOS COMMENCEMENT CREDENTIAL

## 2019-2020 Graduates

- May be granted the CDOS Commencement Credential, without completing all requirements if the school principal, in consultation with relevant faculty, determines the student otherwise demonstrated knowledge and skills in the commencement level CDOS learning standards (also applies to CDOS Option 2)
  - Can fulfill +1 Pathway
  - Can be used to meet eligibility requirements for Superintendent's Determination of a Local Diploma

## Students Continuing their High School Education

- May be exempted from requirements that were missed due to school closures
- Must fulfill any requirements scheduled or planned for subsequent years



# SAFETY NETS

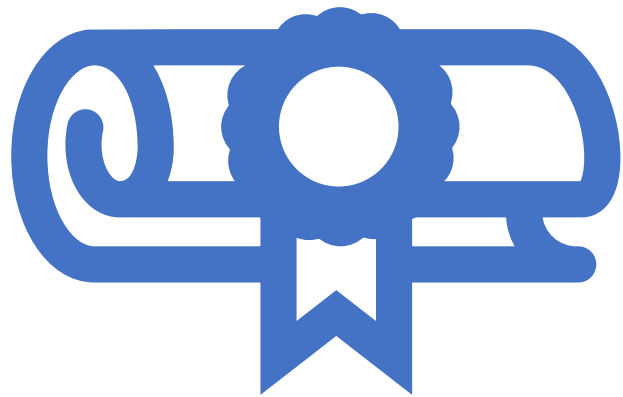
All safety net options remain in effect and must be considered.

For the purpose of diploma determination, exempted exams are considered to be a score of 65.

- *(NOTE: Transcript should not reflect a score for any exempted examination)*

Students with a disability eligible for the compensatory safety net **may not** use exemptions to compensate for lower test scores.

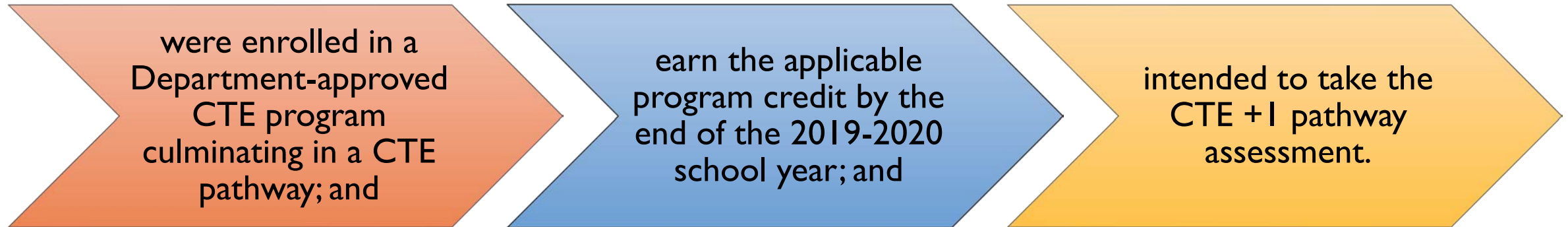
## CALCULATING FOR ENDORSEMENTS



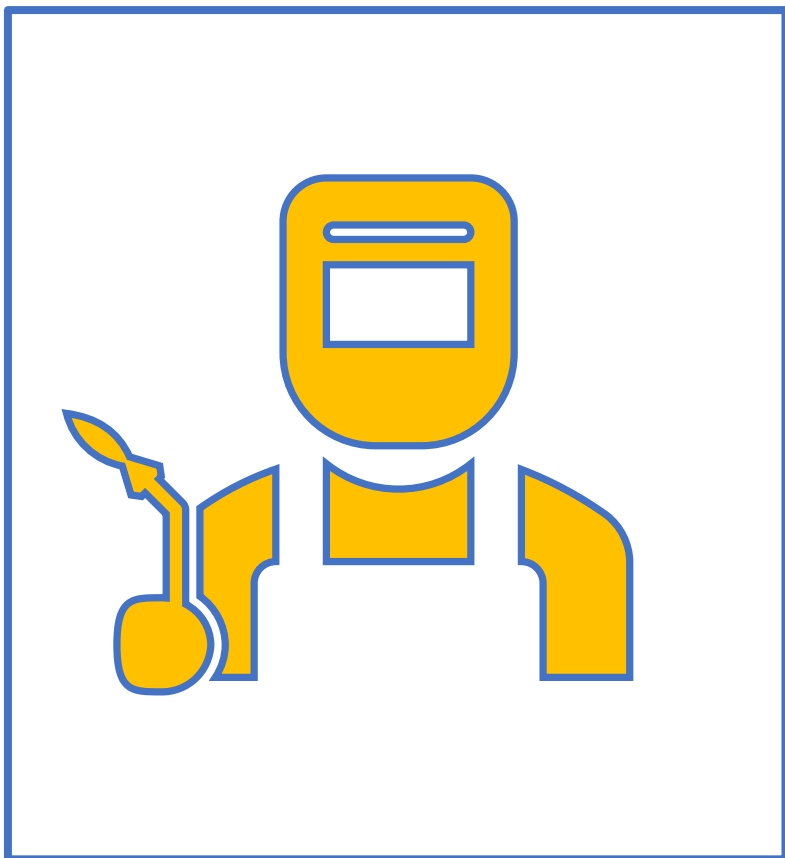
- **Exempt examinations are excluded** from any calculation used for determining eligibility for an Honors or Mastery endorsement on a diploma.
- **Honors Endorsement:** student achieves a calculated average of 90 or above without rounding of all applicable exams taken.
- **Mastery Endorsement:** student achieves an 85 or above on two Regents exams in math and/or two Regents exams in science in addition to one exempted math and/or one exempted science Regents exam.

# CTE +I PATHWAY ~ MEETING DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT

For graduation purposes, students may be exempted from the three-part technical assessment provided they:



# GRANTING THE CTE TECHNICAL ENDORSEMENT



- Each district must make an individual determination of knowledge and skill attainment in granting the Technical Endorsement.
- Consideration must be given to the length of program, percent of program unfinished, and whether the student demonstrated the technical skills and knowledge to warrant such endorsement.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL



Can students earn diploma credit in LOTE prior to grade 9 without passing local Checkpoint A exam?

If the principal determines that a student has met the standards assessed in provided coursework leading to Checkpoint A LOTE exam, the district may choose to waive the exam requirement and grant the student their first diploma credit in LOTE.



Do exemptions apply to students in accelerated coursework in 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

Yes!



Do exemptions apply to students in courses with Regents exams in grade 7?

Yes. While grade 7 students will not earn diploma credit for accelerated coursework, they are eligible for the exemption if they earn a passing score in the course this year.

COMING SOON



- Seal of Biliteracy guidance & FAQs
- How to record COVID-19 exemptions
  - Including new codes & code guidance
  - *NOTE: Transcript should not reflect a score for any exempted examination*
- August Regents Examinations decision



## Questions?

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