
INFORMATION BULLETIN

NYS Education Department Approved Alternatives to Regents Examinations

Commissioner's Regulations Part 100.2 (f) (1)-(6), states: "With the approval of the commissioner, assessments which measure an equivalent level of knowledge and skill may be substituted for the assessments specified in this Part. Alternative assessments for the Regents examinations for global history and geography, United States history and government, comprehensive English, mathematics and the sciences shall meet the following conditions and criteria:

- (1) assessments shall measure the State learning standards for the respective content area;
- (2) alternative assessments shall be at least as rigorous as the corresponding required State assessment;
- (3) alternative assessments shall be consistent with technical criteria for validity, reliability, and freedom from bias;
- (4) alternative assessments shall be developed by an entity other than a local school or school district;
- (5) alternative assessments shall be available for use by any school or school district in New York State; and
- (6) alternative assessments shall be administered under secure conditions approved by the commissioner."

The New York State Education Department has created a State Assessment Panel consisting of teachers, higher education professionals, and representatives of educational organizations. This panel meets when the State Education Department has received petitions from companies or organizations wishing to have their assessment reviewed by the Panel whose recommendations are sent to the Commissioner for a final decision. Only alternatives to the Regents examinations required for graduation come before the State Assessment Panel for review and recommendation to the Commissioner.

The following alternative assessments have been approved by the New York State Education Commissioner as acceptable for all students to meet requirements for a local diploma, a Regents diploma and a Regents diploma with advanced designation.

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**Department-Approved Alternative Examinations
Acceptable for Meeting Requirements for a Local or Regents Diploma**

The test score(s) indicated below are the minimum acceptable score(s) that can be substituted for a Regents Examination score for all students who have completed the course of study for that subject.

| <i>Approved Alternative Examination</i> | <i>Minimum Acceptable Score</i> |
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| English | |
| Advanced International Certificate of Education(AICE) English Examination | E |
| Advanced Placement Language and Composition Examination | 3 |
| Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Examination | 3 |
| International Baccalaureate English A1 Standard Level Examination | 4 |
| International Baccalaureate English A1 Higher Level Examination | 3 |
| Global History and Geography | |
| Advanced Placement World History | 3 |
| United States History and Government | |
| Advanced Placement United States History | 3 |
| SAT II United States History * | 560 |
| Languages Other Than English | |
| SAT II French Listening <i>and</i> French Reading | 500/500 |
| SAT II German Listening <i>and</i> German Reading | 470/470 |
| SAT II Modern Hebrew | 490 |
| SAT II Italian | 450 |
| SAT II Latin | 470 |
| SAT II Spanish Listening <i>and</i> Spanish Reading | 460/460 |

* In addition to achieving the established score, students must complete a multi-source, in-depth research project that demonstrates the ability to use primary and secondary sources.

Mathematics A

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| Advanced International Certificate of Education(AICE) Mathematics Examination | E |
| Advanced Placement Calculus AB Examination | 3 |
| Advanced Placement Calculus BC Examination | 3 |
| International Baccalaureate Mathematics Studies Standard Level Examination | 4 |
| International Baccalaureate Mathematics Methods Standard Level Examination | 4 |
| International Baccalaureate Mathematics Higher Level Examination | 3 |
| International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) | A |
| SAT II Mathematics Level IC | 470 |
| SAT II Mathematics Level IIC | 510 |

Mathematics B

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| Advanced Placement Calculus AB Examination | 3 |
| Advanced Placement Calculus BC Examination | 3 |
| SAT II Mathematics Level IIC | 550 |

Science **

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| Advanced Placement Biology | 3 |
| SAT II Biology | 520 |
| SAT II Chemistry | 540 |
| SAT II Physics | 530 |

** In addition to achieving the established score, students must complete 1,200 minutes of hands-on laboratory work with satisfactory laboratory reports.