



BTA of NYS News and Notes

April 2021

Onward and Forward 2021!!

Business Teachers Association of New York State



Dear BTANYS members - Onward and Forward!!

News of the month...SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!! June is coming!

To all (from NYSED): Please see below the memo from our department related to exemptions from Diploma Requirements and the FAQ document on the exemptions. This provides guidance on procedures regarding technical assessments as well as CDOS requirements for this year. For questions related to CTE, please reach out to our office at emsccte@nysed.gov. For questions not related to CTE and pertaining to either memo, please contact our graduation requirements mailbox at emscgradreq@nysed.gov.

- [Memo: Exemptions from Diploma Requirements and Cancellation of the August 2021 Administration of the New York State \(NYS\) High School Regents Examination Program in Response to the Ongoing Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic - March 19, 2021](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions Related to the June 2021 and August 2021 Exemptions from Diploma Requirements - March 19, 2021](#)

Any questions regarding the NYS CTE TAC can be sent to ctetac@spnet.us.

ONWARD AND FORWARD!!

Tracy Farrell and the Executive Board of BTANYS

Resources for YOU:

ANYONE FROM BTA WANT TO BE A NEW FELLOW????

NYSACTE FELLOWSHIP: think about someone new to a board position that could benefit from the experience or someone new to your membership that you may want to develop for a future board position. The ultimate goal is for the fellows to become more active in the division/NYSACTE after the fellowship. More than one person can apply, but we will only be selecting one per division.

https://monroe2boces.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6KV1bbIKKjEZWia

Updates from NYSED Business Liaison Michael LaMastra

- The Board of Regents have waived technical assessments for students in NYSED-approved programs for this school year. Please see the [press release from our department](#) and the [corresponding board item](#) (page 33) for full details.
- The Board has also waived for this school year any requirements for the CDOS credential that were unable to be met due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please refer to the press release linked above and the linked board item (page 35) for full details. To exit students with the credential (which may be used as a +1 for the 4+1 CDOS pathway to a Regents Diploma), the district must otherwise determine that the student has otherwise demonstrated knowledge and skills relating to the commencement level career development occupational studies learning standards.
- There is a great summer opportunity for rising seniors in the Southern Tier (read web link for exact counties) in the area of entrepreneurship. The Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy will be accepting a new cohort of students this summer. The deadline to sign up is April 2. More information can be found [here](#).
- Mercy College is also running a summer business program for students. More information can be found [here](#).

Coalition Announcement sharing also:

As you have probably heard, all August 2021 Regents exams are cancelled. All but [four](#) June 2021 Regents exams are also cancelled for now and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) is still hoping for Federal approval to cancel ALL June 2021 Regents. On Monday, the Board of Regents also approved exemptions to graduation requirements for students planning to take any Regents exam in 2021.

- [Here](#) is the NYSED press release.
- [Here](#) is a NYSED memo with the actual regulatory language, approved by the Board of Regents on Monday.
- Attached are is a [memo](#) and [FAQ](#) from NYSED out today with more information about the exemptions.

In short, the new emergency regulations mean that regardless of whether they sit for exams offered in June, many young people are eligible for COVID-19 exemptions to graduation requirements. This means students can graduate this year or in future years without the Regents exam in that subject area if ANY of the following applies:

1. They are taking a Regents course this school year and earn all of the credits in the sequence by the end of summer school 2021; OR
2. During any previous school year, they finished a Regents course sequence AND notify their current/previous school that they intend to take the corresponding June 2021 or August 2021 exam and want the exemption; OR
3. Are a 7th or 8th grader and pass a Regents course sequence in 2019-20 or 2020-21.

Questions???



Calendar of Events:

April 14, 2021 - 4-5PM on Business Economics. A great opportunity to learn more about economics and how to incorporate economics in your business program. This webinar is free for BTANYS members and \$25 for non-members. You can sign up at [this link](#).

May 17, 2021 - 4-5PM - Watch for our registration for our webinar related to “Middle Level Business Education/CTE.” Share with administrative leaders to learn about flexibilities in middle school programming. More to come...

June 2021 - REVIEW past webinars on the BTA NYS website if you were unable to attend our past year's sessions each month Sept/CTE Learn; Oct/Google; Nov/Accounting; Dec/Comp Sci; Jan/DECA/FBLA; Feb/NYSED updates; March/BMHS

August 2021 - BTA NYS Executive Board meeting - join now you can be a board member - open positions in areas of Northern Region, Southern Tier, Hudson Valley Region.

Watch for information for a possible summer session!!

More to come....



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