

Dear Arlington High School Community:

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. Please, take some time to review the information contained in this letter as there are important updates on NYS Regents Exams, Field Testing, NYS Seal of Civic Readiness, NYS youth Development Survey, some grade percentage adjustments in social studies courses, and after school buses.

NYS Regents Exams

The New York State Education Department has confirmed that it plans on administering Regents Exams this June. Our schedule for these exams is pictured below, and it includes our final exam schedule as well. [This schedule is also available by clicking here.](#) With the exception of some Chemistry courses, Regents Exams are not optional. If a student is enrolled in a course that has a Regents Exam, they are required to take them.

June 1 - U.S. History Regents Exam

The first administration of the NYS U.S. History and Government Regents Exam will take place on June 1, 2022. This is a mandatory exam for all students enrolled in the U.S. History course, including the A.P. U.S. History class. The only students who will report to Arlington High School on June 1 are students who are taking this exam.

Field Testing

We have been directed by the New York State Education Department to administer field testing in the following subject areas: English 11, Living Environment (Biology), and Chemistry. Field testing is used by NYSED to norm their questions across the State. These are anonymous exams, and they do not count towards a student's grade. Not all courses in these subject areas will administer the field tests, but for those that do the testing will take approximately 1 period. These exams will be administered before May 27.

Change in Percentages in Global Studies and U.S. History Courses

This year, students across New York will be facing brand new Regents Exam formats in both Global Studies and U.S. History. Traditionally, the final average for students in full year Social Studies courses is based on 20% for each quarter and 20% for the Regents or Final Exams. Exam. This year, these percentages have been adjusted to 22.5% for each quarter and 10% for the Regents or Final Exams. This change impacts all levels of Global Studies and U.S. History grades 9 through 11.

New York State Seal of Civic Readiness

As of May 2021, Arlington Central School District was named one of 60 schools in New York State that was selected to be a “pilot school” for Seal of Civic Readiness by the New York State Education Department. The Seal was designed to recognize students who have demonstrated the

ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills and actions, mindsets, and experiences. The Seal of Civic Readiness is a seal of distinction awarded by the New York State Education Department that students can earn for their high school transcript and diploma, serving as a statement of accomplishment for the students, their families, future employers and college admissions. The Seal of Civic Readiness can also be used as a 4+1 pathway to meet New York State diploma requirements.

The Arlington Central School District Plan for the Seal of Civic Readiness was approved by the New York State Education Department and is currently being implemented in grades 7-12. Students can earn the required six points for the Seal of Civic Readiness in a variety of ways starting as early as middle school. Students can earn points for passing and/or achieving mastery on social studies Regents exams, taking social studies Advanced Placement courses, and completing Seal of Civic Readiness projects that are part of their required social studies classes. Students can also earn points by submitting a required reflection assignment after successful completion of certain elective courses, extracurricular activities, or work experiences that encourage civic mindsets and actions. Students who successfully complete and present a High School Capstone Project, either as part of the Civic Engagement and Leadership class offered at Arlington High School, or on their own under faculty advisement, can automatically earn the Seal of Civic Readiness upon graduation.

For more information on the Seal of Civic Readiness, including elective and extracurricular student reflection assignments, please refer to the Social Studies Department section of the Arlington High School website, or email Ms. Kathleen Bellino, Arlington High School Social Studies Coordinator, at kbellino@acsdny.org for further information.

New York State Youth Development Survey

School Districts across New York have been asked to administer the NYS Youth Development Survey. Arlington High School is considering administering the survey to students currently enrolled in health. The survey is anonymous, and Arlington High School Health Teachers would use the data collected from the survey to help make adjustments to their curriculum. A link to a sample of the survey can be found [here](#). No student would be required to take the survey, and parents should email their child's health teacher if they do not want them to take the survey.

After School Activity Buses

Students who stay after school for extracurricular activities, extra help, detention, or any other school sanctioned activity will be required to have a bus pass to board the 3:15pm buses. The only exception will be made for students for whom their regular bus is not present at the 2:15pm dismissal.

Arlington High School: Regents and Final Exam Schedule:

For exams beginning at 8 a.m., students will report at 7:15am. The Exams begin promptly at 8:00am. Students may not enter the exam site after 10 a.m. and no student may leave the exam before 10 a.m.

Wednesday June 1st	Wednesday June 15th	Thursday June 16th	Friday June 17th
<p><u>8:00 A.M.</u> US History and Government Regents</p>	<p><u>8:00 A.M.</u> English Language Arts Regents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1A Final 	<p><u>8:00 A.M.</u> Algebra I Regents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economics Final Eco in the Real World Final Chemistry Final Chemistry Honors Final 	<p><u>8:00 A.M.</u> Global History & Geography II Regents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French 2 Final Spanish 2 Final Italian 2 Final
	<p><u>12:00 P.M.</u> Living Environment Regents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in Government Final Rights & Responsibilities Final 	<p><u>12:00 P.M.</u> Physical Setting/ Chemistry Regents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global 1 Honors Final Global 1 Final 	<p><u>12:00 P.M.</u> Physical Setting/ Earth Science Regents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precalculus Final Precalculus Honors Final Enriched Calculus Final Calculus Final

AND

Tuesday June 21st	Wednesday June 22nd	Thursday June 23rd	Friday June 24th
<p><u>8:00 A.M.</u> Geometry Regents</p>	<p><u>8:00 A.M.</u> Algebra II Regents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Honors Final 	<p><u>8:00 A.M.</u> Physical Setting/Physics Regents</p>	<p>RATING DAY No Students in the Building.</p>
<p><u>12:00 P.M.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French 3 Final Spanish 3 Final Italian 3 Final 			

Exam Reminders:

- Students will be able to enter the building through the MAIN LOBBY and GYM LOBBY 3 ONLY.
- CELL PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SITE! If a student is seen with a cell phone in the exam room they will not be able to take the exam. Students should be prepared with pens, pencils, and calculators if necessary. Please, no gel pens.
- Personal belongings such as backpacks and bags will not be permitted into the exam area.
- While we do not encourage opting out of any student testing accommodations, your child does have the right to opt out of using their accommodations. Please contact your counselor by June 7th if your child is opting out of any testing accommodations.

Please note: This email was sent from a mass communication email. For questions related to the Seal of Civic Readiness, contact kbellino@acsdny.org. For questions related to Regents Exams, contact mrosselli@acsdny.org. To contact Mr. Orcutt, email jorcutt@acsdny.org.

If any of the embedded links did not work, try clearing your browser history and deleting your device's cache. Or, you can copy and paste the links below directly into your browser.

NYSYDS sample survey:

<https://www.pridesurveys.com/supportfiles/NY-YDSQuestionnaire2011-12.pdf>

AHS Regents and Final Exam Schedule:

<https://www.arlingtonschools.org/cms/lib/NY02215626/Centricity/ModuleInstance/18562/Arlington%20High%20School%20June%202022%20Exam%20Schedule.pdf>