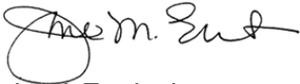




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**To:** District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public Schools  
Principals of Public, Nonpublic, and Religious Schools  
Leaders of Charter Schools

**From:** Kevin G. Smith, Deputy Commissioner ACCES   
Jhone M. Ebert, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education Policy 

**Subject:** Policy and Procedure Clarifications for the New Regents-High School Equivalency Exam Pathway

This field memo is to clarify policy and procedure for the Regents-High School Equivalency Exam Pathway, which went into effect on April 25, 2018 as per an amendment to Commissioner's Regulation §100.7.

Candidates to this pathway apply by submitting, with help from the last school they attended, the NYSED application titled "[Attachment R](#)". School district participation is not optional. The Department asks that LEA's implement the necessary procedures for completing all submitted Attachment R's in a timely fashion and forwarding them with official transcripts to the NYSED HSE Office as indicated. Additionally, the New York State Education Department strongly recommends that schools do not charge candidates to the Regents-HSE Exam Pathway a processing fee for the completion of the Attachment R application, or the required transcripts that must accompany the Attachment R.

Candidates who meet all requirements and submit a complete and accurate Attachment R to the NYSED High School Equivalency Office will receive an official NYSED HSE transcript via U.S. Mail, listing any Regents examination scores, or scores on other Regents approved examinations, which may be substituted for corresponding TASC™ subtest(s). Eligible candidates may then apply for and take the remaining necessary TASC™ subtest(s) at an official TASC™ testing center.\*

More information, including FAQs about the Regents-HSE Exam Pathway can be located [here](#). A copy of the full text of the amendment can be accessed [here](#). Inquiries related to the Regents-HSE Exam Pathway and the regulatory amendment may be directed via email to the NYSED High School Equivalency office at [hse@nysed.gov](mailto:hse@nysed.gov) (link sends e-mail).

\*Please note that it is incumbent upon the school district to notify the service provider when the candidate has achieved this pathway to avoid unnecessary expenses by the district and additional burden to the candidate.