

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 19, 2025

Introduced by Sen. CHAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing college credits for students who receive high marks on regents examinations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 239-c
2 to read as follows:

3 § 239-c. Scores required on regents examinations for college credit.

4 1. A student shall receive an average score of eighty across all ten
5 regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to receive
6 three college credits towards general coursework at a university. Each
7 university shall determine which general education coursework those
8 credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consulta-
9 tion with such student.

10 2. A student shall receive an average score of eighty-five across any
11 four regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to
12 receive three college credits towards general coursework at a universi-
13 ty. Each university shall determine which general education coursework
14 those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consulta-
15 tion with such student.

16 3. A student shall receive an average score of ninety across any four
17 regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma with an advanced
18 designation with honors, in order to receive six college credits towards
19 general coursework at a university. Each university shall determine
20 which general education coursework those credits may be applied to on an
21 individual basis and in consultation with such student.

22 4. A student shall be prohibited from availing themselves of multiple
23 provisions of this section.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 5. Nothing in this section shall make any regents exam mandatory
2 starting in the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight
3 school year.

4 § 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6235 to read
5 as follows:

6 § 6235 . Scores required on regents examinations for college credit.

7 1. A student shall receive an average score of eighty across all ten
8 regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to receive
9 three college credits towards general coursework at a city university.
10 Each university shall determine which general education coursework those
11 credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation
12 with such student.

13 2. A student shall receive an average score of eighty-five across any
14 four regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to
15 receive three college credits towards general coursework at a city
16 university. Each university shall determine which general education
17 coursework those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in
18 consultation with such student.

19 3. A student shall receive an average score of ninety across any four
20 regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma with an advanced
21 designation with honors, in order to receive six college credits towards
22 general coursework at a city university. Each university shall determine
23 which general education coursework those credits may be applied to on an
24 individual basis and in consultation with such student.

25 4. A student shall be prohibited from availing themselves of multiple
26 provisions of this section.

27 5. Nothing in this section shall make any regents exam mandatory
28 starting in the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight
29 school year.

30 § 3. This act shall take effect August 1, 2027. Effectively immediate-
31 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
32 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
33 authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.