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HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT



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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**(Q) What courses require Regents Exams?**

**(A)**

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Living Environment
- Physics
- Global History & Geography
- U.S. History & Government
- English Language Arts

**(Q) What courses require Locally Developed Exams (FLACS)?**

**(A)**

- French 1 & 3
- Italian 1 & 3
- Spanish 1 & 3

**(Q) What are the advantages of Beacon?**

**(A)** Beacon will allow students to receive Suffolk County Community College credits at a minimum cost by enrolling in an Beacon course at PMHS. (See Program of Studies for detailed information.)

**(Q) What are Advanced Placement Courses?**

**(A)** AP courses are rigorous college level courses. Enrollment in AP courses is encouraged by all highly selective schools.

**(Q) Will AP test scores count for college credit?**

**(A)** Many colleges will choose to award credit based on scores of 3 and above. Colleges make that determination individually.

**(Q) Where can I find the Program of Studies**

**(A) Please use the QR code**



## NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 22 TOTAL CREDITS

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 3 credits of Mathematics
- 3 credits of Science
- 2 credits of Physical Education
- 1 credit of Art or Music
- 1 credit of Language other than English (LOTE)
- 1/2 credit of Health Education
- 3 1/2 elective credits

### REQUIRED REGENTS EXAMS FOR GRADUATION

- 1 English Language Arts Regents exam
- 1 Social Studies Regents exam
- 1 Mathematics Regents exam
- 1 Science Regents exam
- One additional Math, Science or Social Studies Regents or one additional NYS Department approved alternative or approved pathway assessment. See our program of studies for more information.

### ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- 65+ on Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- 65+ on any 2 Science Regents (at least one in Life Science and one in Physical Science)
- 65+ on Global Regents
- 65+ on US History Regents
- 65+ on Comprehensive English Regents
- 3 credits in LOTE and a 65+ on the Locally Developed Exam or a 5 credit sequence in Art, Music, Technology, Business or BOCES + 1 credit LOTE

**(Q) If my child enrolls in a course, but is no longer interested in taking it, can he/she drop?**

**(A)** All drops must be done by May 1st, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

**(Q) Are all classes NCAA eligible?**

**(A)** No. It is important to reference the Program of Studies. Courses that have been NCAA approved have been identified for you. (See NCAA link in our Program of Studies for detailed information).

**(Q) What makes you an outstanding candidate for college admission?**

**(A)**

- Quality of course work (AP, Honors, 4 years of Math and 4 years of Science)
- GPA
- Extra Curricular Activities
- SAT and ACT Scores
- College Essay
- Teacher recommendation
- Community Service

**Q) How can I see current information about the Guidance Department**

**(A)** You can use the QR code to see our monthly guidance newsletters.

