

## **Procedures and Policy for the Administration of NYS Regents Examinations and Regents Competency Tests at ILCS**

In order to graduate from the ILCS students must pass Five Regents examinations in addition to meeting all of the graduation and 45 credit requirements. All students are afforded an equal opportunity to take advantage of every resource available in preparation for the regents exam. Students who are English Language Learners (ELL) and Special Needs are provided with an additional safety net and are eligible to take the Regents Competency Tests (RCTs) which will assist students to complete this requirement. Our goal is to ensure that our students are well prepared for the NYS Regents Examinations in order to prevent feelings of discouragement that may negatively impact a student's self-esteem and progress as a result of taking a test that they may not be prepared for.

Therefore, our school's policy and procedures for identifying students for admission to the NYS Regents examinations are implemented with the above-mentioned goal in mind. The criteria and formula for success for every student that is used by the school's administration in order to determine if a student is prepared to sit for a regents exam includes the following criteria.

- 1) Passing the course >70.
- 2) Passing at least one Mock Regent >65
- 3) Passing Course Final >85

Please note that students must be able to demonstrate successful completion of course and cooperate with instructors and sit for all final exams and take 1 mock regent examination at the very minimum. Students and parents are advised to pursue every avenue toward completion of the Regents requirement. If a student is eligible for an RCT the school may determine that a student has a greater opportunity for success if he/she sits for that examination. Please also note that if a student/parent decide to not sit for an RCT this diminishes the students' options and may negatively impact graduation from ILCS.

Finally, it is also important to keep in mind that at ILCS we accelerate students in the area of Mathematics and Science therefore we prepare the students for the rigor of the exams by grade 9. This increases the likelihood that students will go into the 10th grade with at least two regents being satisfied. The courses that students take in each grade are aligned with the course taken and Regents exam to be administered pursuant to our charter school goals.

### **Regents 9th Grade**

Living Environment (Biology)

Integrated Algebra

### **Regents 10th Grade**

Global History and Geography

Algebra 2 Trigonometry

\*Physical Setting/*Chemistry*

### **Regents 11th Grade**

Comprehensive English

U.S. History and Government

LOTE Comprehensive Spanish

\* Physical Setting/*Physics*

### **12th**

If students fail the NYS Regents exams, students can continue to take the Regents exam through the 12th grade and can be programmed to sit for the exams in neighboring New York City public high schools for the August administration of the Regents with the permission of the principal of that school. This is coordinated by the administration of our school where we mail a letter with a list of those students who will retake the exams.

\*Please Note that *Physics and Chemistry* are advanced sciences which students should only sit for if they meet the criteria noted above. Once a student passes the Living Environment Regent (Biology) the student has fulfilled the science requirement and sitting for the Physics and Chemistry Regents is optional and based on performance over 85% on Mock Regents and on the Final Exam

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