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Reporting of Student Exemptions for the January 2021 Regents Examinations in SIRS in Response to COVID-19

This memorandum is to provide Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) (or "reporting entities") with guidance on reporting student exemptions from the January 2021 administrations of the Regents Examinations in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS).

On November 5, 2020, the New York State Education Department (NYSED or "the Department") announced the cancellation of the January 2021 administration of Regents Examinations in response to COVID-19 and provided guidance on which students could be exempted from Regents Examination requirements for diploma-granting purposes.

The Department will continue to implement the Standard Achieved Code of "86," previously introduced for the exemption of June and August 2020 Regents Examinations as outlined in the [June 4, 2020 memorandum](#), to report student exemptions from taking and passing the January 2021 Regents Examinations. These exemptions must be reported in SIRS with the Assessment Measure Code associated with the course of study in which the student earned credit and a Standard Achieved Code of "86." No other Standard Achieved Code may be used to report these exemptions.

No score should be recorded on a student's transcript for examinations for which the student was granted an exemption due to COVID-19-related cancellation of the January 2021

Regents Examinations. Student transcripts should reflect the examination name and a score of "E" for exempt for those students meeting the eligibility requirements for such an exemption outlined in the [November 5, 2020 memorandum](#) from the Department.

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