

Suffolk Region Education Report:

May 2022

May 24, 2022: The NYS Department of Education canceled the US History and Government Regents scheduled for Jun 1, 2022. The reason they gave was a question that was created 2 years ago could potentially add to the grief following the recent shooting in Buffalo and it is not possible to either correct the test or make a new one in such a short time frame. The students scheduled to take the exam will be given an exemption so they will not be held back from graduation because of it.

"While developed by NYS-certified social studies teachers more than two years ago and field-tested to confirm that the exam's content is educationally sound, the tragedy in Buffalo has created an unexpected and unintended context for the planned assessment. In the wake of the Buffalo tragedy, it is not appropriate to administer the exam with a question that could compound the grief and hardship faced by our school communities." Emily K. DeSantis, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs

<https://cnycentral.com/news/local/new-york-us-history-regents-canceled-because-of-trauma-potential-after-buffalo-shooting>

May 4, 2022: Governor Hochul signed legislation that eliminates discriminatory language and prohibits retaliation and discrimination against students. The word "incorrigible" historically is used to describe girls, particularly girls of color, who do not act in a stereotypical feminine way.

"It is essential that New York's educational institutions are places where all students, no matter how they look or express themselves, can pursue their fullest potential free from bias and intimidation," Governor Hochul said. "In New York, our diversity is our strength, and this legislation will help ensure that young women, especially young women of color, are not stigmatized by this outdated term and are protected from abuses of power."

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-signs-legislation-eliminating-discriminatory-language-parts-education-law-and>

May 16, 2022 NYS Department of Education announced that the Seal Of Biliteracy program continues to see significant growth.

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2022/state-education-departments-seal-biliteracy-program-experiences-significant-growth>

May 16, 2022 The NYS Department of Education extended the flexibility of the Regents exam for June and August 2022. This applies to students who score between 50-65. They also put forth grading suggestions designed to help students that are still behind due to COVID issues.

<http://www.nysed.gov/memo/curriculum-instruction/flexibility-use-2021-22-and-2022-23-regents-examination-scores-satisfy>

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a49608d9-f3f8-30fc-82f2-9b2287ee9cf2#pageNum=1>