



Preston High School

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To: Preston Families
From: Office of Academics
Re: Curriculum and Regents Exam Policy in Mathematics at Preston
Date: March 31, 2023

We recognize the challenges that the pandemic and remote learning still present to our students, especially when it comes to math instruction, understanding and skill development. We continue to follow the guidelines set out by the State of New York. In order to be promoted to the next year, Preston Panthers must pass all *courses*. Please see the [memo from last June](#) on our website, in addition to the following clarifications on the *Regents Exams*:

Math 1

In order to support student learning and skill-development the Math 1 curriculum is based on the Algebra state curriculum, but at a modified pace. There may be some topics not covered that will appear on the Algebra 1 Regents Exam. Math 1 students are expected to take the Algebra 1 Regents Exam *as a diagnostic* in June.* This will help determine the topics and skills that will be reinforced during Algebra 1 their sophomore year.

*As a regents exam, this is reported to the State and will appear on the student's transcript; however, we retain only the highest grade accomplished on an exam on our final transcript, so this may be a temporary placeholder. If a Math 1 student passes the Algebra 1 Regents Exam with mastery (85 or greater) and/or with departmental recommendation, that student can be promoted into Geometry.

Algebra 1

Algebra 1 is a regents level course that culminates in the Algebra 1 Regents Exam. All students *must pass* this course *and* the exam as required by the New York State Board of Regents for a Regents diploma. The State has extended the Special Appeal, setting the grade to complete the requirement at 50 on the exam (in conjunction with a passing grade of at least 65 in the course). If an Algebra 1 student does not pass the Regents Exam with a 50 or greater, they will have to retake the exam in August.**

**Preston does not administer Regents Exams in August, and some summer programs require a “refresher course” in order to sit for the exam—with additional fees that apply from that institution.

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Geometry

Preston's Geometry course culminates with the Regents Exam in Geometry. Passing this course (with a 65 or greater) and the exam (50 or greater in June 2023) is part of the requirements for the *Advanced* Regents diploma. All Geometry students are expected to take this exam in June. If a student does not pass the exam (with a 50 or greater in June 2023), they *may* retake the exam in August.** Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may opt out from re-taking this exam in August, if they acknowledge that the student will not be eligible for an Advanced Regents diploma.

Algebra 2/Trig

Preston requires 4 years of mathematics. Algebra 2/Trig, however, culminates in the final Regents Exam required for the *Advanced* Regents diploma. If panthers have successfully completed the Geometry Regents Exam (SA or greater in June 2022), it is encouraged that they take the Algebra 2/Trig Exam in June (SAs will also be granted in 2023) in order to pursue the Advanced Regents diploma. If a student does not pass the exam (with a 50 or greater in June 2023), they *may* retake the exam in August.**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may opt out from re-taking this exam in August, if they acknowledge that the student will not be eligible for an Advanced Regents diploma. Algebra 2/Trig Regents Exam is required for Algebra 2/Trig Honors students, and may also serve as a prerequisite for some advanced electives in Mathematics, e.g. AP Calculus.

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On-going assessments, diagnostic tests and teacher input will assist students and families as the Regents Exams approach. We strive to lessen test anxiety, but also increase confidence and positivity when it comes to mathematics here at Preston.

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CC: Ms. Farrell, Mathematics Chairperson
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