



Ken-Ton Big Picture Program

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Big Picture Parents and Guardians:

The end of the 20-21 school year is quickly approaching. As we continue in the 3rd Trimester, we want to be sure students and families have the information needed regarding grading and preparation for end of the year assessments. Included in this letter are important updates pertaining to grading, June exams, and the June instructional calendar.

June Local Assessments & Grading Policy Updates

Grading: All students will receive a final course grade. For a full year course, the student's final course grade is determined by calculating the average of each Trimester and the final assessment; using our grading policy.

Grade 8-12 Local Assessments: All courses with local exams will give a modified end of year assessment in class from June 7th – June 16th. Local assessments will be included in a student's overall course average.

Students will meet the criteria for an exemption from a local assessment if they have four or fewer unexcused absences and an average of 85% or higher, per the KTUFSD exemption policy for the 20-21 school year. Students who earned the exemption may still elect to take the local assessment.

New York State Regents Exams

1. What Regents Exams will be given in June?

English Language Arts (ELA)	Thursday, June 17th	8:00 AM
Living Environment	Tuesday, June 22nd	8:00 AM
Algebra I	Wednesday, June 23rd	8:00 AM

*All students are encouraged to participate in Regents exams. This is a good opportunity to practice for future Regents and may be helpful for college course preparation. These examinations will be administered at Kenmore West on the dates listed above in order to ensure the health and safety of students and teachers. All students, including those receiving remote instruction, will be invited to take the Regents exam on the assigned day. **Additional information regarding your decision to participate in Regents exams will be shared on Monday, May 3rd.***

2. Will students still be entitled to an exemption from the diploma requirement related to passing these Regents exams?



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Yes. Even if students take the June 2021 Regents Examination(s) in Algebra I, English Language Arts, and/or Living Environment, they are still entitled to the exemption(s) from the associated diploma requirement. [SEE NYSED GUIDANCE QUESTION 5.](#)

3. How will the Regents exam score be reported?

The Regents exam score will be reported on the report card, but not calculated into the students' course average. Per NYS guidance, it is the student's choice to record the score or an 'E' (exempt) on his/her official transcript. [SEE NYSED GUIDANCE QUESTION 45.](#) Students would contact their counselor for any changes to transcripts any time after June 30th.

4. Will students enrolled in the above Regents courses take a local assessment?

Yes. Students will take a local assessment in these courses. The exemption policy below applies (see question 5).

5. How will students be assessed in courses with Regents exams that are canceled?

Students will take a local assessment in these courses. Students who pass the course will receive exemption(s) from the associated diploma requirement. The local assessment exemption policy applies. For additional information on the KTUFSD exemption policy, please click here: [exemption policy.](#)

For additional information about NYS Regents exams, please review the NYSED's [Frequently Asked Questions Related to the June 2021 and August 2021 Exemptions from Diploma Requirements.](#) Please contact your child's school counselor with questions or for additional information on grading or end of the year assessments.

We truly appreciate the patience and flexibility of all our students and families throughout this school year. We know there have been challenges, but the community has shown persistence and determination. We all wish you the best on your end of the year assessments and encourage you to continue to work hard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kruger'.

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June 2021 FINAL ASSESSMENT Schedule for GRADES 8-12

Monday June 7	Tuesday June 8	Wednesday June 9	Thursday June 10	Friday June 11
<u>REGULAR ATTENDANCE DAYS</u> -- LOCAL Classroom Assessments Grades 8-12 IN CLASS <i>*check with teacher for details*</i>				
Monday June 14	Tuesday June 15	Wednesday June 16	Thursday June 17	Friday June 18
<u>REGULAR ATTENDANCE DAYS</u> -- LOCAL Classroom Assessments Grades 8-12 IN CLASS <i>*check with teacher for details*</i>			ELA REGENTS EXAM 8AM IN PERSON	NO SCHOOL <i>(staff and students)</i>
Monday June 21	Tuesday June 22	Wednesday June 23	Thursday June 24	Friday June 25
ASYNCHRONOUS ATTENDANCE FOR ALL STUDENTS & LOCAL ASSESSMENT MAKE-UP GRADES 8-12	LIVING ENVIRONMENT REGENTS EXAM 8AM IN PERSON	ALGEBRA I REGENTS EXAM 8AM IN PERSON	RATING DAY <i>(no student attendance)</i>	RATING DAY <i>(no student attendance)</i>