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**To:** District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Schools  
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**Subject** Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Transition Timeline for the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography

The Office of State Assessment has been working closely with members of the Content Advisory Panel to develop the new Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II (Grade 10). This group has worked to develop claims, evidence, and performance level descriptions for the new assessment as well as suggested question formats. Surveys detailing the suggested format of the new assessment and prototype test items have been issued to solicit feedback from educators. The Content Advisory Panel has taken a lead role in analyzing this feedback and working to incorporate educator input into the new assessment design.

The following information is provided to help answer questions that have emerged concerning the transition timeline for the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography.

**Question:** What will the June 2017 Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grades 9 & 10) measure?

**Answer:** The June 2017 Regents Examination in Global History and Geography will be based on two years of study: the NYS Learning Standards for Social Studies (1996) and the skills and content for Grades 9 and 10 found in the Social Studies Resource Guide and Core Curriculum (1998).

**Question:** Why will there be a Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography beginning in June 2018?

**Answer:** In order to ensure a gradual transition to the new Social Studies K–12 framework, and to continue the extensive role played by NYS educators in the development of the new framework-based Social Studies Regents Examinations, a Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) based on the existing test format will be given. This transition exam will be provided from June 2018 through June 2020 and will measure content only from the second year of the Global History and Geography course consistent with the delineation made in the new framework (i.e., content covering approximately 1750 to the present). (See <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/916brca10.pdf>.)

**Question:** What will the June 2018 Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography measure?

The Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) will be based on one year of study, the NYS Learning Standards for Social Studies (1996) and the skills and content for Grade 10 found in the [Social Studies Resource Guide and Core Curriculum \(1998\)](#) in Units 5–8 (pages 105–120). Skills-based questions from the Methodology unit (pages 93–94) may also be included in this examination if the content of the questions relates to Units 5–8. The essays will be based on the themes on page 89 and topics in Units 5–8. This includes human and physical geography.

NOTE: Themes and concepts are defined on pages 8–11 and skills are presented on pages 12–18.

**Question:** What will be the format of the Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10)?

**Answer:** The Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) will have the same three parts as the current Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grades 9 & 10) except that Part I will contain 30 multiple-choice questions rather than 50. Part II will contain one thematic essay question. Part III A will contain open-ended questions based on several documents, and Part III B will contain one essay question based on the documents and the student's knowledge of specific social studies content. The 30 multiple-choice questions will be weighted so as to account for approximately 55% of the student's final score, similar to the 50 multiple-choice questions on the current Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grades 9 & 10).

**Question:** How long will the Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) be available?

**Answer:** The Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) will be available from June 2018 through June 2020. Seven total transition examinations will be administered. The **last** Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) will be administered in June 2020.

**Question:** When will the **first** [new Framework](#)-based Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) be available?

**Answer:** The first administration of the new Framework-based Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) will be in June 2019.

**Question:** Will the Transition Regents Examinations in Global History and Geography (Grade 10) be posted on the Office of State Assessment web page?

**Answer:** Yes, as with past exams, these exams will be posted shortly after each examination has been administered.

**Question:** Will the new Framework-based Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) be posted on the Office of State Assessment web page?

**Answer:** Yes, as with past exams, these exams will be posted shortly after each examination has been administered.

**Timeline for Transition Examination and New Framework-Based Examination  
Regents Examination in Global History and Geography**

<b>Year</b>	<b>January Administration</b>	<b>June Administration</b>	<b>August Administration</b>
2017	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10)	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10)	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10)
2018	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10) (Last Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 & 10) (First Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10)
2019	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) (First Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)
2020	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) (Last Administration) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)
2021	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)