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RE: Implementation Extension: NYS Next Generation Learning Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics and NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards

The Board of Regents adopted the new [P-12 Science Learning Standards in December 2016](#) and the revised [Next Generation English Language Arts \(ELA\) and Mathematics Learning Standards in September 2017](#). These standards are the result of years of collaborative and transparent work to ensure New York State has the best learning standards for students. Since their adoption, work to implement the standards in a thoughtful manner has been ongoing; the Board of Regents and Department have committed to timelines that prioritize student needs and professional learning for educators.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, [implementation timelines for the Next Generation Learning Standards in ELA](#) and [Mathematics](#) and the NYS P-12 [Science](#) Learning Standards have again been updated to allow one additional year for professional learning and curriculum development prior to implementation.

The overall timeline for the implementation of the Next Generation Learning Standards in ELA and Mathematics is now as follows:

- **September 2017:** Adoption of NYS Next Generation Learning Standards (NYS NGLS)
- **Phase I: Raise Awareness (Winter 2018-Winter/Spring 2019)**
- **Phase II: Build Capacity (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22)**
- **Phase III: Full Implementation (September 2022 – ongoing)**
- **Spring 2023:** New grades 3-8 tests measuring the NYS NGLS in ELA and Mathematics
- **June 2024:** First administration of Regents Exam in Algebra I measuring the NYS NGLS in Mathematics
- **June 2025:** First administration of Regents Exam in Geometry measuring the NYS NGLS in Mathematics
- **June 2026:** First administration of Regents Exam in ELA measuring the NYS NGLS in ELA and Regents Exam in Algebra II measuring the NYS NGLS in Mathematics

It is important to note that the final administration of the Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test was scheduled for June 2021. With the extension of the implementation timeline for science, the final administration will now take place in Spring 2022. The final administration of the Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test in Spring 2022 and the last two administrations of the Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science test in Spring 2022 and Spring 2023 will be aligned to the Core Curriculum. The first administration of the new Grade 5 and Grade 8 Science Tests aligned to the NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards will now take place in June 2024.

The overall timeline for the implementation of the NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards is now as follows:

- **December 2016:** Adoption of NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards (NYSP12SLS)
- **Phase I: Raise Awareness and Build Capacity (Summer 2017-Summer 2019)**
- **Phase II: Transition and Implementation (September 2019-Summer 2023)**
- **Phase III: Implementation and Sustainability (September 2023 – ongoing)**
- **Spring 2024:** First administration of new Elementary Grade 5 and Intermediate Grade 8 science tests aligned to the NYSP12SLS
- **June 2025:** First administration of Regents Exams in Biology and Earth & Space Science measuring the NYSP12SLS
- **June 2026:** First administration of Regents Exams in Chemistry and Physics measuring the NYSP12SLS

The Department wishes to emphasize that work related to professional development and curriculum alignment to the new learning standards should continue throughout the remainder of the 2020-21 and into the 2021-22 school year. Familiarizing teachers with the new standards and preparing for their full implementation, although delayed, must remain a district priority.

Additional resources to assist schools and districts with their local implementation over this multi-year phase-in are available on our [Curriculum and Instruction website](#). Questions pertaining to the implementation of the Next Generation ELA and Mathematics Learning Standards or the NYS Science Learning Standards can be directed to emscurric@nysed.gov. Questions pertaining to New York State assessments can be directed to EMSCASSESSINFO@nysed.gov.