



## Peekskill City School District

*Our mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is currently enrolled in a Regents science course. Regents science courses have a laboratory requirement which meets daily or alternating days. Please note, this is in addition to a daily science class. All students will be held to the following New York State regulations:

The State Board of Regents has set up regulations regarding laboratory activities and exam entrance rules. From the Math, Science and Technology Standards:

[http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/technology/documents/techsta1\\_2.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/technology/documents/techsta1_2.pdf)

*"All students in a Regents science course must complete the laboratory requirement of 1200 minutes of hands-on laboratory experiences, with satisfactory laboratory reports prior to entry into a Regents examination in science."*

This 1200 laboratory minutes is a minimum requirement as stated in the NYS Core Curriculum Guides for each science, as well as in the New York State Commissioner's Regulations. At Peekskill High School, laboratory assignments are assigned to students within each of the four marking periods. These labs align with the curriculum and support students' learning.

"Satisfactory laboratory reports" simply means receiving a passing score of 65% or higher. Laboratory courses offer structured activities designed to ensure that all students have the opportunity to fulfill the NYS requirement. Laboratory assignments with their minutes can be found on the parent portal. Parents are encouraged to review the laboratory progress with your child quarterly. The following chart shows the end dates of each quarter.

### End of Quarter Dates:

1st quarter November 19th, 2021	3rd quarter April 15th, 2022
2nd quarter January 28th, 2022	4th quarter June 24th, 2022

Failure of your child to meet this laboratory requirement will result in:

1. Ineligible to take the New York State Regents examination,
2. Possible denial of New York state regents credit, and
3. Possible denial to take summer school classes that have a required laboratory component.

In summary, your child will most likely have to repeat the entire course.

The deadline for meeting the laboratory requirement is: **Friday, May 21, 2022**

In order to ensure that your student fulfills the above requirements I ask that you and your child sign the attached statement and have your child return it to their science teacher by November 28th, 2019. If you have any questions you may contact your child's science teacher directly at 1-914-737-0201 or by email.

*I hope your child has a safe and productive year in this science class.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Science Department*

**Final dates for the January 2022 Regents Examination period:**

Tuesday, January 25 through Friday, January 28

**Final dates for the June 2022 Regents Examination period:**

Wednesday, June 1\* (the first administration of the new Regents Examination in U.S. History and Government)

Wednesday, June 15 through Friday, June 24. No State examinations will be administered on Monday, June 20 to allow for the weekday observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Friday, June 24 will be a Rating Day; no State examinations will be administered on this date.

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## **Science Laboratory Requirement for Peekskill High School**

I understand that the deadline for submitting completed laboratory reports to achieve a minimum of 1200 minutes to take any science regents exam that has a laboratory component is **Friday, May 20, 2022.**

*I have read the laboratory requirement letter and I am aware of the laboratory requirements during the 2021-2022 academic year.*

*Student signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/guardian signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_