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TO: District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Schools  
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Subject: Physical Education Regulatory Amendments

On Tuesday September 12, 2017 the Board of Regents adopted regulatory changes impacting the Physical Education graduation requirements for students who transfer to a New York State high school from outside the state, and for students who require more than 4 years to graduate. The full board item and revised language can be found at <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/917p12a2.pdf>

Prior to the revision, the diploma requirements included 2 units of credit in Physical Education (PE) and students must participate in PE every semester they are enrolled in school, even if they have met the required 2 credits and remain in school beyond their senior year. Typically students earn  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit of PE credit each semester to reach the 2 unit requirement by the end of senior year.

The revised regulations require students who transfer in to a New York State school

The following are some frequently asked questions related to the change in the Physical Education requirements for transfer students.

1. What are the PE requirements based upon a student's date of entry into a NYS high school from outside the State?

*Answer:*

<i># Semesters Expected in a NYS School</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Minimum number of PE credits required for graduation</i>	<i>1/4</i>	<i>1/2</i>	<i>3/4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1 1/4</i>	<i>1 1/2</i>	<i>1 3/4</i>	<i>2</i>

2. If a student transfers to a New York State (NYS) high school with some accumulated credit in PE, can they still be exempt from some or all of the two required credits for graduation?

*Answer: Upon entry to a NYS high school, PE requirement based upon the number of semesters expected to be spent in the NYS School, regardless of the number of credits a student brings with them. A student who enters a NYS high school must enroll in PE every semester they are in the NYS high school through their senior year **AND** must earn ¼ unit of credit for each semester completed in the New York State high school.*

3. I have a student who transferred into NY State as a senior with 2 credits of PE. May this student be exempt from PE during her senior year?

*Answer: No. All students must enroll in PE upon entry into a NYS high school until they reach the end of their senior year or until they graduate whichever occurs first.*

4. If a student transfers from a nonpublic high school within New York State to a public high school within New York State, do the PE exemptions apply?

*Answer: No*

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