

June 24, 2026

Subject: *Do No Harm* Grading Approach for June 2026 Science Regents Exams

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The East Islip School District is aware of concerns raised by students, families, and educators across Long Island regarding the June 2026 *Life Science: Biology* and *Earth and Space Sciences* Regents examinations. These concerns include the transition to the new science assessments and whether the exams provided students with a fair opportunity to fully demonstrate their learning.

In addition, the New York State Education Department issued scoring notices related to specific questions on the June 2026 science Regents examinations. In light of these factors, the District will apply a *Do No Harm* grading approach to the following June 2026 Regents examinations only:

Life Science: Biology Regents Examination
Earth and Space Sciences Regents Examination

For these two exams, a student's Regents exam score will be included in the final course average only if it improves the student's overall average. If the Regents exam score would lower the student's final average, it will not be used in the final grade calculation.

This approach is intended to support students during the transition to the new science assessments while ensuring that their academic records are not negatively impacted by concerns associated with this year's administration.

Students are still expected to complete all course requirements and are encouraged to do their best on all State assessments, as Regents examinations remain an important measure of student learning and may be used for applicable graduation and reporting purposes.

This *Do No Harm* approach applies only to the June 2026 *Life Science: Biology* and *Earth and Space Sciences* Regents examinations. It does not apply to other Regents examinations or final course assessments.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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