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TO: Superintendents of Public Schools
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SUBJECT: Clarification of 4+1 Graduation Pathway Options

In June 2015, the Board of Regents approved the use of additional pathways to graduation for students whose secondary-level curricula is more focused on a particular course of study, such as science, math, CTE, the Arts, or biliteracy. These students may substitute passing the previously required second Regents examination in social studies with passing an additional examination aligned with their pathway or meeting the requirements of a Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential.

Reporting Career Path Codes

The New York State Education Department (“the Department”) began collecting data on pathway options used by students in June 2016 for the 2015-16 school year. These data were collected in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) using “Career Path Codes” and are required to be reported for all students reported with a local or Regents diploma or credential. In 2016-17, the Department further refined and clarified the options that could be reported. The table below shows the Career Path Codes that must be reported beginning in 2016-17 for students reported in SIRS with a diploma or credential.

Code	Description	Definition: Student passes one Regents exam (or an examination from the list of Department-approved alternatives) in each of the following: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies <i>PLUS:</i>
ARTS	Arts	– passes one Department-approved pathway assessment in the Arts
CTE	Career and Technical Education	– passes one Department-approved Technical pathway assessment
HUM	Humanities	– passes one additional Regents examination in Social Studies
HUMALT	Humanities Alternative	– passes one additional examination from the list of Department-approved alternative examinations in English or Social Studies
LOTE	Languages Other Than English	– passes one Department-approved pathway assessment in Biliteracy
STEMMATH	Mathematics	– passes one additional Regents examination or Department-approved alternative in Mathematics



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STEMSCIENCE	Science, Technology, and Engineering	– passes one additional Regents examination or Department-approved alternative in Science
CDOS	Career Development and Occupational Studies	– meets the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential
NONE	No Pathway	– Student ends enrollment but does not fulfill the requirements of the other pathways

Department approved alternatives to Regents examinations are available at:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>.

Reporting Career Path Code “NONE”

Students who received a credential but no diploma (i.e., students who received a CDOS Commencement Credential and did not received a local or Regents diploma and students who received a Skills and Achievement Credential) must be reported with Career Path Code “NONE.”

Reporting Career Path Code “HUM”

Students must ***always*** be reported with Career Path Code “HUM” if they passed one Regents or Department-approved alternative in English, Math, and Science ***and two*** Regents exams in Social Studies, regardless of whether or not the student also passed additional Regents examinations, Department-approved alternatives, pathway assessments in the Arts, Career and Technical Education, or Biliteracy (LOTE) assessments, and/or met the requirement of a CDOS pathway.

Students should only be reported with a Career Path Code other than “HUM” if the student passed ***only one*** Social Studies Regents examination and passed an additional Department-approved pathway assessment or met the requirements for the CDOS pathway (others besides HUM or NONE), or if the student received a credential but no diploma (NONE).

Reporting Career Path Codes for Students with More Than One Pathway

If a student did not use the “HUM” pathway (passed only one Social Studies Regents examination) and met the requirements for multiple pathways (i.e., STEMMATH and STEMSCIENCE), the student should be reported with the Career Path Code for the career pathway with which the student most closely associates.

Sample Career Path Code Reporting Situations



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Please use the guidance below to assist you in choosing the correct Career Path Code when reporting your students:

1. If a student passed one Regents exam in English, Math, and Science **and two Regents exams in Social Studies**, the student must be reported with Career Path Code “HUM,” **because the student took two Regents exams in Social Studies.**
2. If a student passed one Regents exam in English and Math, two Regents exams in Science, **and two Regents exams in Social Studies**, the student must be reported with Career Path Code “HUM” **because they passed two Regents in Social Studies.**

Though the student met the requirements for both the STEMSCIENCE and the HUM pathways, *the student must be reported with the HUM code, as the student did not use the extra Regents Science exam in lieu of the second Regents Social Studies exam to fulfill the graduation requirements.*

3. If a student passed **only one Regents exam in Social Studies** and on Regents exam in English, Math, **and two Regents exams in Science**, the student must be reported with Career Path Code “STEMSCIENCE,” because the student used the Regents Science exam **in lieu of** the second Regents Social Studies exam to fulfill the graduation requirements.
4. If a student passed **only one Regents exam in Social Studies** and one Regents exam in English, Math, Science and **a Department approved alternative assessment in Math**, the student should be reported with the Career Pathway Code “STEMMATH” because the student used the Department-approved alternative assessment in Math **in lieu of** the second Regents Social Studies exam to fulfill the graduation requirements.
5. If a student passed **only one Regents exam in Social Studies** and one Regents exam in English, Math, Science, and **a Department-approved pathway assessment in the Arts**, the student must be reported with Career Path Code “ARTS,” because the student used the Department-approved pathway assessment in Arts **in lieu of** the second Regents Social Studies exam to fulfill the graduation requirements.
6. If a student passed one Regents exam in English, Math, Science, **two Regents exams in Social Studies** and **a Department approved pathway assessment in Biliteracy (LOTE)**, the student should be reported with the Career Pathway Code “HUM” because the student did not use the Department-approved



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pathway assessment in Biliteracy **in lieu of** the second Regents Social Studies exam to fulfill the graduation requirements.

7. If a student passed **one** Regents exam in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, **and a Department-approved alternative assessment in Social Studies**, the student must be reported with Career Path Code “**HUMALT**,” because the student used the Department-approved alternative assessment in Social Studies **in lieu of** the second Regents Social Studies exam to fulfill the graduation requirements.
8. If a student passed **only one Regents exam in Social Studies** and one Regents exam in English, Math, Science, and a Department-approved alternative assessment in English, the student must be reported with Career Path Code “**HUMALT**,” because the student used the Department-approved alternative assessment in English **in lieu of** the second Regents Social Studies exam to fulfill the graduation requirements.

More Information

For more information about reporting Career Path Codes for students, please refer to the “Student Reporting Rules” section of Chapter 2 of the *Student Information and Reporting Services (SIRS) Manual* at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/home.html>. If you have questions about reporting Career Path Codes, please contact datasupport at: <https://datasupport.nysed.gov/hc/en-us>.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that data are reported to the Department accurately.