



Date: November 10, 2009

Topic: Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-501

Date of Panel Vote: November 12, 2009

Summary of Proposed Regulation

The amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-501 propose that the promotion criteria for grades 4 and 6 mirror existing policies in grades 3, 5, and 7 so that, in order to be promoted from grades 4 and 6, general education students must score at Level 2 or above on State ELA and math assessments. In addition, special education students in the 4th and 6th grades must meet the promotion criteria as outlined in their IEPs. The amendments further propose that English Language Learners in the 4th and 6th grades who are enrolled for less than two years will be exempt from the promotion policy, that ELLs enrolled for 2-3 years will be promoted based on a comprehensive evaluation of student performance, and that ELLs enrolled for four or more years will be held to the same standards as General Education students (unless they have an approved extension of services).

As in other grade levels, 4th and 6th grade students who do not meet promotion criteria in June will undergo a review process whereby they may demonstrate Level 2 proficiency through a portfolio of their work. Students in the 4th and 6th grades who do not meet promotion criteria in June will have the opportunity to attend summer school and demonstrate readiness for promotion based their performance on the Citywide tests in August. Students who are not promoted in August may be promoted on appeal based on a standardized portfolio.

Summary of Issues Raised and Significant Alternatives Proposed

No written or oral comments regarding the proposed amendments to Chancellor's Regulation were received during the public review period and no significant alternatives have been suggested.

Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed and Changes Made to the Proposal

The DOE has made no changes to the proposed amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-501. The proposal will be presented to the Panel as it is posted. The full text of the Regulation

is available [here](#) or <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/E7C3786A-0EBC-41B6-A1F5-85EC23CD092E/0/A501RegulationonPromotionStandards.pdf>