



NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on the [OHE website](#).

GUIDANCE FOR NEW YORK STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ON REOPENING

Guidance for New York State colleges and universities on reopening for the 2020-2021 academic year was posted on August 6 on the [Office of Higher Education \(OHE\) website](#). The guidance may be revised periodically in response to continuing feedback from stakeholders. Therefore, please visit the OHE website frequently for the most up-to-date version of the guidance.

The guidance is informed by feedback collected during four virtual regional meetings, which are described in the box below. The sections in the guidance cover: health and safety; academics, student support services, and financial aid; clinical experiences and examinations for educator certification; clinical experiences and examinations for professional licensing; Opportunity Programs; postsecondary students with disabilities; budget and fiscal matters; and data reporting. Each section includes information to support colleges and universities with reopening in the fall, including regulatory context/requirements, flexibilities, additional considerations for reopening, and/or resources.

REGIONAL MEETINGS ON REOPENING HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW YORK STATE

At the beginning of July, the New York State Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) hosted four virtual regional meetings to seek input about the challenges and potential solutions associated with reopening New York State institutions of higher education for the 2020-2021 academic year in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Meeting participants included Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of New York State institutions of higher education from across the state and members that they selected from their institutions. Other meeting participants were: Chancellor Rosa; Interim Commissioner Tahoe; Regents, including Board of Regents Higher Education Committee Co-Chairs Regent Cashin and Regent Collins; NYSED leadership and staff; legislators; and Department of Health officials.

During the meetings, participants discussed the following topics in breakout groups: health and safety for students and institution employees; academics, student support services, and financial aid; Opportunity Programs; clinical experiences for educator preparation programs; and clinical experiences for professional licensure programs. The valuable feedback provided during the meetings shaped the [guidance](#) released on August 6.

BOARD OF REGENTS JULY ITEMS

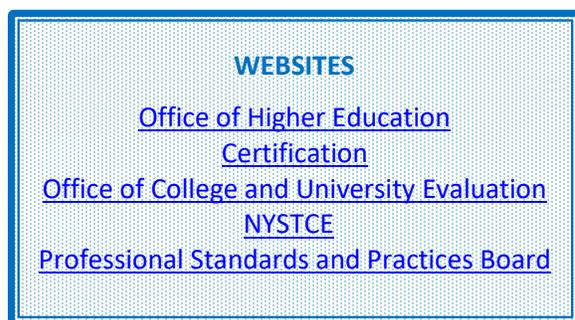
Safety Net for the Arts Content Specialty Tests. It is anticipated that the revised Content Specialty Tests (CSTs) in Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts will become operational in November 2020. The Department presented a [proposed regulatory amendment](#) to create safety nets for the CSTs in Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts that allow candidates to take either the revised CST or the predecessor CST for one year after the revised CSTs in each arts subject area become operational. The test frameworks for the revised arts CSTs are available on the [NYSTCE website](#) to assist candidates and teacher preparation programs in the preparation of candidates for the revised tests.

Safety Net for the School Building Leader Assessment. It is anticipated that the Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment will become operational in November 2020. The Department presented a [proposed regulatory amendment](#) to create a safety net for the two-part School Building Leader Assessment. For the safety net, candidates may take Part One of either the Revised (Sept. 2013) School Building Leader Assessment or Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment, and may take Part Two of either the Revised (Sept. 2013) School Building Leader Assessment or Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment, for two years after the Revised (May 2019) School Building Leader Assessment becomes operational. The [assessment framework](#) is available on the [NYSTCE website](#) to assist candidates and school building leader preparation programs in the preparation of candidates for the revised assessment.

Expiring extensions. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Board of Regents [adopted an emergency measure](#) such that educators who hold an extension of an Initial or Provisional certificate with an expiration date of August 31, 2020 would have the expiration date extended to January 31, 2021 to correspond with the expiration date of their base Initial and Provisional certificates that were already extended from August 31, 2020 to January 31, 2021. The expiration date of the extensions were automatically changed in the [TEACH online system](#).

NEW YORK STATE PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING STANDARDS

In March 2020, the Board of Regents approved the [New York State Physical Education Learning Standards \(2020\)](#). The [implementation timeline](#) describes the three phases for the Standards, including the anticipated implementation of them in Fall 2023. The [Physical Education webpage](#) includes the updated Standards and will provide guidance and new resources in the future. Standards and curriculum resources for all subject areas are available on the NYSED [Curriculum and Instruction website](#).



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