

EXAM CONSORTIUM TERMS

Fall 2020

NYSAWLA Checkpoint A and B exams can be used in the same manner as those previously provided by NYSED. Specifically, a locally developed Checkpoint A Exam, in addition to the successful completion of two units of study, must be passed in order to grant (1) one unit of high school credit to 8th graders. A locally developed Checkpoint B Exam, in addition to earning three units of credit, must be passed to grant students a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.

Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B exams are offered in the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Italian & Spanish. These exams are currently given in over 250 schools statewide.

As a member of the Exam Consortium, please note the following terms:

- For security reasons we require that districts choosing to participate adhere to a common date and time for administering the exams. We use the NYSED suggested date for locally developed assessments on their June 2021 Examination Schedule to administer our exams. **The date for this year's FLACS exams is Monday, June 21. Checkpoint A has an AM administration (2 hours); Checkpoint B has a PM administration (3 hours).** If your district cannot adhere to the June 21st administration date, you may not participate in the consortium this year.
- Participating districts are encouraged to support the development of test items by allowing teachers to attend item writing workshops and/or submit items developed at the district level.
- All items will be field-tested prior to finalizing and releasing exams.
- Passwords to access the reading and writing portions of the exams will be made available to the Superintendent's designee prior to the exam date in order to allow time to reproduce and secure the exams until their administration. **NEW this year: The listening script and audio files will be released one day prior to the exams.**
- We request that participating districts submit exam results to the NYSAWLA Exam Database. Links to the database will be provided subsequent to the exam administration.
- As with NYSED exams, no make-ups or alternate administration will be permitted.
- To obtain Latin, Greek, or Hebrew exams, please contact:
Latin – **Brian Serwicki** at brian.serwicki@gmail.com
Greek – **Maria Makedon** at mm@goarch.org
Hebrew – **Shelley Hill** at shill@thejewisheducationproject.org

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@nysawla.org