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Subjects: Revision of the New June 2008 Physical Setting/Earth Science Performance Test (Part D)  
Change in the Procedures for Students Retaking the Regents Examination in  
Physical Setting/Earth Science

**Revision of the New June 2008 Physical Setting/Earth Science Performance Test (Part D)**

In a revision from that originally planned, the

the Earth Science Performance Test in conjunction with prior administrations of this written examination may no longer be carried over and applied to the student's final examination score for this Regents Examination.

All students taking future administrations, August, January, and June, of the Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Earth Science **must** take the performance test **each time** they take the written examination. Only the performance test score earned by the student in the weeks immediately preceding the written examination may be used to determine the student's final examination score for this Regents Examination. This change in procedure with respect to students retaking this examination will ensure that every student's examination score is based on the full composite of the student's demonstration of knowledge, skills, and abilities at the time the written test is taken.

Consequently, all schools planning to administer the Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Earth Science in August 2008 and January 2009 must make arrangements to administer the new performance test to all students who will be taking the written examination. The performance test must be administered during the last two weeks of the Earth Science course and no later than the day before the written examination. This requirement applies to both students enrolled in the course of study, such as in summer school, and students who register only to retake the examination. All schools administering this examination must notify students of the date and time to appear for the performance test.

You may contact the Office of Standards, Assessment and Reporting via e-mail at [emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov) if you have questions regarding the revision to the new 2008 Edition of the Physical Setting/Earth Science Performance Test or the rules for its administration. Thank you for your assistance with this important component of the Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Earth Science.

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