



FEH BOCES Staff News and Notes February 5, 2016

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Board of Cooperative Educational Services
is to provide shared services to its component
school districts”*

Graduation Pathways

News and Notes last week provided information on diploma/credential requirements. This week the focus is on the “4+1” Graduation Pathway.

Students who first enter grade nine in September 2011 and thereafter or who are otherwise eligible to graduate in June 2015 or thereafter, have the following options available in order to meet the assessment requirements leading to a Regents or Local diploma:

Required four (4): ELA Regents exam, 1 math Regents exam, 1 science Regents exam, 1 social studies Regents exam (or a Department Approved Alternative for any of the four required exams)

Plus any one (1) of the following assessments:

- Additional math Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Additional science Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Additional social studies Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Additional English assessment in a different course selected from the Department Approved Alternative list; or
- A Department approved CTE pathway assessment, following successful completion of an approved CTE program
- A Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts
- A Department approved pathway assessment in a Language other than English (LOTE)

Of particular interest to students in CTE programs are the approved technical assessments. The currently approved list can be found [here](#) but additional technical assessments are being considered by NYSED which would significantly expand the list.

Next week, the third part of this series will focus on graduation rates.

Potential New Instructional Program for 2016-17

Planning is well underway for an additional New Vision program in Computer Coding and Gaming. Districts have expressed a strong interest and we will be providing pricing in early March. The format would be unique, with students located at both AEC and NFEC connected via videoconferencing. This format would allow for participation from all component districts. A firm decision regarding the program operation for 2016-17 should be in place by the end of April. A draft program description can be found [here](#). A big thank you to all of the [planning committee members](#) for their effort to bring this program to fruition.

P-TECH Principal Julie Austin-Kormanyos Starts Monday

Julie Austin-Kormanyos has been hired as the P-TECH Principal. She will join our BOCES family on Monday, February 8. Actually she will be re-joining the BOCES family as she served as a counselor at FEH BOCES for three years early in her career. She will be leading the planning phase of the P-TECH project from now until September when the first cohort of students arrive. Ms. Austin-Kormanyos will be located at NFEC and may be reached at extension 1066.