

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION IN MODERN GREEK: ITS CURRENT STATUS

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America / Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education is pleased to announce that it will continue developing the *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* as it has done so since 1973 benefitting thousands of students.

The *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* assesses student proficiency in *listening, speaking, reading, and writing* Modern Greek according to the New York State Syllabus "*Modern Languages for Communication (Checkpoint B)*."

It is developed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America / Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education according to the specifications of the New York State Education Department for the Regents comprehensive examinations in languages other than English (LOTE) aligned to the *Checkpoint B* learning standards.

During the past two years, the Regents comprehensive examinations (at *Checkpoint B*) in languages other than English (LOTE) were eliminated by the New York State Education Department in an effort to reduce costs. The State Education Department, however, continues to require that students complete, at least, **two units of study** in a language other than English, at some time, during grades K-9.

Furthermore, the State Education Department encourages **high school** students to pursue further studies in a foreign language, in order to earn a Regents diploma with advanced designation. To meet the assessment requirement in those languages for which **no** Regents examination is available, students are required to pass a **locally developed examination** that is aligned to the *Checkpoint B* learning standards for a language other than English (LOTE) specified in the New York State Syllabus: "*Modern Languages for Communication*" (CR 100.5 (b) (7) (v) (c)).

The *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* has always been considered by the New York State education authorities as "**a locally developed examination**" and, as such, may afford students the opportunity to earn a Regents diploma with advanced designation upon the discretion of the local public school principal.

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