

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION IN MODERN GREEK SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18TH

NEW YORK – The **Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek** (known as the Greek Regents Exam) will be given on Monday, June 18th, 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. This examination is administered by the Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Despite the changes made to the New York State Assessment Program in the 2011-2012 school year, which included the elimination of the comprehensive Regents examinations (at *Checkpoint B*) in languages other than English (LOTE), the State Education Department continues to require that students complete certain studies in a language other than English during the grades K–9. It also encourages high school students to pursue further studies in LOTE, in order to earn a Regents diploma with advanced designation by passing a *locally* developed comprehensive examination that is aligned to the *Checkpoint B* learning standards for a language other than English specified in the *New York State Syllabus: Modern Languages for Communication* (CR 100.5 (b)(7)(v)(c)).

The **Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek**, developed by the Archdiocese, has always been considered by the New York State education authorities as “*a locally developed examination*” aligned to the *Checkpoint B* learning standards for LOTE and, therefore, affording the students who successfully pass it credits in foreign language studies.

This year’s **Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek** will be administered on June 18th, at **twelve** test sites throughout the New York State and elsewhere. **515** students from **48** Greek American day and afternoon schools as well as **four** NYC high schools and **one** Charter school will be taking the Examination. In order to qualify, students must be in the eighth grade or higher.

For more information on the **Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek** and the designated test sites, please contact Mrs. Maria Makedon, Director, Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education, at [\(212\) 570-3553](tel:2125703553), or visit the Office’s website at www.education.goarch.org.