



# ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Final exams for students in grades 9-11 begin on Tuesday, June 16 and conclude on Monday, June 22. This intensified period of preparation and testing is designed to prepare you for the reality of examinations in advanced education and to provide the faculty and administration with valuable information regarding the effectiveness of our curriculum and instructional practices.

During our final examination period, regular class sessions will be suspended. If you are taking two exams in one day, you must arrive before 8:00 a.m. and remain in school until the conclusion of the second exam period at 2:15 p.m. If you are scheduled for only one exam on any given day, you must arrive on time for that exam and may leave campus when the exam period is concluded. Throughout the exam period, the library, cafeteria and computer labs in rooms 211 and 214 will be open for quiet study. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria from 10:45-11:45. Please see page three for detailed exam guidelines and procedures.

The schedule of exams is as follows:

Exam Periods 1 & 2	June 16	Tuesday
Exam Periods 3 & 4	June 17	Wednesday
Exam Periods 5 & 6	June 18	Thursday
Exam Periods 7 & make-up	June 19	Friday
Exam make-up (am only)*	June 22*	Monday

*\* The last day of school, Monday, June 22, is a ½ day (make-up day) for students and a full day for faculty. Lunch will not be served on this day. Buses will run on the regular schedule throughout final exams.*

Finally, with summer vacation quickly approaching please take a moment to consider how important it is to finish the year strong. I know you are aware of the importance of first impressions. It is true - a first impression can have a lasting effect on how others think of us. In my experience however, how we finish is equally important. Your teachers are here before and after school to help you. Homework Club meets after school Monday through Friday from after school until 5:00 p.m. in room 207 and Saturday make-up opportunities are also available. So do you best and finish Bulldog strong!

Best wishes for a great end of the school year.



Dr. Alan H. Cron, Principal

**JUNE 16-22, 2015**

**FINAL EXAMS - DAILY SCHEDULE**

<b>7:30</b>	Cafeteria open for breakfast
<b>8:15-8:45</b>	Review period (pre-exam in class with teacher)
<b>8:45-10:45</b>	A.M. TWO HOUR EXAM
<b>10:45-11:45</b>	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cafeteria - modified menu *</li><li>• Library open for quiet study</li><li>• Computer Labs - Rooms 211 and 214 open for quiet study</li><li>• Open Gym</li></ul>
<p>* Food may be consumed only in cafeteria.</p>	
<b>11:45 -12:15</b>	Review period (pre-exam in class with teacher)
<b>12:15-2:15</b>	P.M. TWO HOUR EXAM
<b>2:15</b>	Student dismissal

## **FINAL EXAM GUIDELINES**

1. Students who have two exams in one day must remain in school during the break between the AM and PM exams (10:45-11:45).
2. Students may reschedule an exam due to school-sponsored activities or illness, but must obtain permission from a dean, vice principal or principal before scheduling a make-up exam.
3. Underclassmen Final Exam grades will be recorded in a separate column on the final report card and will constitute 10% of the final grade.
4. Students are required to remain in the testing classroom until the end of the exam period. Students are encouraged to bring reading or other school work in case they finish exams early. Cell phones and electronics will not be allowed; even for students who have completed their exam.
5. When possible, teachers will provide supervision of classrooms and hallways during the break period. Teachers will be assigned to duties in the library, cafeteria and gym during the break period.
6. A student who reports to school after 8:00 AM must report to the main office and will NOT BE allowed into classrooms for testing without permission of a dean, a vice-principal or the principal.
7. Morning attendance must be forwarded electronically by the teacher who is administering the first exam of each day (i.e. period 1, exam day 1; period 3, exam day 2 ..... period 5, exam day 3 etc.).

## **EXAM CONTENT GUIDELINES**

1. Exams will be two hours in length.
2. If multiple teachers teach the same course/same level, at least 95% of the exam will be the same.
3. All exams will contain: (a) an essay question; and (b) a task or other questions similar to those found in MCAS, AP, or SAT exams.
4. Questions assessing student knowledge at the comprehension, recall, and understanding level (as opposed to higher levels such as application, evaluation, synthesis, or analysis) will comprise no more than 50% of the exam.
5. All exams will be aligned with the published student expectations for the course being tested.
6. All exams will be constructed to assess effectiveness of curriculum and instruction as well as student mastery of the student expectations for the course being taught.
7. All test items are to be directly related to an identified student expectation(s).
8. All final exams will be reviewed by the Department Chairs prior to the exam period.
9. All students are required to take final exams. Under no circumstances shall teachers excuse students from final exams without permission from the Principal.