

## **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

**The selection criteria for nominees for the Scholarships for Academic Excellence must be published and made available to students by the high school at the beginning of each school year. For the 2011 competition, the selection criteria must be published and made available to students on or before May 13, 2011.**

A high school shall use uniform criteria for the selection of scholarship nominees, applicable to all competing students, such criteria to be in accordance with the requirements of this section.

**Method A: Regents test scores** A high school, which, prior to its students' senior year, has offered to all such

students seeking Regents credit at the school either a Regents examination or a single approved alternative assessment (see <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/sar>), but not both, in each of the following subjects: comprehensive English, global studies, United States history/government, mathematics B, and in two or more of the following four sciences: earth science, living environment/biology, chemistry, and physics, shall select scholarship nominees of the basis of the following criteria:

The high school shall select their winner(s) by computing a weighted average of the scores on the Regents examinations and/or approved alternative assessments taken by its students prior to their senior year, in all of the following subjects:

The weighing of the scores shall be:

Comprehensive English	weight of three
Mathematics B	weight of three
Global studies	weight of one
U.S. history/government	weight of one
Science:	
At least two, but up to four courses may be included	weight of one for each course

**Individual schools must decide, in the science area, how many sciences to use in the calculation. They must use the same number of science courses for all students in the competition though they do not need to use the same courses.**

**South Colonie district uses two sciences courses, taken in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and later.**