

Pathways to Graduation

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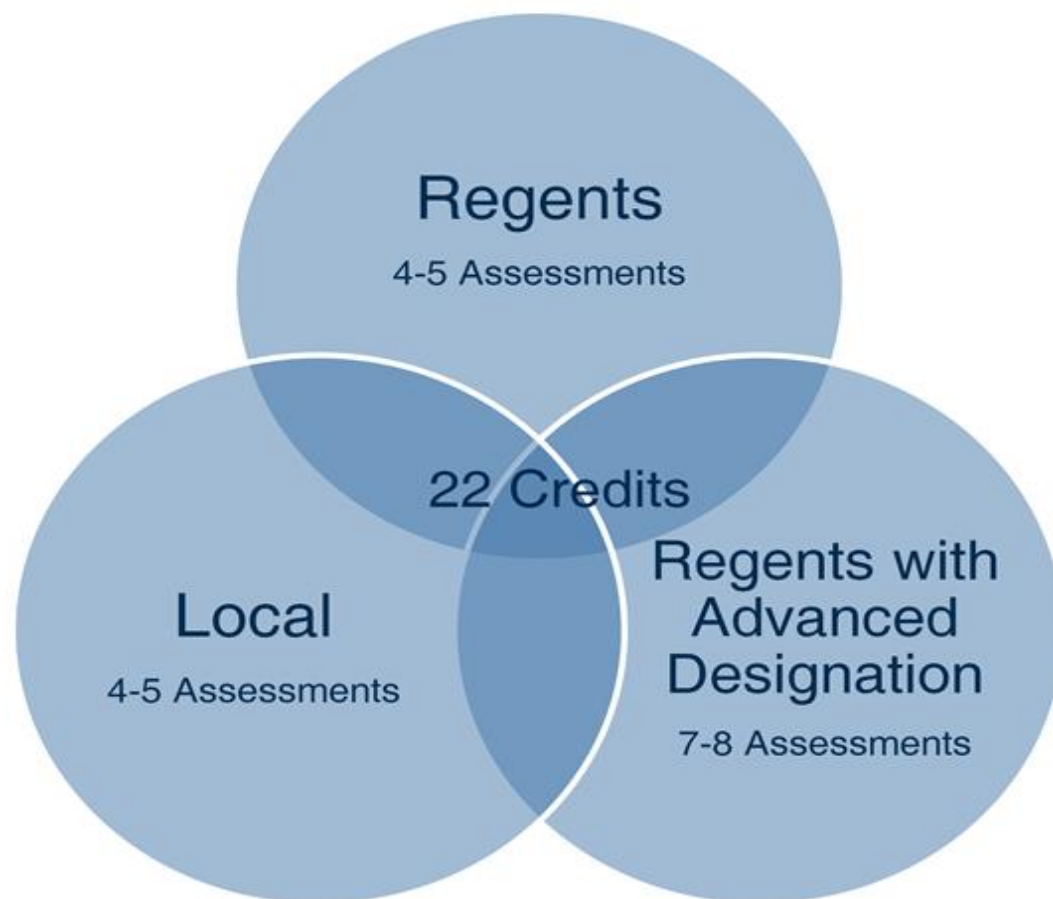
Before we begin, please note the following:

- ▶ This Graduation requirement & Pathways presentation will be in general terms and not specific to individual students
- ▶ Slide Information is based on New York State Diploma Requirements posted to the NYSED website as recently as February 2017 and is always subject to change at NYSED discretion
- ▶ Specific questions should be asked directly to your child's School Counselor
- ▶ School Counselors meet with students to discuss progress toward graduation and course selections yearly and, often, with far greater frequency
- ▶ High School Counselors meet with 10th and 11th grade parents and their children to discuss their progress toward graduation
- ▶ Discussion at Annual Review CSE meetings

Pathway to Graduation Agenda

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Diploma Types



High School Credits

- **Unit of credit is earned by:** the mastery of the learning outcomes set forth in a New York State-developed or locally developed syllabus for a given high school subject, after a student has had the opportunity to complete a unit of study in the given subject matter area; or
- **Credit by Exam:** A student earns a passing score of at least 85 on a Regents exam without the completion of a unit of study, completes either an oral examination or a special project.

Credit Distribution

	Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
Content Area	Minimum Number of Credits
English	4
Social Studies Distributed as Follows: U.S. History (1) Participation in Government (1/2) Economics (1/2) Other (2) Beginning in 2016 all students need (students entering grade 9 in 2016 must earn 2 credits in Global History and Geography)	4
Science Distributed as Follows: Life Science (1) Physical Science (1) Life Science or Physical Science (1)	3
Mathematics	3
Languages Other than English (LOTE)	1*
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education	2
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
Total	22

Assessments - Regents Diploma

	Regents Diploma for all students	
Regents Exam or passing score on a Department Approved Alternative	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	65
Math	1	65
Science	1	65
Social Studies	1	65
Pathway	1 (or CDOS)	65 if Regents Exam
Compensatory Safety Net	Non Applicable	

4 + 1 Pathway Options

- ▶ An additional math or science Regents exam in a different course from that which was used in the 4 required exams
- ▶ An additional social studies Regents exam in a different course
- ▶ Any exam from the list of Department approved alternative examinations in a different course
- ▶ Any exam from the list of NYSED Department approved technical assessments after successfully completing a Department approved CTE program
- ▶ A NYSED Department approved arts pathway or LOTE pathway examination
- ▶ Meet the requirements for the CDOS credential

Safety Nets for Classified Students

Low Pass Option

- ▶ Students with a disability may use a score of 55 on all assessments to graduate with a local diploma

Compensatory Safety Net

The student is eligible for the compensatory safety net option if they meet ALL of the following requirements:

- ▶ Is classified, declassified in 8th grade or later, and the committee on special education recommended the student continue to be eligible, or has a section 504 Accommodation Plan and is recommended for the Safety Net option
- ▶ The student has earned a score of 55 on both the ELA and math Regents examinations that are required for graduation
- ▶ The student has earned a score of 65 or higher on one or more required Regents examinations to compensate, on a one-to-one basis, for each required Regents exam with in which they earned a 45-54

Compensatory (Cont'd)

- ▶ The student earned a passing grade of, as determined by the school, in the subject area of the required Regents examinations in which he or she received a score of 45-54
- ▶ The student has an attendance rate that was deemed to be satisfactory, based on the district's or school's attendance policy, during the school year in which they received a score of 45-54 on the required Regents examination.
- ▶ The student is relying only on Regents examination scores, and not the Regents Competency Test, to obtain a local diploma.

Local Diploma for Students with a Disability - Low Pass Safety Nets

	Local Diploma for Students with a Disability via low pass safety nets	
Regents Exam or passing score on a Dept. App. Alt	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	55*
Math	1	55*
Science	1	55* ^
Social Studies	1	55* ^
Pathway	1 or CDOS	55* ^ (if Regents exam)
Compensatory Safety Net	Scores of 45-54 on any required Regents exam (except ELA and Mathematics) can be compensated by a score of 65 or above on another required Regents exam including ELA and Mathematics.	

*Students with a disability seeking the local diploma through the low pass safety-net may appeal scores of 52-54 on up to two Regents Examinations.

Superintendent's Determination - Local Diploma Only

- ▶ Passed ELA and Math Regents exams with a score of 55 or greater or has successfully appealed a score of 52-54
- ▶ Has participated in the other Regents exams (science and social studies), but has not passed one or more these as required for graduation
- ▶ Demonstrated competency in the subject area where the student was not able to demonstrate his/her proficiency of the State's learning standards through a Regents exam
- ▶ Earned all required credits and passed, in accordance with district policy, all courses required for graduation

Applicable to June 2016 graduates and thereafter

Superintendent's Determination (Cont'd)

- ▶ A superintendent may only make a determination whether an eligible student has met the requirements for graduation through the superintendent determination option. Upon receipt of a written request from an eligible student's parent or guardian.
- ▶ Clarify that where the superintendent determines that the student has met the requirements for graduation, the district must provide prior written notice that the student is not eligible to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) after graduation with a local diploma.
- ▶ Ensure provision of appropriate transition services by requiring that the development of transition goals and services at a committee on special education (CSE) meeting include a discussion with the students parents of the students progress toward receiving a diploma and that parents be provided with information explaining graduation requirements. Including eligibility criteria and process for requesting the superintendent determination option.

Appeal for Students with a Disability

Eligibility:

- ▶ Have taken the Regents exam under appeal at least 2 times
- ▶ Have taken advantage of academic help provided by the school in the subject tested by the Regents examination under appeal
- ▶ Have passed the course for which the appeal is being sought
- ▶ Be recommended for an exemption to the graduation requirement by the student's teacher or Department Chairperson in the subject of the Regents examination under appeal

Appeal for a Local diploma:

- ▶ Have one score on the Regents exam under appeal within the point range (52-54) appropriate for the appeal of up to 2 Regents exams

Career Development & Occupational Studies Credential (CDOS)

CDOS Commencement Credential – Option 1

- Available to all students except students assessed using the New York State Alternate Assessment seeking the Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential. Available as a stand alone credential or added to a Local or Regents diploma.
- Criteria:
 - Career Plan
 - Employability Profile
 - Demonstrated achievement of CDOS Standards
 - 216 hours of CTE coursework and/or work-based learning experiences (of which at least 54 hours must be in work-based learning experiences)

CDOS Commencement Credential – Option 2

- Available to all students except students assessed using the New York State Alternate Assessment seeking the Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential. Available as a stand alone credential or added to a Local or Regents diploma.
- Criteria - meeting the requirements for one of the nationally recognized work readiness credentials
 - National Work Readiness Credential;
 - SkillsUSA Work Force Ready Employability Assessment;
 - National Career Readiness Certificate WorkKeys - (ACT);
 - Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems Workforce Skills Certification System.

Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

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- Available to students with a disability who are assessed using the NY State Alternate Assessment. Criteria include:
- Attended school or received a substantially equivalent education elsewhere for at least 12 years (excluding kindergarten) or;
- Completed the school year in which s/he has attained the age of 21.