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

- Diploma Types
- High School Credits & Distribution
- Assessments Requirements (Regents Exams)
- Pathways
- Safety Nets
- Low Pass Option
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Diploma Types

- Regents
  - 4-5 Assessments

- Local
  - 4-5 Assessments

- Regents with Advanced Designation
  - 7-8 Assessments

- 22 Credits
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

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### Assessments - Regents Diploma

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<td>1 (or CDOS)</td>
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<td>65 if Regents Exam</td>
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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

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**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

• 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.