

# Graduation Chart



## TIP SHEET

When a young adult completes high school they will be awarded with a diploma and/or a credential. A diploma and/or a credential will be used to pursue post high school opportunities and goals.

Awarded by Schools	Opportunities
Regents Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply to a 2 or 4 year college</li> <li>• Join the Military (must meet ASVAB testing requirement per branch requirements)</li> <li>• Vocational Training programs</li> <li>• Obtain employment</li> </ul>
Local Diploma via Compensatory Option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply to a 2 or 4 year college</li> <li>• Join the Military (must meet ASVAB testing requirement per branch requirements)</li> <li>• Vocational Training programs</li> <li>• Obtain employment</li> </ul>
Local Diploma with Superintendent Determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply to a 2 or 4 year college</li> <li>• Join the Military (must meet ASVAB testing requirement per branch requirements)</li> <li>• Vocational Training programs</li> <li>• Obtain employment</li> </ul>
Test Assessing Secondary Completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply to a 2 or 4 year college</li> <li>• Join the Military (must meet ASVAB testing requirement per branch requirements)</li> <li>• Vocational Training programs</li> <li>• Obtain employment</li> </ul>
Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS)	<p><b>Benefits of the CDOS Credential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops entry level employment skills through work-based learning</li> <li>• Community Experience</li> <li>• Employability Profile can be shared with employers and adult agencies</li> <li>• Also is a pathway that allows students to only have to pass 4 Regents exams</li> </ul> <p><b>Barriers of the CDOS Credential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CDOS is not a diploma and does not meet the requirements for college entrance and military enrollment.</li> <li>• May not meet hiring requirements with employers.</li> <li>• May not meet requirements for entry into vocational training</li> </ul>
Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential	<p><b>Benefits of the Skills Credential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Experience (work sites, field trips, volunteer opportunities)</li> <li>• Work Skill Development</li> <li>• Identifies level of support needed in key work and life skill areas to help inform post-secondary placements</li> </ul> <p><b>Barriers of the Skills Credential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is not a diploma</li> <li>• Majority of students will be entering into programs (day habilitation, pre-vocational, supported employment) following exit</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(cont'd on back)</p>

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## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

### Regents Diploma

#### 22 credits AND

- **65 Pass** on 4 Regents Exams (1 ELA, 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies) & either additional course(s) with approved exam in Math, Science, Social Studies, CTE, LOTE, or Arts, OR attainment of CDOS Credential
- **Appeals** of scores of 60-64 for all students (1 appeal = Regents Diploma; 2 appeals = Local)

### Local Diploma via Safety

#### Net for SWDs:

#### 22 Credits AND

- **Low Pass** 55-63 on Regents exams
- **Appeals** of scores of 52-54 for SWDs
- **Compensatory Option**

\*Student may score 45-54 on one or more of the required exams (excluding ELA and Math) if they compensate with scores 65 or higher on other exams AND meet district attendance and course requirements (get course credit)

\*English and math scores must be 55 or higher

#### • **Superintendent Determination**

\*Upon written request by parent, student with IEP may score below 55 on Regents exam(s), (excluding ELA & Math) and be awarded a local diploma, if the school's superintendent determines the student has otherwise demonstrated proficiency in the subject area by completing designated process & documentation



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## CREDENTIALS (NOT High School Diplomas)

### Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credential For ALL STUDENTS

(effective March 2016)

- Provided in conjunction with diploma
- Sole exiting credential for some students with disabilities. Students must be provided appropriate opportunities to earn diploma

#### **OPTION 1**

- Career Plan completed annually
- Minimum 2 units (216 hours) of study in CTE coursework, including at least 54 hours of Work-Based Learning
- Completion of Employability Profile

#### **OPTION 2**

- Attainment of a nationally recognized work readiness credential



### High School Equivalency Diploma

- Pass TASC exam

### Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

- NYSAA eligible and assessed students
- Attended 12 years excluding K, or end of year attains age 21
- CDOS learning standards instruction including community and work-based learning
- Accompanied by designated comprehensive Student Exit Summary document