

NY Inspires

A Plan to Transform Education
in New York State



Four Transformations



Adopt a NYS
Portrait of a
Graduate



Redefine Credits and
Learning
Experiences



Sunset
Diploma Assessment
Requirements



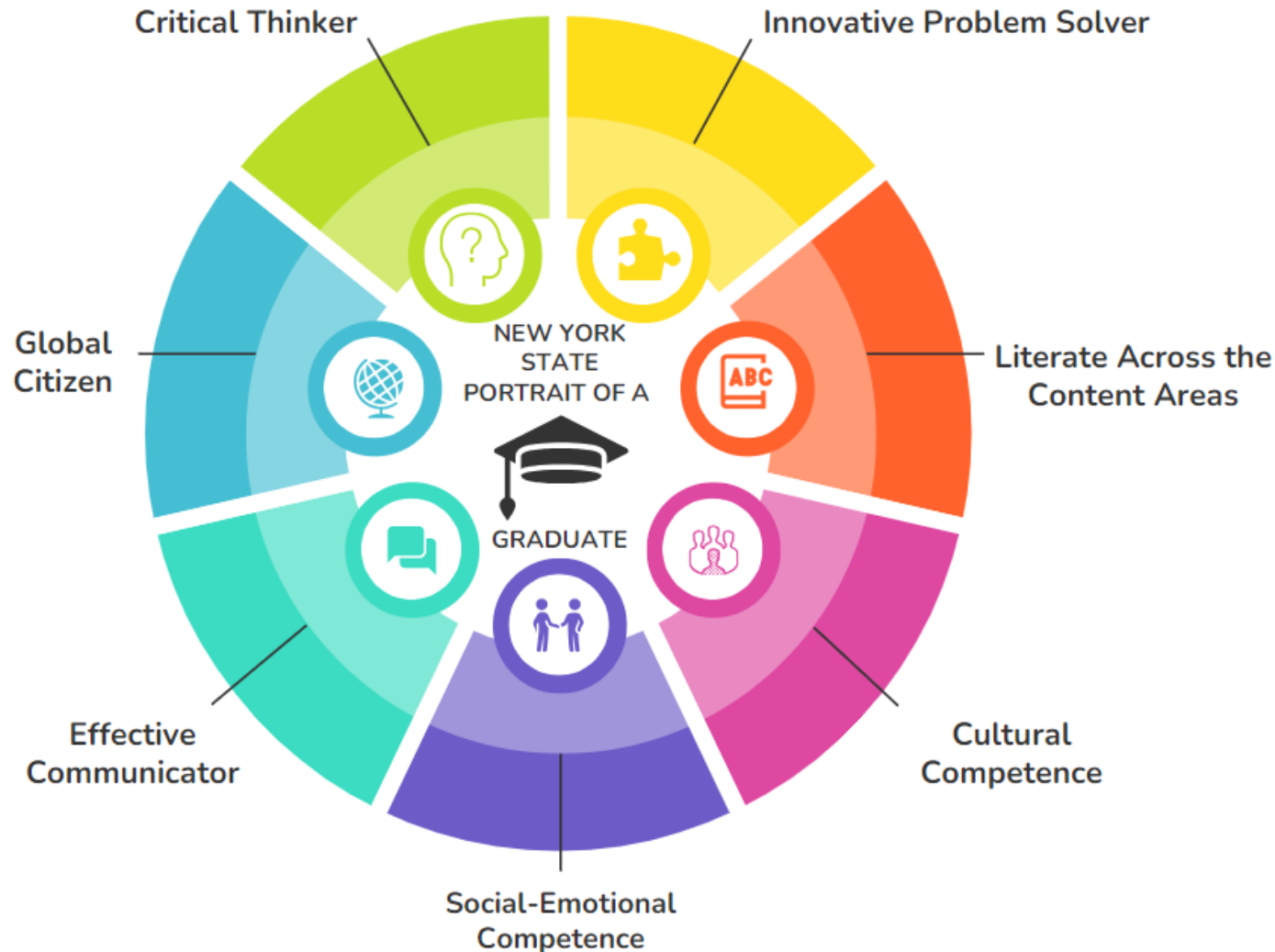
Move to One NYS
High School
Diploma

Transformation #1: Adopt the NYS Portrait of a Graduate



The NYS Portrait of a Graduate becomes the framework for future diploma requirements.

Portrait of a Graduate



All students must demonstrate proficiency in each component of the Portrait of a Graduate to earn a high school diploma.

Transformation #2: Redefine Credits



Organize diploma requirements by the components of the Portrait of a Graduate.

Add new requirements for CTE and financial literacy.

Expand ways for students to show evidence of proficiency in the learning standards and the components of the Portrait of a Graduate.

Expanding Learning Experiences

Students may provide evidence of their proficiency in the learning standards and the components of the Portrait of a Graduate in a variety of ways.

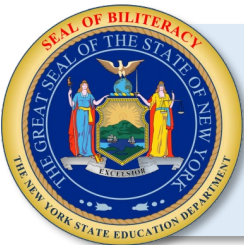
Approved Work-Based
or Service-Based
Learning Experiences



Capstone
Learning
Experiences



Early College High
School / PTECH



Earning NYS
Credentials or Seals



High School Courses



NYSED-
Approved CTE
Programs



Participation in
the Arts



Passing Approved
Assessments

Multiple Means for Demonstrating Student Proficiency

Earned the Seal of Biliteracy

Successfully completed a locally-developed Capstone Project

Successfully completed an English Composition course



New York State graduates are effective communicators.

Successfully completed Digital Media Communications CTE Program

Passed the State Exam in English Language Arts

Completed a summer internship for the community newspaper

Transformation #3: Sunset Diploma Assessment Requirements



Students will no longer need to “pass the Regents” or a +1 Pathway Assessment to graduate.

State assessments will continue to be administered per federal ESSA requirements.

Transformation #4: Move to One Diploma



Advanced designation would become a seal or endorsement.

Districts must confer diplomas to students who satisfy the State's requirements.

Districts can add additional seals or endorsements.

Stakeholder Feedback

- 86 BRC Ambassador Forums with over 3,300 participants from across New York State
 - Student Forums
 - Public Forums
 - Educator Forums
- Public ThoughtExchange with over 2,700 participants

Over
9,800
thoughts

Over
110,000
ratings



Theory of Change

If

We take a holistic approach to education that:

- adopts a NYS Portrait of a Graduate;
- redefines credits and expands learning opportunities;
- sunsets separate diploma assessment requirements; and
- moves to one NYS high school diploma.

Then

Our students will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed to thrive in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

As Shown By

Our students’:

- proficiency in the New York State Learning Standards and the Portrait of a Graduate components;
- engagement in interdisciplinary, project-based, real-world learning, including career and technical education;
- multiple means of providing evidence of mastery; and
- preparedness for future pathways.





NY Inspires: A Plan to Transform Education

- Accomplishes the four transformations
- Phased approach
- Provides time for stakeholder feedback
- Provides time for planning, professional learning opportunities, and communication

Phased Approach



Planning Year
(Fall 2024 – Summer 2025)



Phase 1: Installation
(Fall 2025 – Summer 2027)



Phase 2: Initial Implementation
(Fall 2027 – Summer 2029)



Phase 3: Full Implementation and Scaling Up
(Fall 2029+)

Planning for Success

Planning Year: Fall 2024 - Summer 2025



Exemptions for Major Life Events

- Exemptions from diploma assessment requirements for major life events



Portrait of a Graduate

- Release definitions for each Portrait of a Graduate Component
- Adopt a NYS Portrait of a Graduate



Support Networks

- NYSED will establish workgroups and advisory committees
- Build communication channels to disseminate and support changes to future diploma requirements



Installation

Fall 2025 - Summer 2027



Portrait of a Graduate

- Release Portrait of a Graduate rubrics with guidance



Learning Expectations

- Release prioritized, reformatted learning standards with guidance
- Require instruction in financial literacy and climate education (effective SY 26-27)
- Release details on new credit requirement (cohort phase-in)



Support Networks

- NYSED will continue workgroups and advisory panels
- Continue communication channels to disseminate and support changes to future diploma requirements



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Initial Implementation

Fall 2027-Summer 2029



One Diploma

- Move to one diploma for all students



Diploma Assessments

- Sunset diploma assessment requirements for all students
- Redefine seals and endorsements, including to allow district-developed assessments



Learning Expectations

- Redefine credit to expand ways students earn credit
- Students entering grade 9 in 2027, and beyond, are required to earn one CTE credit, which could include financial literacy



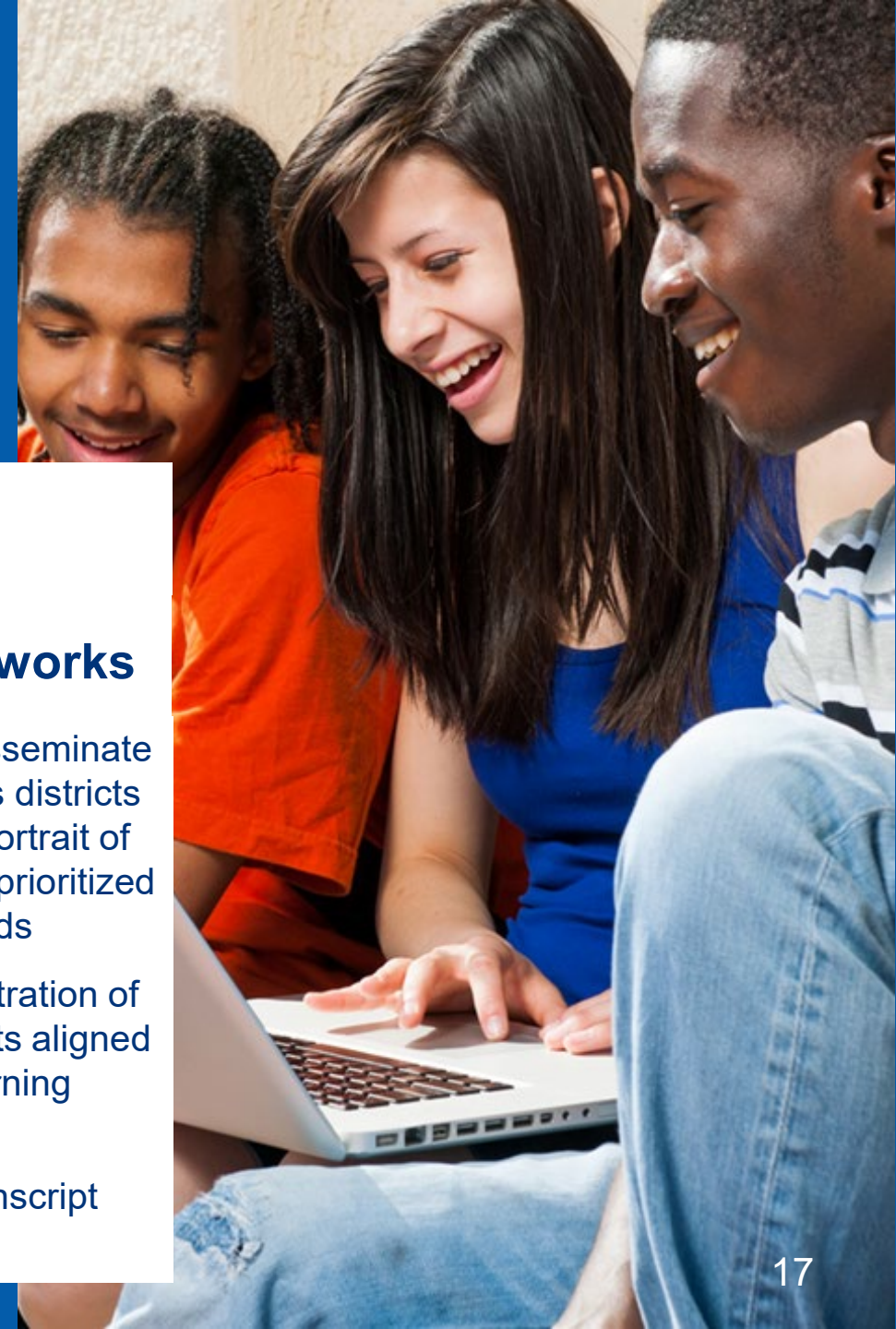
Support Networks

- Guidance to support innovation as districts move to implement POG and prioritized learning standards
- Professional learning opportunities
- Regional learning networks

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Full Implementation and Scaling Up

Fall 2029+



Cohort Phase-In

- New system will be phased in beginning with students who enter grade 9 in 2029-2030 (Cohort 2029)



New Statewide Transcript

- New statewide transcript requirements
- Transcript will document proficiency in both Portrait of a Graduate and prioritized learning standards



Support Networks

- Highlight and disseminate best practices as districts implement the Portrait of a Graduate and prioritized learning standards
- Support administration of new assessments aligned to prioritized learning standards
- Support new transcript requirements

Diploma Requirements by Cohort

Cohort 2023 and prior

- Current diploma requirements* leading to one of three diplomas (Local, Regents, or Regents with Advanced Designation)
- * *Eligible students may request an exemption due to major life events*

Cohorts 2024 - 2026

- One diploma, advanced designation as a seal of distinction
- Current credit requirements
- Diploma assessment requirements decoupled by Fall 2027

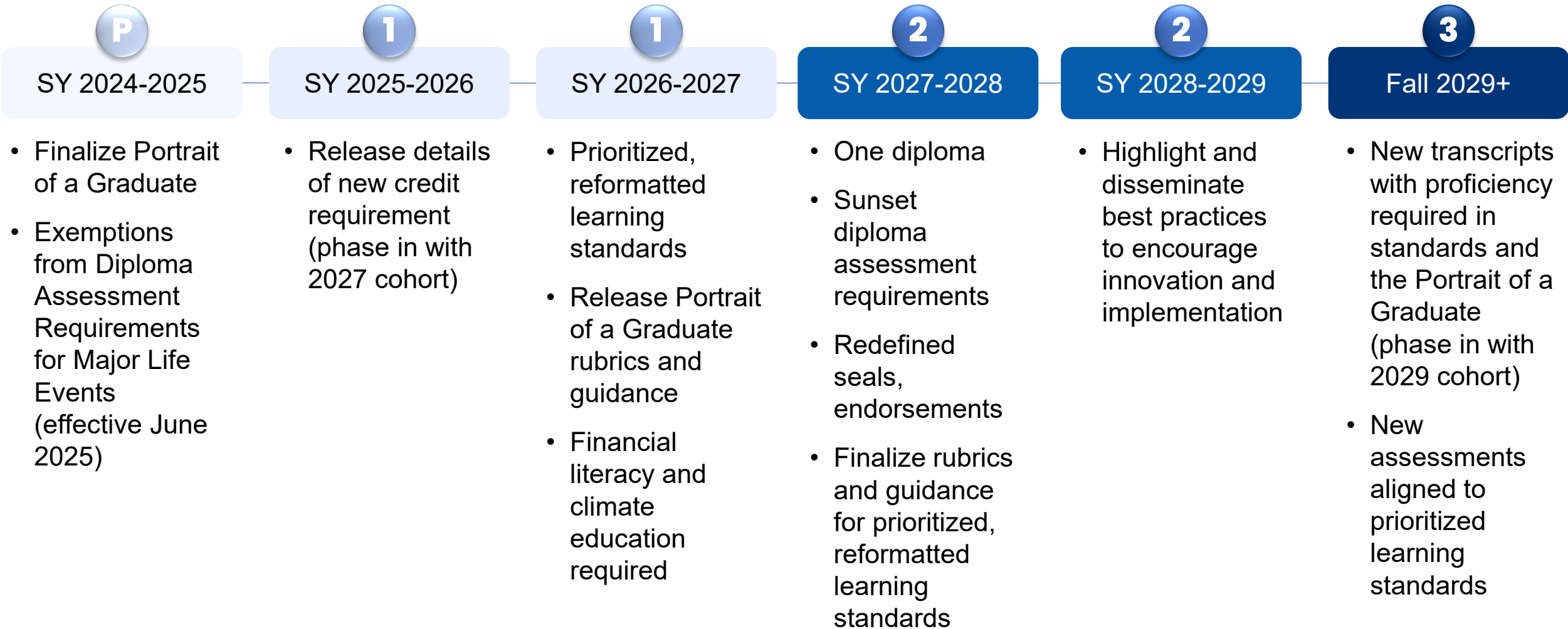
Cohorts 2027 - 2028

- One diploma, redefined seals and endorsements including advanced designation
- New credit requirement
- Sunset diploma assessment requirements

Cohort 2029+

- One diploma, redefined seals and endorsements including advanced designation
- Statewide transcript required
- Proficiency in both learning standards and the Portrait of a Graduate required

Overall Timeline



Additional Recommendations



Teacher Education

- In Spring 2025, amendments to require culturally responsive-sustaining education practices and pedagogy in teacher preparation programs and professional learning plans will be advanced to the Board of Regents for consideration.

Shared Responsibility





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Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

Thank You!