

NY INSPIRES

A Plan to Transform Education in New York State

In 2019, the New York State (NYS) Board of Regents and Education Department launched the Graduation Measures Initiative to explore what a NYS diploma should signify to ensure educational excellence and equity for all students. The initiative was developed to create true equity in NYS's public education systems and ensure that all NYS students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in school and after they graduate. In November 2023, the Blue Ribbon Commission presented its recommendations for achieving these goals. In November 2024, Department staff presented NY Inspires: A Plan to Transform Education in NYS.



Adopt the NYS Portrait of a Graduate

Students must demonstrate proficiency in both the NYS Portrait of a Graduate and the NYS high school learning standards.



Redefine Credits and Learning Experiences

Students' learning experiences and future diploma requirements will expand the ways students can demonstrate proficiency.



Sunset Diploma Assessment Requirements

Students may continue to use State administered exams to satisfy future diploma requirements, but they will not be required to pass Regents Exams to earn their diploma.



Move to One Diploma

All students who satisfy future requirements will earn a NYS high school diploma. Advanced designation will become a seal or endorsement.

**FOUR
TRANSFORMATIONS**

**PHASED
APPROACH**

**ENHANCED
ENGAGEMENT**



Questions?

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Visit the Graduation Measures webpage

<https://www.nysed.gov/grad-measures>



When will these changes impact students?



Proposed Diploma Requirements by Cohort

A cohort includes all students entering grade 9 in a specific year. For example, Cohort 2023 includes all students starting high school in the 2023-2024 school year.



Cohorts 2023 and Prior

Current diploma requirements leading to one of three diplomas (local, Regents, or Regents with advanced designation).



Cohorts 2024, 2025, and 2026

Current credit requirements with diploma assessment requirements sunset by Fall 2027 (students will not be required to pass Regents Exams to graduate). Students will graduate with one diploma. Advanced designation will be a seal of distinction.



Cohorts 2027 and 2028

New credit requirement in career and technical education (CTE). Sunset diploma assessment requirements (students will not be required to pass Regents Exams to graduate). Students will graduate with one diploma with redefined seals and endorsements.



Cohort 2029+

Student proficiency in both the learning standards and the portrait of a graduate required. Students will graduate with one diploma with redefined seals and endorsements. Statewide transcript required.

Watch the November 2024 Presentation to the Board of Regents



Please Note: The Board of Regents must approve any changes to the New York State graduation requirements. Until such time, the existing requirements remain in effect for all students.

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Planning Phase

Planning Year

Fall 2024 - Summer 2025

- Finalized New York State Portrait of a Graduate with definitions for each component
- Exemptions for major life events (effective June 2025)

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Phase 1

Installation

Fall 2025 - Summer 2026

- Distribution of required credits announced (phase in with 2027 cohort)

Fall 2026 - Summer 2027

- Portrait of a graduate rubrics and guidance
- Prioritized, reformatted learning standards
- Instructional requirement for financial literacy and climate education

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Phase 2

Initial Implementation

Fall 2027 - Summer 2028

- Move to one diploma
- Sunset diploma assessment requirements (students will not be required to pass Regents Exams to graduate)
- Redefined seals and endorsements
- Rubrics and guidance for prioritized, reformatted learning standards

Fall 2028 - Summer 2029

- Continued guidance to encourage innovation and implementation

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Phase 3

Full Implementation

Fall 2029+

- Statewide transcript with proficiency required in the high school learning standards and the portrait of a graduate (phase in with 2029 cohort)
- New assessments