Welcoming Activity
Goals and Objectives

Goals:
• Summarize the current New York State Graduation Requirements.
• Provide access to additional resources so students and families can advocate for appropriate pathways to exit high school.

Objectives:
- Explain credit requirements.
- Describe assessment requirements.
- Discuss each of the multiple (+1) pathways.
- Identify each diploma type.
- Compare seals and endorsements.
- Recognize credentials that are not diplomas.
Diploma Requirements

Credit Requirements

Assessment Requirements
Credit Requirements

Student Choice in Course Selection

- In most disciplines, student choose the courses they want to take.

Required Courses

- Health (½ credit required)
- Global Studies and Geography (2 credits required)
- United States History (1 credit required)
- Participation in Government (½ credit required)
- Economics (½ credit required)

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<th>Minimum Number of Credits</th>
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Assessment Requirements

1 English
1 Math
1 Science
1 Social Studies
1 Pathway (Student Choice)
All students must pass 4 required assessments (one in each discipline)

Pathways:
- STEM
- Humanities
- Arts
- LOTE
- CTE
- CDOS

If students are not able to earn a passing score of 65 on Regents exams, they may be eligible for:
- Appeals
- Safety Nets
- Superintendent Determination

Multiple Pathways
Appeals, Safety Nets, and Superintendent Determination
Transfer Students
## Types of Diplomas

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<th>Regents</th>
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<td>22 units of credit</td>
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<td>Used appeals, safety nets to meet assessment requirements</td>
<td><strong>OR Superintendent Determination of a Local Diploma</strong></td>
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<td>▪ OR Superintendent Determination of a Local Diploma</td>
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<td>▪ +1 science</td>
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*A student can appeal one Regents exam score within 5 points of passing and still receive a Regents Diploma*
Seals and Endorsements

Local Diploma
- Technical Endorsement

Regents Diploma
- Technical Endorsement
- Seal of Biliteracy
- Honors Endorsement

Regents with Advanced Designation
- Technical Endorsement
- Seal of Biliteracy
- Honors Endorsement
- Mastery in Mathematics and/or Science
Exiting Credentials that are Not Diplomas: Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Credential

The CDOS Commencement Credential is unique as it can serve three purposes:

- a pathway to a diploma (as the +1 assessment option);
- an addition to a diploma; or
- an exiting credential.

- Available to all students
- Students attempt, but do not successfully complete all the New York State diploma requirements
- Students must complete all the CDOS Commencement Credential requirements
Exiting Credentials that are Not Diplomas:
Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

- Available to Students with Disabilities assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment
- Must be accompanied by documentation of the students’ skills and strengths and levels of independence in academic, career development and foundation skills needed for post-school living, learning and working
- The credential may be issued at any time after such student has attended school for at least 12 years, excluding kindergarten, or has received a substantially equivalent education elsewhere, or at the end of the school year in which a student attains the age of 21.
Optimistic Closure: Suit Yourself!

- **Something from the heart**
  - How did you feel?
  - What did it mean to you?

- **Used to dig in the garden**
  - What new ideas were planted? What ideas were dug up?

- **Things that grew**
  - What new ideas, new thoughts, or new points of view emerged?

- **Gems that last forever**
  - What are some of the gems of wisdom gathered from people or content?
Thank you!

General Education and Diploma Requirements