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Subject: Graduation Requirements

Diplomas will be conferred by the Board of Education for all students who meet the requirements set forth below. In addition, students who entered 9th grade in 2005 and thereafter must complete twenty hours of community service as outlined in the high school plan. The Board designates the Superintendent and/or his/her designee to issue the diploma and report such action back to the Board.

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Students who entered 9th grade in 2001 and thereafter who score at least 65 on eight required Regents exams and earn 22 units of credit as required will receive a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.

A Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors will be awarded to those students who meet the requirements stated above and achieve an average of 90 percent in all their required Regents exams.

Regents Diploma

Students who entered 9th grade in 2001 and thereafter must receive a score of at least 65 on five required Regents exams and complete 22.5 units of credit as required.

A Regents Diploma with Honors will be awarded to those students who meet the requirements stated above and achieve an average of 90-94.9 percent on the five Regents exams in the four core curricular areas of English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

A Regents Diploma with High Honors will be awarded to those students who meet the requirements stated above and achieve an average of 95 percent or better on the five Regents exams in the four core curricular areas of English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Local Diploma

A local diploma will be awarded to students through the Class of 2008 if they receive a score of 65 or above on four of the five required Regents exams and 55 or above on the fifth required Regents exam.

Local Diploma Using The Safety Net

The following students qualify for the Regents Competency Testing (RCT) safety net:

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1. Students with disabilities identified through a CSE. Specific language regarding the availability of the safety net does not have to be indicated on the student's IEP.
2. Students with disabilities identified through the Section 504 Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) if recommended and documented by the MDT on the student's Accommodation Plan.
3. Students with disabilities declassified while in grades 8-12 if recommended and documented by the CSE on the student's IEP.

Students with disabilities entering 9th grade from the 1996-97 school year through the 2009-10 school year must take each Regents course and examination required for their entering class.

The safety net allows these students who fail a required Regents exam to meet the requirements for a local diploma by passing the RCT in that subject or the Department approved alternative. The school may administer the RCT before or after the Regents examination, but in all cases the student must take the required Regents examination in order to earn the local diploma. The RCT exams will be available until the student graduates or reaches the age of 21.

Individualized Educational Program (IEP) Diploma

Students who have been designated as having a disability must have completed the requirements to receive an IEP diploma or local certificate as specified in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and approved by the Committee on Special Education (CSE).

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