

# Update on the New York State Education Department Blue Ribbon Commission Initiatives



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# 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

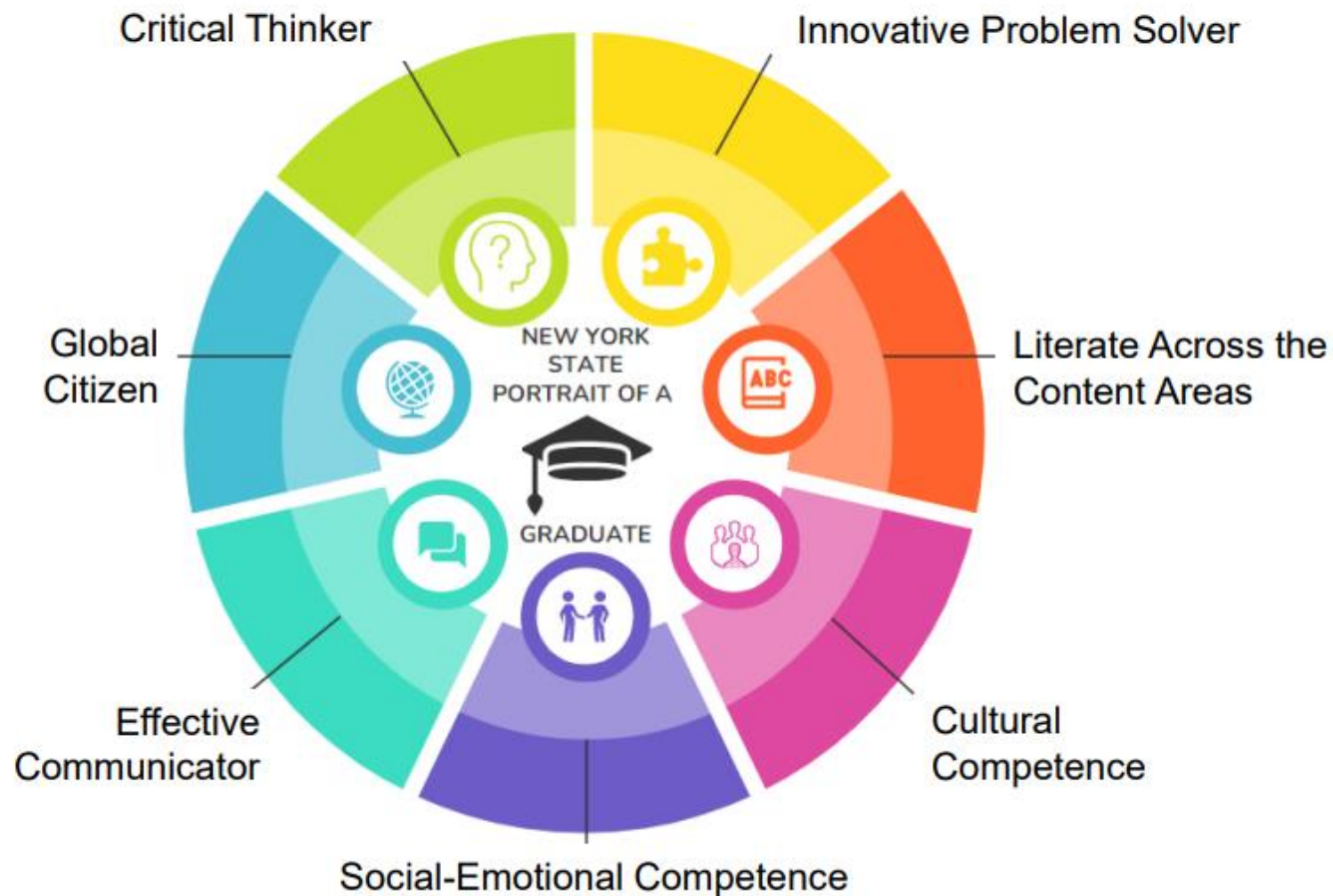
# Transformation #1: Adopt the NYS Portrait of a Graduate



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

# Portrait of a Graduate

New York State graduates are ready for college, careers, and civic engagement!



How success in P-12 education is defined

Diploma

Based on the essential skills, knowledge, mindsets, and attributes needed for success in 21st century life, college, careers, service, and citizenry

NYS Portrait of a Graduate

Students demonstrate proficiency through evidence in multiple ways



# 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

# Current System: Twofold System



Currently, students must satisfy both the credit requirements and the assessment requirements to earn a diploma.

- 22 units of credit
- 5 assessments (4 +1 pathway) for a Regents or local diploma



# 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.

# Current System: Three Diploma Types



- Currently, students can earn one of three diplomas:
  - Local
  - Regents
  - Regents with advanced designation

# 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.

# What's Next

July

Stakeholder feedback collected by NYSED and BRC Ambassadors

August - October

Ongoing stakeholder engagement  
Identifying potential budget considerations

November

Full plan presented to Board of Regents with roll-out plan including projected timelines, affected regulations, etc.

ANY  
QUESTIONS

