

Diploma Requirements

1. Under the proposed timeline, how will diploma requirements change for high school students?

The chart below details how diploma requirements would change for cohorts of students if the applicable changes are approved by the Board of Regents. A cohort consists of all students who first entered grade 9 in a particular school year. For example, the 2023 Cohort includes all of the students who started grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school year. If these students were to follow a traditional trajectory, they would graduate in June 2027.

Cohort	Proposed Diploma Requirements
Cohort 2023 and prior	Current diploma requirements. Students will graduate with one of three diplomas (local, Regents, or Regents with advanced designation).
Cohort 2024, Cohort 2025, and Cohort 2026	Current credit requirements. Diploma assessment requirements proposed to sunset within four years (fall 2027). Students will continue to take Regents Exams but will not be required to pass the Regents Exams to earn a diploma. Students will graduate with the NYS high school diploma. Students may take Regents Exams to earn endorsements, including advanced designation.
Cohort 2027 and Cohort 2028	New credit requirement. No separate diploma assessment requirements. Students will graduate with the NYS high school diploma. In addition to their diploma, students may earn additional redefined seals and endorsements, including advanced designation.
Cohort 2029	New system. Students must demonstrate proficiency in both the high school learning standards and the Portrait of a Graduate. Students will graduate with the NYS high school diploma with optional seals and endorsements. The statewide transcript will be required for all students.

Again, it is important to note that none of the proposed changes are final until they are approved by the Board of Regents.