



Superintendent Determination for Graduation with a Local Diploma



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The Superintendent Determination Option allows a superintendent or the head of school for a registered nonpublic or charter school, to make a local determination that a student with a disability has otherwise met the standards for graduation with a local high school diploma when such student has not been successful, because of their disability, at demonstrating their proficiency on one or more of the Regents Exams required for graduation. This option is available to students with disabilities with a current **individualized education program (IEP) only**. It does not apply to students with section 504 accommodation plans or students who have been declassified from special education.

Eligibility Conditions

To be eligible for the Superintendent Determination Option, a student with a disability must meet all conditions as follows:

1. The parent/guardian submitted a written request that their child be considered for a Superintendent Determination
 - a. [Parent Request](#)
2. The student has a current individualized education program (IEP) and is receiving special education services
3. The student has earned the required course credits and has passed, in accordance with district policy, all courses required for graduation, and the student has demonstrated competency in the subject area(s) where the student was not able to demonstrate proficiency of the State's learning standards through a required Regents Examination
4. [Required Superintendent's Documentation](#)
 - a. The form must be submitted to the Office of Special Education no later than **August 31**. A copy of the form must be kept in the student's cumulative file