SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NYS Inspires & Portrait of a Graduate Update

December 2025

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Year	Graduation Measures Accomplishments
2019	Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) established; Meetings with stakeholder input held throughout NYS
2020-2022	Meetings paused due to COVID-19
Fall 2022	Meetings with stakeholder input completed
Fall 2023	• BRC presented its findings to NYSED Board of Regents (BOR) • Recommendations included four transformations: *adopt a NYS portrait of a graduate, redefine credits and learning experiences, sunset diploma assessment requirements, move to one high school diploma*
Fall 2024	• NY Inspires initiative was launched to implement BRC recommendations through a multi-year plan • Stakeholder feedback sessions were launched to collect input on proposed Portrait of a Graduate • Implementation timeline established: *Phase 1 Installation, Phase 2 Initial Implementation, Phase 3 Full Implementation*
Spring 2025	• Major life exemptions to Regents exams adopted • Graduation Measures Communication Network (GMCN) established
Summer 2025	NYS Portrait of a Graduate, with definitions, adopted by NYS BOR

Proposed Timeline

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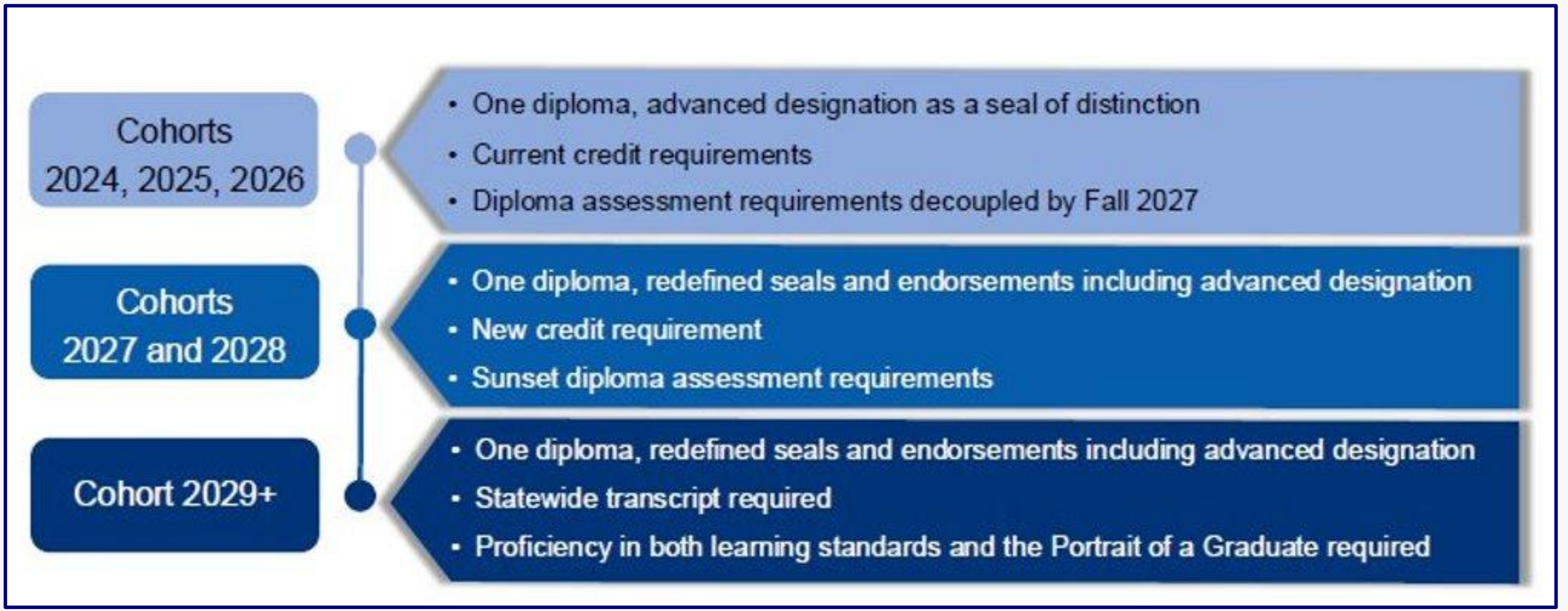
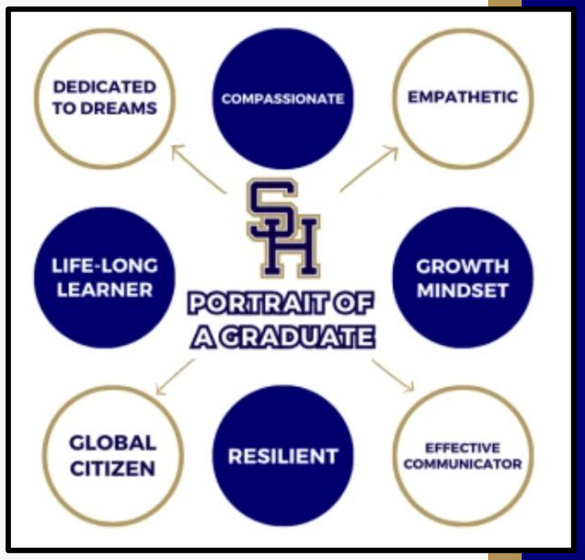




Unpacking the Portrait of a Graduate as we further develop our Strategic Plan 2026-2029

Redefining Learning Experiences
Proposed Instructional Requirement

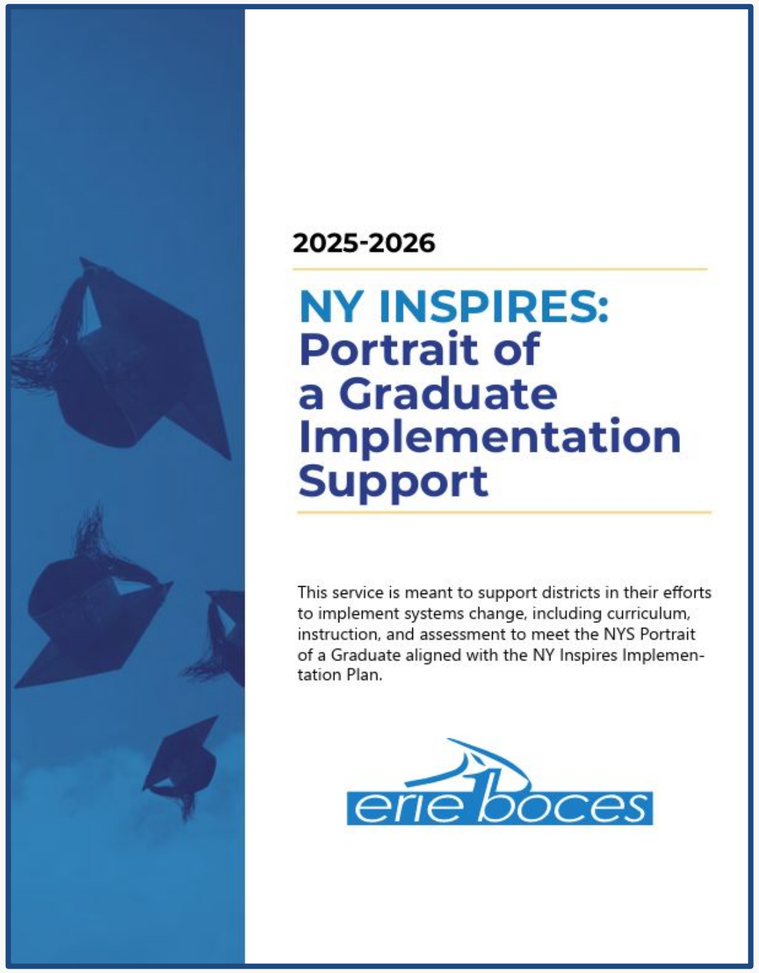
Climate Education

Personal Finance Education

Implementation Timeline

New Instructional Requirement	Middle Grade Band (Grades 5–8) and High School Grade Band (Grades 9–12)	Elementary Grade Band (Grades K–4)
Personal Finance Education	Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year (SY)	Beginning with the 2027–2028 SY
Climate Education	Beginning with the 2027–2028 SY	Beginning with the 2028–2029 SY

Partnership/ Support with E1B



2025-2026

NY INSPIRES: Portrait of a Graduate Implementation Support

This service is meant to support districts in their efforts to implement systems change, including curriculum, instruction, and assessment to meet the NYS Portrait of a Graduate aligned with the NY Inspires Implementation Plan.

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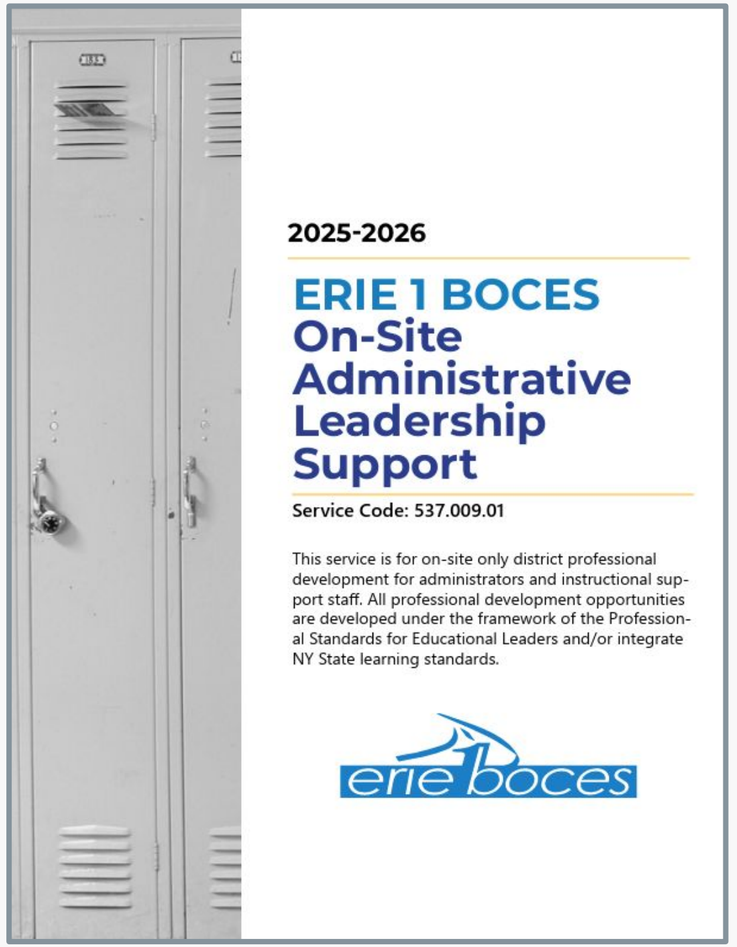

2025-2026

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Questions...

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