NY INSPIRES: Update

Board of Education Meeting

September 24, 2026

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New York State is redesigning what it means to graduate from high school.

The shift: from earning a diploma primarily through credits + required exams → demonstrating knowledge, skills and readiness in multiple ways.

1

Portrait of a Graduate

A shared statewide picture of the skills and knowledge graduates should demonstrate.

2

Learning Experiences

Broader ways to earn and demonstrate learning, including career-connected experiences.

3

Regents Role

Regents exams continue but will not be required. Other avenues must be available.

4

One NYS Diploma

One State diploma, with seals and endorsements recognizing additional achievement.

For families: expectations are not disappearing.
What is changing is how students may demonstrate how they have met them.

Source: NYSED, NY Inspires — Vision & September 2026 update.

What Will Families Notice?

The most visible changes begin with the diploma and the role of Regents exams.

REGENTS EXAMS

- Regents exams are not being eliminated.
- Beginning with students graduating in 2028, passing a prescribed set of Regents exams is no longer required for the diploma.
- Regents may still be used to demonstrate achievement and support seals or endorsements.

ONE NYS DIPLOMA

- New York plans to move from Local, Regents and Advanced Designation diplomas to one NYS High School Diploma.
- Advanced Designation would continue as a seal or endorsement.

MULTIPLE MEASURES

- District assessment strategies will draw on more than one source of evidence.
- Examples include classroom assessments, student work, performance-based experiences, educator observations and State assessments.

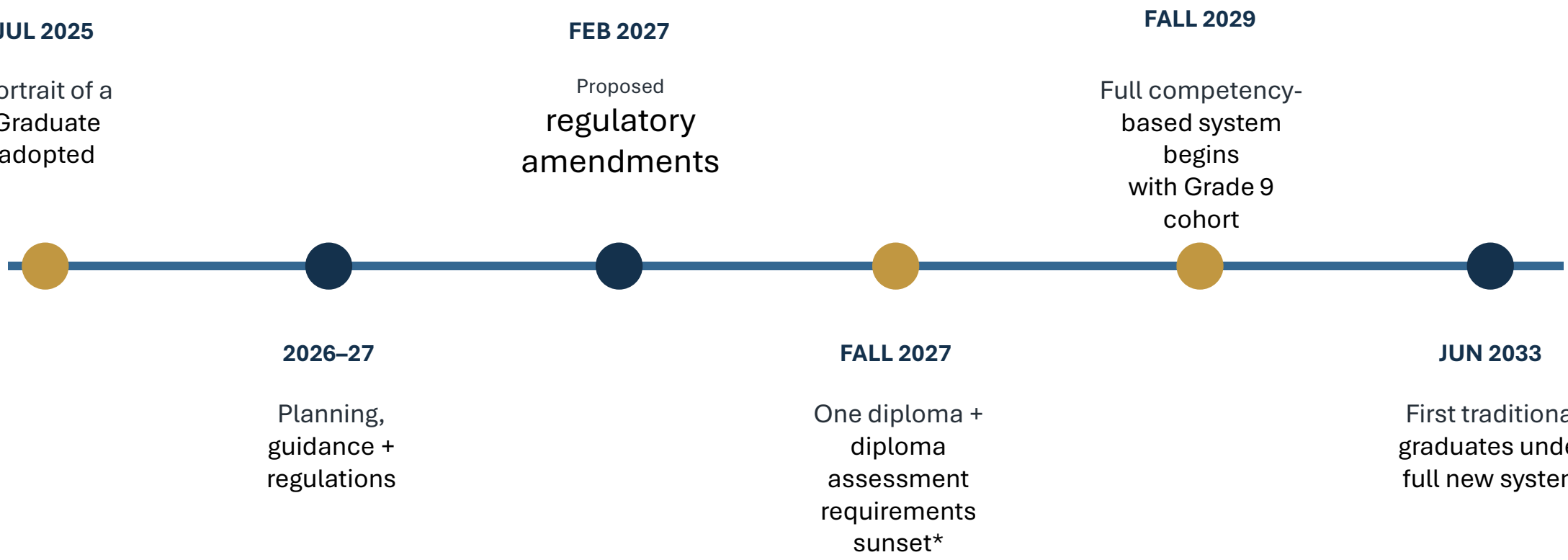
WHAT DOES NOT CHANGE OVERNIGHT

- Current requirements remain in effect until regulatory changes are approved.
- Implementation is phased by student cohort.
- High academic expectations and State learning standards remain.

Source: NYSED, September 14, 2026; NY Inspires Transformation Timeline.

NY INSPIRES Timeline

A phased transition — different graduating classes will experience different stages.



***Under NYSED's proposed timeline, students graduating beginning January 2028 would no longer need to pass Regents exams to earn the diploma.**

Source: NYSED, NY Inspires Transformation Timeline, updated September 2026. Board of Regents approval is required for graduation requirement changes.

What Does This Mean for Manhasset?

Our work is to meet State requirements while protecting the rigor and opportunities our community values.

WHAT WE ARE REVIEWING

- Course grading as the role of Regents changes
- World Language expectations within the new State framework
- Community service and civic engagement
- Career-connected learning
- Seals, endorsements and ways students can distinguish achievement

WHAT WE WANT TO PRESERVE

- High expectations and academic rigor
- Strong preparation for college and career
- Depth of learning — not simply checking boxes
- Student opportunity and meaningful choice
- The distinctive experiences of a Manhasset education

The question is not simply "What must change?" — it is "What should we thoughtfully build next?"

District implications reflect Manhasset's current planning priorities; State framework source: NYSED NY Inspires.

What Is Manhasset Doing Now?

2026–27 continues our planning.

1

MONITOR

Track NYSED regulations and guidance as they are released.

2

MAP

Compare new State requirements with current Manhasset policies, courses and graduation practices.

3

DESIGN

Examine grading, World Languages, service, career-connected learning and student pathways.

4

ENGAGE

Include administrators, faculty, students, parents and the Curriculum & Instruction Working Group.

5

REPORT

Bring recommendations and policy changes to the BOE and keep families informed.

Our guiding principle: meet the new State requirements while preserving the rigor, opportunity and experiences that define a Manhasset education.

Manhasset Future-Ready Strategic Design planning; NYSED implementation timeline, September 2026.

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Manhasset Learner Profile and NYSED Portrait of a Graduate Crosswalk

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NYSED Portrait of a Graduate

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Bridging Visions: A Crosswalk Between the NYS Portrait of a Graduate and the Manhasset Learners' Profile

This crosswalk aligns the **New York State Portrait of a Graduate** with the **Manhasset Learners' Profile** to highlight the shared vision, values and competencies that define student success. By mapping each NYSED characteristic to its corresponding element in Manhasset's framework, this resource illustrates how our local learner profile reflects – and expands upon – the state's vision. This alignment ensures that our instructional practices, curriculum design and student experiences are coherent, purpose-driven and aimed at preparing all graduates to thrive in an interconnected, ever-changing world.

