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NY Inspires Update

NY Inspires: Overview

- ▶ NY Inspires includes four major transformations:
 - ▶ New York State Portrait of a Graduate
 - ▶ Redefining credits and learning experiences
 - ▶ Sunsetting separate diploma assessment requirements
 - ▶ Moving to one New York State high school diploma
- ▶ The Portrait of a Graduate was formally adopted by the Board of Regents in July 2025.

New York State Portrait of a Graduate

- ▶ New York State has identified six attributes that graduates should demonstrate:
 - ▶ Academically Prepared
 - ▶ Creative Innovator
 - ▶ Critical Thinker
 - ▶ Effective Communicator
 - ▶ Global Citizen
 - ▶ Reflective and Future Focused
- ▶ East Islip is in the process of defining what these six attributes mean for our students, including how they should develop and be demonstrated across grade levels.

Regents Exams & Diploma Requirements

- ▶ Regents Exams are not being eliminated. Their role in graduation is changing.
- ▶ Beginning with students graduating in 2028:
 - ▶ Students will no longer be required to pass a prescribed set of Regents Exams to earn a diploma
 - ▶ Regents Exams will continue to be administered and used to measure achievement of State learning standards
 - ▶ Current credit requirements remain in place for the 2024–2026 cohorts (Grades 9, 10, 11)
 - ▶ Students will graduate with one New York State high school diploma (starting January 2028)
 - ▶ Seals and endorsements, including Advanced Designation, will remain available

What This Means for East Islip

- ▶ Continue to define the six NYS Portrait attributes for East Islip students (currently in draft form)
- ▶ Identify how those attributes develop across grade levels/grade bands
- ▶ Connect the Portrait to existing:
 - ▶ Curriculum and scope-and-sequence work
 - ▶ Instruction and assessment
 - ▶ Performance-based learning
 - ▶ College and career experiences
- ▶ Begin developing a high-level local assessment strategy
- ▶ Continue to monitor NYSED guidance as the new graduation requirements are implemented