

HOT TOPICS

NEW GRADUATION OPTIONS

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A New Option for Graduation for Students With Disabilities

Students with disabilities now have a new option for graduation that has been approved by the New York State Regents.

The Superintendent Determination of Graduation with a Local Diploma is an option for students with a current Individualized Education Program (IEP).

This option provides for students who have been unable to successfully pass regents exams due to their disability.



This does not apply to students with section 504 accommodation plans or students who have been declassified from special education.

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The student **MUST** meet the following conditions in order to receive a local diploma:

- Have a current Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Does not meet the graduation requirements for any other pathway to graduation.
- Meets the school's standards for earning course credit in all of their classes.
- Score a minimum of 55 on the English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Regents.
- Has attempted all Regents exams, but not passed one or more of these exams.
- Show they have a level of knowledge in all subject areas that meets the State's learning standards.



For more details and information click the link below to see the Special Education Field Advisory discussing the specifics, the process, and a question & answer section.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.html>



“The greatest
accomplishment
is not in never falling,
but in rising again
after you fall.”
-Vince Lombardi

