

Graduation Options for Students with Disabilities (SWD)

SWD Graduating in 2013

(Students who entered 9th grade in 2009-2010)

- Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
- Regents Diploma
- Local Diploma
 - RCT's
 - 55-64 Score on the required Regents
 - Compensatory Option *
- IEP Diploma (last year for this available until June 30, 2013)**

SWD Graduating after 2013

(Students who entered 9th grade in 2010-2011 or after)

- Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
- Regents Diploma
- Local Diploma
 - RCTs (only for SWD who entered grade 9 prior to September 2011, ends with the class that entered grade 9 during 2010-2011 school year)
 - 55-64 Score on the required Regents
 - Compensatory Option *
- Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC) only for SWD that are NYSAA eligible ***

*Compensatory Option (effective 10/31/12)

- SWD may graduate with a local diploma by compensating a required Regents examination score of 45-54 with a score on another required Regents exam that is 65 or higher
- English and Math scores must be at a 55 score or higher
- May not use RCTs when using this option

** IEP Diploma

- Is not a regular high school diploma; it is based on the student achieving the goals specified in the IEP. A student must complete 12 years of school, excluding Kindergarten, to be eligible.

*** SACC

- Is not a diploma. It documents student skills, strengths and levels of independence in academic, career development and foundation skills needed for post-school living, learning and working.

Diploma and Alternate Credential Options (proposed)

Regents Certificate of Work Readiness

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- Is not a regular high school diploma
- Could be awarded as a supplement to a regular high school diploma
- For a SWD who is unable to earn a regular diploma the students exiting credential.
- Proposed effective date July 1, 2013

++ Documents student attainment of Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) standards and completion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and related work experiences and assessments