



Cairo-Durham
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW YORK STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR FAMILIES



WHAT'S CHANGING?

The New York State Education Department and Board of Regents announced that, beginning with the Class of 2028, students will no longer be required to pass Regents examinations as a separate requirement to earn a high school diploma.

REGENTS EXAMS AREN'T GOING AWAY

Regents exams will continue to be administered and will remain an important way for students to demonstrate achievement of New York State learning standards.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR 2026-27

Students should continue to attend their courses, complete all required coursework and credits, and take Regents exams as scheduled. There is no immediate change to students' schedules, courses, or academic expectations.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

New York State is gradually moving toward a broader system for determining whether students are prepared for life after high school. The Portrait of a Graduate establishes a vision for the knowledge, skills and qualities students should develop by the time they graduate.

WHAT'S NEXT?

NYSED will continue to develop the regulations and guidance needed to implement these changes. Until those changes take effect, students and families should continue to follow all existing course, credit and Regents exam requirements.

