



GRADUATION MEASURES IN NEW YORK STATE

WINTER 2022

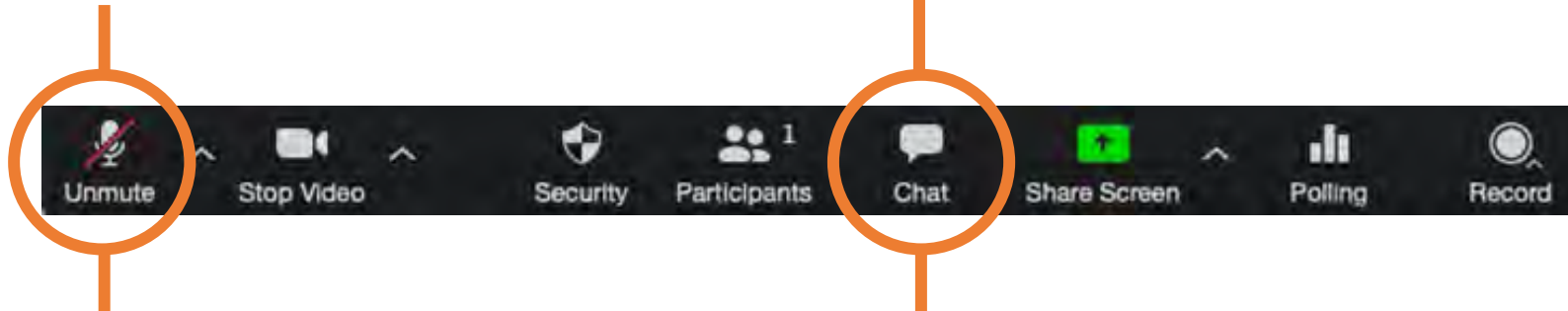
REGIONAL INFORMATION MEETING



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HASHTAG

Please use the hashtag
#NYSGradMeasures

to continue today's conversations
on social media.

AGENDA FOR THIS REGIONAL MEETING

- Greetings and Introductions: Opening video from Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. and Commissioner Betty A. Rosa
- Power Point: Graduation Measures in New York State
- Group Discussions: Stakeholder feedback on the Five Guiding Questions
- Sharing of Ideas
- Closing Remarks: Local Regent and District BOCES Superintendent or Big 5 Representative

RE-EXAMINING GRADUATION MEASURES IN NEW YORK STATE



- February 2019, then-Chancellor Rosa committed to rethinking New York's graduation measures.
- July 2019, the Board of Regents announced it will create a Blue Ribbon Commission to review the State's high school graduation measures and explore what it means to obtain a diploma in New York State.



The Commission will:

- Examine what a diploma should signify to ensure educational excellence and equity for every student in New York State.
- Consider whether adding other measures of achievement could better serve New York's diverse student population as indicators of what they know and if they are ready for college, careers, and civic engagement.



BOARD OF REGENTS CHANCELLOR LESTER W. YOUNG, JR. AND COMMISSIONER BETTY A. ROSA VIDEO



WHY ARE THE REGENTS REVIEWING GRADUATION MEASURES?

**To Foster
Equity in
Education for
All New York
Students**



**To Ensure Our
Students are
Engaged in
School and
Prepared for the
21st Century
Workforce**



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BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON GRADUATION MEASURES

Goal:

To undertake a thoughtful and inclusive process to explore what a New York State high school diploma means and what it ought to signify to ensure educational excellence and equity for **all** New York State children.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Commission is to review research, practice and policy, and to gather input from across the state to help inform recommendations to:



Reconsider current diploma requirements



Ensure all students have access to multiple graduation measures



Ensure a transition plan allows time to prepare for and implement any changes



PHASES OF WORK / DRAFT TIMELINE

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Phase III: Regents Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring / Summer 2024: The Blue Ribbon Commission's final report is presented to the Board of Regents for consideration.

PHASE I: INFORMATION GATHERING & LEARNING

REGIONAL MEETINGS & FEEDBACK

Regional Meetings in Each Regent's Judicial District



19 meetings were
held January to
March 2020



8 meetings will be
held from
December 2021
to February 2022

Public Comment Email Box

Public comment email box available for
those who wish to contribute thoughts
and ideas but cannot make a meeting

GradMeasures@nysed.gov



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CURRENT NYS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

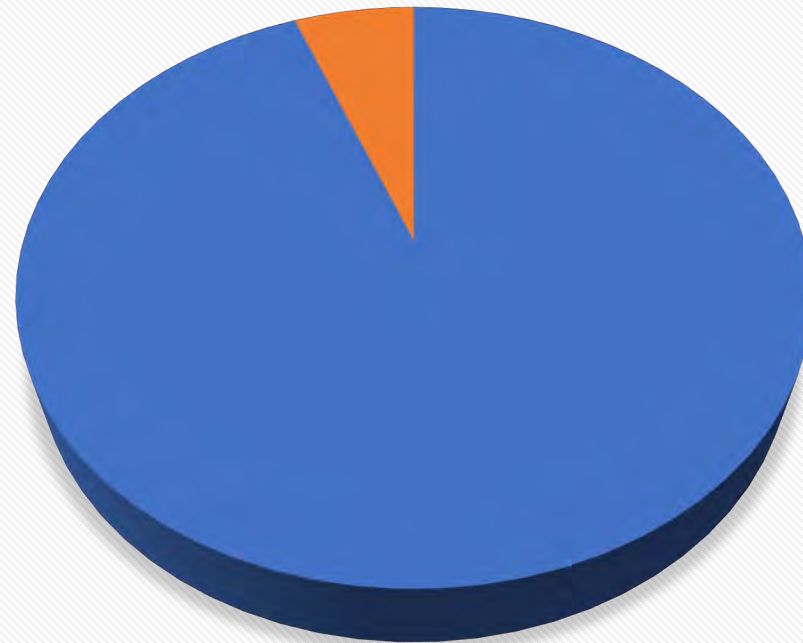


Credit
Requirements
(22 units)



Assessment
Requirements
(4 + 1 Pathway)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ACROSS STATES



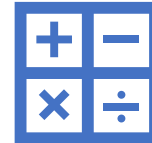
- Minimum Statewide HS Graduation Requirements (94%)
- Local HS Graduation Requirements (6%)

Source: [Education Commission of the States \(ECS\)](https://www.ecs.org/high-school-graduation-requirements/), <https://www.ecs.org/high-school-graduation-requirements/>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ACROSS STATES: COURSEWORK



Total units required across the states vary from 13 to 24.



Content area course requirements vary considerably across states and districts.



All states require four credits of English.



Specificity of courses varies considerably across states and districts.

Source: [Education Commission of the States \(ECS\)](https://www.ecs.org/high-school-graduation-requirements/), <https://www.ecs.org/high-school-graduation-requirements/>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ACROSS STATES: HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

High school assessments are required for all states.

Most high school assessments have no high-stakes impact.

11 states require high school assessments that do impact a student's ability to graduate.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ACROSS STATES: CO-CURRICULAR LEARNING & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES



Extended work-based learning
apprenticeship, internship

Service learning
volunteering to support a community
organization

Co-curricular activity
participation in state career technical
student organization competitions

Source: [Making Career Readiness Count 2019 Update](https://edstrategy.org/resource/making-career-readiness-count/), <https://edstrategy.org/resource/making-career-readiness-count/>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ACROSS STATES: OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS



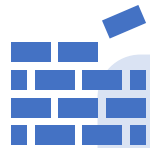
Standard diploma
options



Advanced diplomas



Endorsed
diplomas



Performance-based
diploma assessment



Proficiency-based
graduation
requirements



Non-course
requirements for
graduation



Diploma options
other than the
standard diploma
type

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NEW YORK CITY DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- *For NYC Meetings ONLY – NYCDOE TO ADD ITS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT SLIDES HERE.*

PHASE I: INFORMATION GATHERING & LEARNING

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Each group will have:



A facilitator to lead the discussion, keep track of time, and report out your group's key idea



A notetaker to take notes and record the feedback for the Department via Notetaker Template



A chat monitor who will keep track of comments in the chat

PHASE I: INFORMATION GATHERING & LEARNING



Discussion of each
of the 5 Guiding
Questions



Key Takeaway

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REGIONAL MEETING GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What do we want all students to know and to be able to do before they graduate?
2. How do we want all students to demonstrate such knowledge and skills, while capitalizing on their cultures, languages, and experiences?
3. How do you measure learning and achievement (as it pertains to the answers to #2 above) to ensure they are indicators of high school completion while enabling opportunities for all students to succeed?
4. How can measures of achievement accurately reflect the skills and knowledge of our special populations, such as students with disabilities and English language learners?
5. What course requirements or examinations will ensure that all students are prepared for college, careers, and civic engagement?

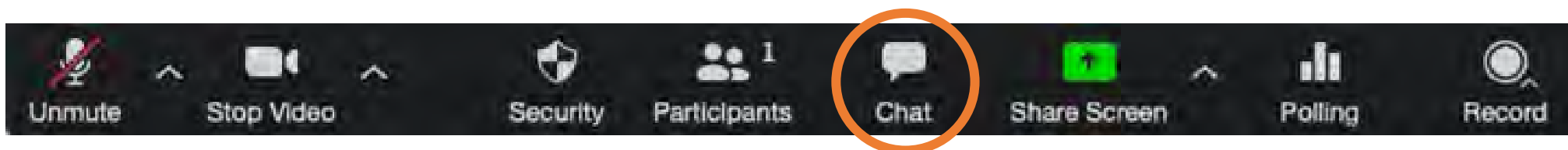
BREAK



Breakout room sessions will begin in 5 minutes.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

If you feel you were unable to share everything you wanted to during the breakout session, please use Zoom's chat function.



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GRADUATION MEASURES WEBSITE

[Graduation Measures Webpage](https://www.nysed.gov/grad-measures)
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Graduation Measures

The Board of Regents and State Education Department have undertaken a thoughtful and inclusive review of the State high school graduation measures. Our ultimate goal is to explore what it means to obtain a diploma in New York State and what that diploma should signify to ensure educational excellence and equity for all students in New York State.

Regional Meetings



Video: Regional Meetings



Presentations and News Releases



Commissioner's On Board Columns



SUBMIT COMMENTS

Recent News

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

November 2021 Board of Regents Meeting Presentation

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

NYSed Announces Additional Virtual Regional Information Meetings to Discuss Review of Graduation Measures in New York State

OCTOBER 18, 2021

October 2021 Board of Regents meeting presentation

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CURRENT DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

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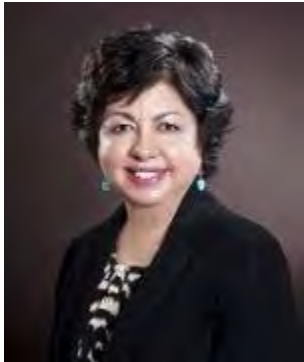
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CONCLUSION

The Participant Exit Survey will be emailed to you. Please let us know your thoughts on the process for today's meeting. Also continue the conversation on ThoughtExchange.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND FEEDBACK!