Superintendent Determination Option and Safety Net Options for Students with Disabilities

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Safety Net Options

55-64 Low Pass Option

Score of 55-64 on any or all required Regents examinations

52-54 Low Pass Option with Appeal

 Successfully appeal up to two Regents Exams (score between 52-54)

Compensatory Option

- A score of 65 or higher on one Regents exam can compensate for 45-54 on another Regents exam
- Minimum score of 55 (or an appealed 52) on English and Math Regents exams

Regents Competency Tests Option

- Students may meet graduation testing requirements by passing the corresponding RCT(s) in a subject area
- only for students who first entered grade 9 prior to Sept 2011)



Superintendent Determination of Graduation with a Local Diploma

- Allows superintendent to make local determination that a student with a disability has otherwise met the standards for graduation with a local high school diploma when:
 - Student has not been successful at demonstrating proficiency on one or more of the Regents examinations required for graduation
 - Student does not meet graduation requirements through low pass (55-64) or compensatory safety net options

Superintendent Determination (cont.)

- Eligible student may only be considered for this option upon receipt of a written request from the student's parent
- For purposes of the Superintendent Determination option, the definition of superintendent includes the principal or head of school of charter schools and nonpublic schools
- Only available to students with disabilities with a current IEP
 - Does NOT INCLUDE students with a Section 504 accommodation plan or declassified students



Eligibility Conditions for the Superintendent Determination Option

PREVIOUS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Parent submitted written request;
- 2. Student has current IEP and is receiving special education services;
- 3. Student achieved minimum score of 55 on ELA and mathematics Regents examinations or successfully appealed score between 52 and 54;
- Student scored <55 on up to three other Regents examinations (science, social studies and/or additional Regents examination used for +1 pathway assessment); and
- Student earned required 22 course credits and passed all courses required for graduation

REVISED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (effective 12-12-17)

- 1. Parent submitted written request;
- 2. Student has current IEP and is receiving special education services;
- Student scored <55 on up to five Regents examinations (ELA, mathematics, science, social studies and/or additional Regents examination used for +1 pathway assessment);
- 4. If the student scored <55 or did not appeal a 52-54 in ELA and/or mathematics, he/she met the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential; and
- 5. Student earned required 22 course credits and passed all courses required for graduation



Superintendent's Review

- Upon written request from an eligible student's parent, superintendent must conduct a review to determine whether the student has otherwise met proficiency in the subject area(s) where he/she was not able to demonstrate proficiency of the State's learning standards through the corresponding Regents examination(s) required for graduation
 - Superintendent must consider evidence the student passed the course(s) required for graduation in the subject area(s) under review; and
 - Student actively participated in the Regents examinations required for graduation in the subject area(s) under review.



CDOS Commencement Credential Requirements

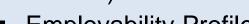
or

OPTION 1

- Career Plan
- Commencement level CDOS learning standards for:
 - > 1. Career Development
 - 2. Integrated Learning
 - > 3a. Universal Foundation Skills
- 216 hours of instruction in Career and Technical Education and/or work-based learning (WBL) (at least 54 hours must be in WBL)
- Employability Profile

OPTION 2

- Meets requirements for nationally-recognized work readiness credential approved by Commissioner
 - National Work Readiness Credential
 - SkillsUSA Work Force Ready Employability Assessment
 - National Career ReadinessCertificate WorkKeys (ACT)
 - Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems Workforce Skills Certification System





Exception to Option 1 for Award of CDOS Commencement Credential

- For students with disabilities who are eligible to graduate in either the 2017-18 school year or the 2018-19 school year only
 - District (or registered nonpublic high school or charter school) may award a CDOS Commencement Credential to a student who has not met all requirements of Option 1.
 - Principal, in consultation with relevant faculty, must determine student has otherwise demonstrated knowledge and skills relating to commencement level CDOS learning standards 1, 2 and 3a.
 - Principal must have evidence student successfully completed relevant instructional and work-based learning activities that demonstrates student has readiness skills for entry-level employment.
 - Students awarded CDOS Commencement Credential under exception may not use the credential to meet requirements for CDOS graduation pathway to a local or Regents diploma.



Next Steps

- Public comment on the amendment is being accepted through Feb. 26, 2018
 - spedpubliccomment@nysed.gov
- Anticipated that the amendment will be presented to the Board of Regents for permanent adoption at the April 2018 meeting
- Additional guidance materials, including the prescribed Superintendent Determination form will be available on the Office of Special Education webpage
 - http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/gradrequirements/home.html

