

Transition Planning, Service Eligibility &  
Types of Diplomas & Non-Diplomas  
Available for:

# STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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# TRANSITION PLANNING



Useful Transition Websites:

<http://www.nytransition.org/>

<http://www.healthytransitionsny.org/>

# WHAT NYS SERVICES HAVE ME COVERED?

## ◎ ACCESS-VR

- Adult Career and Continuing Education Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation

## ◎ OPWDD

- (Regional Offices)
- Office For People With Developmental Disabilities
- Developmental Disability Services Office

Please see ACCESS-VR & OPWDD Handout

## Question #1

Students can stay in school until the age of 21?

TRUE

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AS A PARENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY

All Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, except for (NYSAA) New York State Alternative Assessment students, are expected to earn a **New York State Diploma**.

Students with Disabilities whom have an IEP, can stay until the end of the year in which they turn 21.

# BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- ◉ Meet with your child's counselor and discuss their 4 year plan, transition plans, grades, goals etc.
- ◉ Participate in CSE meetings, open houses and other informational school activities
- ◉ Support your child's needs, interests
- ◉ Keep in contact with case manager, counselor, administrator, teachers, psychologist etc.
- ◉ Develop and maintain active goals towards your child's transition plan/postsecondary options

## Question #2

A Career Development and Occupational Studies  
Commencement Credential and Skills  
Achievement Commencement Credential are both  
diplomas?

FALSE

# GRADUATION OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

## ◉ Diploma Options

- Regents Diploma
- Local Diploma - Via Safety Net

## ◉ Non-Diploma Options

- CDOS - Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential
- SACC - Skills Achievement Commencement Credential (NYSAA only)



## Question #3

A Career Development and Occupational Studies  
Commencement Credential and Skills  
Achievement Commencement Credential can be  
used to enter college, military and trade schools?

FALSE

# DIPLLOMA OPTIONS

- ◉ Access to college, military and trade schools
- ◉ Regents Diploma
  - 22 Credits
  - 65% or higher on 5 Regents Exams (ELA, Math, Global, US and Science)
- ◉ Local Diploma (students with disabilities, IEP or 504 ONLY) - achieved through safety net options

## Question #4

Students with disabilities can pass a regents exam with a score of 55-64?

TRUE

# LOCAL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS - SAFETY NET OPTIONS

Testing requirements are determined by the year in which students started High School - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Option	Description	Eligibility
55-64 Pass Score	Student scores between 55 and 64 on the 5 required Regents exams.	For students with IEPs or 504 plans who entered Grade 9 in 2005 or after.
Compensatory	<p>Student scores between 45-54 on one or more Regents exams and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scores higher than 65 on one or more other Regents exams;</li> <li>• Receives a passing grade for the course in which he or she received a Regents exam score of 45-54; and</li> <li>• Has satisfactory attendance in accordance with school policy.</li> </ul> <p>Students cannot use this compensatory option for the English or Math Regents exams. Students must score at least a 55 on both the English and Math Regents exams.</p>	For students with IEPs or 504 plans who entered Grade 9 in 2005 or after.
Regents Competency Test (RCT)	<p>Student fails one or more of the required Regents exams, but passes corresponding Regents Competency Tests (RCT).</p> <p>Students who use the RCT option cannot also use the compensatory option.</p>	The RCTs are being phased out. The RCTs are only available to students with disabilities who entered Grade 9 between 2001 and September 2010.

## Question #5

Students with disabilities can still receive an IEP Diploma?

FALSE

# NON-DIPLOMA OPTIONS

- ⦿ CANNOT be used to apply to college, military or trade schools. They are new credentials, so it is not yet known how they will be viewed by employers.
- ⦿ **CDOS** (Career Development Occupational Studies Commencement Credential)
  - In addition to a Regents/Local Diploma
  - Alone if student with an IEP is unable to obtain Regents/Local Diploma
- ⦿ **SACC** (Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential)
  - Only for students with severe disabilities who take the NYSAA.

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES COMMENCEMENT CREDENTIAL

- Certificate that is intended to indicate a student's readiness for entry-level jobs.
- Available to students with an IEP who are NOT assessed by NYSAA.
- Obtained in 2 ways:
  - Complete a career plan, proof of achievement of the CDOS standards, complete 2 units of study in career related courses/work based learning experiences, and have an employability profile completed by school -OR-
  - Earn one of several nationally recognized work readiness credentials. (Skills USA, NWRC, ACT, CASAS)

# SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENT COMMENCEMENT CREDENTIAL

- ◉ Available ONLY to students with Severe Disabilities who take the New York State Alternative Assessment (NYSAA).
- ◉ Receive certificate & Student Exit Summary that documents:
  - Student's skills, strengths and interests
  - Student's level of achievement of NYS CDOS standards
  - Student's level of academic achievement as measured by the NYSA



# A DISABILITY DOES NOT DISAPPEAR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



# WHO'S DRIVING?



In high school, the **SCHOOL DISTRICT** is... the **PARENT** is... and the **STUDENT** is...



In an adult setting, the **STUDENT** is... the **SERVICE PROVIDER** is... the **PARENT** is...

## RESOURCES USED FOR THIS PRESENTATION INCLUDE:

- The Advocacy Center - Diploma Options & Meaningful Outcomes Power Point by Julie Buick
- Holy Childhood - Entitlement to Eligibility Power Point by Jeanne Ricigliano
- Advocates for Children of New York - <http://advocatesforchildren.org/home>
- <http://www.nysed.gov/> - Section 100.5 Commissioner's Regulations
- Transitional Experiences & Information by Pam Sacchitella & Angela Cattat