

Parents' Guide to Graduation Requirements 2008-09

Each year the New York City Department of Education distributes a Graduation Requirements card to each high school student. Cards, which have the specific graduation requirements for students in a particular class, are also available in guidance counselors' offices. The cards can also be found on the Department of Education Web site. These cards outline the credits, Regents exams, and scores required for high school graduation.

Graduation requirements differ depending on the year a student entered high school. They also differ depending on which type of diploma a student is seeking.

The Five Types of High School Diploma

- Advanced Regents
- Regents diploma
- Local diploma*
- CTE (Career and Technical Education)
- IEP (Individualized Education Program)

*The local diploma is being phased out. General education students who enter ninth grade in 2008 will not have the option of graduating with a local diploma. Students with disabilities will have the local diploma option through the cohort entering ninth grade in 2010.

Where can I find information on my child's graduation requirements?

To learn about your child's graduation requirements, you can speak to your child's guidance counselor. Graduation cards are also available online.

- For **General Education students**: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/7D58CCC2-4E93-476D-B769-B00DCA6BFC4A/0/DOE_GenEdCard_Charts_07letterFinal.pdf
- For **students with disabilities**: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/7D58CCC2-4E93-476D-B769-B00DCA6BFC4A/0/DOE_GenEdCard_Charts_07letterFinal.pdf
- For **English Language Learners**: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/E912A264-0501-4F8B-8E46-D8841526E40B/0/DOE_ELL_GradReq_07Final.pdf
- For **Career and Technical Education students**: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/399751BA-3226-4B83-96BA-8AFBEC54DE18/0/DOE_CTECard_Charts_07_letter_final.pdf

Keep the progress going

Under Children First, graduation rates have risen to their highest point in history. The City's four-year graduation rate reached a new high of 55.8% in 2007, according to the New York State Education Department. While we have plenty of work to do before all children in the City are receiving the education they need and deserve, these results show that we are firmly on the right track.