

NYS Local Diploma Safety Net Requirements for Students with Disabilities

The New York State Department of Education has determined that the following “safety-net” options are available for Students with Disabilities to earn a local high school diploma:

Students with Disabilities who enter ninth grade up through 2010: These students must still take the five required Regents examinations. If they fail to pass one or more Regents examination, they can still qualify for a local diploma by passing a Regents Competency Test (RCT) in each Regents area that they failed. The RCT option is still in effect for Students with Disabilities in the graduating classes of 2013 and 2014.

Students with Disabilities who enter ninth grade in 2011 and beyond: Students may receive a score of 55 to 64 on Regents Examinations to qualify for a local diploma. Each student must earn a 55 or better on the Math and English Regents’ Examinations, however they can compensate for a 45-54 in any of the three other Regents Examinations with a score of 65 in another area. This safety net option only applies if the student has passed the course grading and attendance requirements.

Please note: Only one 65% compensates for each grade between 45 and 54. For example, if a student receives a 65% on the Global History Regents and a 45% on the Living Environment Regents, the 65 can compensate for the 45 (but the 65% Global History Regents could not compensate for both a 45% on Living Environment and a 45% in U.S. History and Government).