

# BYRAM HILLS

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Curriculum Updates

1. *Update: NYSED Graduation Measures*
2. *Student Board Member Ex-Officio*
3. *Civics Lesson*
4. *AP Honor Roll 2024*



*Self portraits based on the work of Tim Burton.*

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*Deputy Superintendent*

**Board of Education**  
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# UPDATE: NYS GRADUATIONS MEASURES

On November 4, 2024, the Board of Regents released detailed information regarding the rollout of the new graduation measures.



## Four Transformations



Adopt a NYS  
Portrait of a  
Graduate



Redefine Credits and  
Learning  
Experiences



Sunset  
Diploma Assessment  
Requirements



Move to One NYS  
High School  
Diploma



[Presentation to the Board of Regents](#)  
(Nov. 4, 2024)

# Phased Approach



*Planning Year*  
*(Fall 2024 – Summer 2025)*



**Phase 1: Installation**  
*(Fall 2025 – Summer 2027)*



**Phase 2: Initial Implementation**  
*(Fall 2027 – Summer 2029)*



**Phase 3: Full Implementation and Scaling Up**  
*(Fall 2029+)*

# Overall Timeline

***SY** is the school year in which the initiative or action occurs.*

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SY 2024-2025

- Finalize Portrait of a Graduate
- Exemptions from Diploma Assessment Requirements for Major Life Events (effective June 2025)

**1**

SY 2025-2026

- Release details of new credit requirement (phase in with 2027 cohort)

**1**

SY 2026-2027

- Prioritized, reformatted learning standards
- Release Portrait of a Graduate rubrics and guidance
- Financial literacy and climate education required

**2**

SY 2027-2028

- One diploma
- Sunset diploma assessment requirements
- Redefined seals, endorsements
- Finalize rubrics and guidance for prioritized, reformatted learning standards

**2**

SY 2028-2029

- Highlight and disseminate best practices to encourage innovation and implementation

**3**

Fall 2029+

- New transcripts with proficiency required in standards and the Portrait of a Graduate (phase in with 2029 cohort)
- New assessments aligned to prioritized learning standards

# Diploma Requirements by Cohort

A **cohort** is defined as the grade in which students enter 9th grade.

## Cohort 2023 and prior

Current gr. 10

- Current diploma requirements\* leading to one of three diplomas (Local, Regents, or Regents with Advanced Designation)
- \* *Eligible students may request an exemption due to major life events*

## Cohorts 2024 - 2026

Current gr. 9, 8 & 7

- One diploma, advanced designation as a seal of distinction
- Current credit requirements
- Diploma assessment requirements decoupled by Fall 2027

## Cohorts 2027 - 2028

Current gr. 6 & 5

- One diploma, redefined seals and endorsements including advanced designation
- New credit requirement
- Sunset diploma assessment requirements

## Cohort 2029+

Current gr. 4

- One diploma, redefined seals and endorsements including advanced designation
- Statewide transcript required
- Proficiency in both learning standards and the Portrait of a Graduate required

*“Our students will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed to thrive in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.” -- NYSED*

Student will be:

- Proficient in the NYS **Learning Standards**
- Proficient in the components of the **Portrait of a Graduate**
- Engaged in **interdisciplinary, project-based, real-world learning**, including **career and technical education**
- Provided *multiple ways to show evidence of learning*

*I convened a study team to develop a transition plan and monitor progress toward implementation of the new graduation requirements.*

# STUDENT BOARD MEMBER EX-OFFICIO

Governor Hochul signed a new law regarding high school students participation on school boards, and it **takes effect July 1, 2025**.

The law requires school districts to establish procedures designating at least one high school student as an ex-officio member(s) of their school boards.

*The purpose of the law is to provide an opportunity for students to build skills and habits of civic engagement while providing a voice in their districts' policies and operations.*

## **Ex-officio student members:**

- Will be entitled to sit with the board members at all public meetings and hearings;
- May be permitted to participate in other board of education activities and responsibilities at the discretion of the board;
- Will not be allowed to attend executive sessions or other meetings or hearings not open to the public;
- Will not receive any compensation; and
- Will not be entitled to vote as a member of the school board.

# STUDENT BOARD MEMBER EX-OFFICIO

The selection of the student members includes the following:

- Students must have attended the high school for at least one year prior to their appointment.
- Students must be chosen in at least one of the following ways:
  - Duly elected student president of the high school government;
  - Duly elected by the student body;
  - Selected by the high school student government;
  - Selected by the high school principal;
  - Selected by the superintendent; and/or
  - Selected by majority vote of the school board.

*We are developing procedures in collaboration with Mr. Chris Walsh, and will make a recommendation to the Board at the January 14 meeting.*



# CIVICS LESSON IN GRADE 5



*Global Scholars seniors taught a civics lesson to 5th grade students.*



*Collaboration between the K-5 chairperson, Ms. Megan McCauley, and social studies chairperson, Dr. Jen Laden.*

# AP HONOR ROLL

To be recognized with the **Platinum AP School Honor Roll**, the following criteria must be met for the most current graduating class.

- **College Culture:** 80% or more of the graduating cohort took *at least 1 AP Exam* during high school.  
(Class of 2024: 89%)
- **College Credit:** 50% or more of the graduating cohort scored a 3 or higher on *at least 1 AP Exam* during high school.  
(Class of 2024: 83%)
- **College Optimization:** 15% or more of the graduating cohort *took 5 or more AP Exams* during high school. At least 1 of those exams was taken in 9th or 10th grade.  
(Class of 2024: 39%)



## PLATINUM

**AP 2024 School Honor Roll**  
**Byram Hills High School**

*(7% of eligible schools receive the platinum level.)*

*These criteria are anchored in research-based relationships between AP and college outcomes.*



*Creating Citizens of the World*