

**SAFETY NET OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO  
GRADUATE WITH A LOCAL DIPLOMA (FEBRUARY 2024)**

Safety Net Option	Available to	Requirements	Diploma Type
<b>55-64 Low Pass Safety Net Option</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students with disabilities with a current individualized education program (IEP)</li> <li>Students with a Section 4 (abion r)ss 64 89.401 12 (i)14 ( N)0 (.)3 (q)1(.)5TJ0 Tc 0 Tw 6.-30292</li> </ul>		

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<b>55-64 Low Pass Safety Net Option with Appeal (cont.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students with disabilities with a current IEP</li> <li>• Students with a Section 504 accommodation plan, if documented on the plan</li> <li>• Students declassified while in grades 8-12, if recommended and documented by the CSE</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Have at least one score on the Regents examination under appeal within the 52-54 score band;</li> <li>3. Present evidence that the student has taken advantage of academic help provided by the school in the subject tested by the Regents examination under appeal;</li> <li>4. Have a course average in the subject under appeal that meets or exceeds the required passing grade by the school (as evidenced in the official transcript that records grades achieved by the student); and</li> <li>5. Be recommended for an exemption to the graduation</li> </ol>	

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<b>Compensatory Safety Net Option</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students with disabilities with a current IEP</li> <li>• Students with a Section 504 or IEP</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>Superintendent Determination Option</b></p>	<p>Students with disabilities with a current IEP  (Does <b>NOT INCLUDE</b> students with a Section 504 accommodation plan or declassified students)</p>	<p>The <b>Superintendent Determination Option</b> allows a superintendent (or the principal/head of school of a registered nonpublic school or charter school, as applicable) to make a local determination that a student with a disability has otherwise met the standards for graduation with a local high school diploma when such student has not been successful, because of their disability, at demonstrating their proficiency on one or more of the Regents examinations required for graduation. The superintendent may <u>only</u> consider an eligible student for a local diploma through the Superintendent Determination Option upon receipt of a written request from the student's parent or guardian to the student's school principal or CSE chairperson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be eligible for the Superintendent Determination Option, a student with a disability must meet all conditions as follows:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The parent/guardian submitted a written request that their child be considered for a superintendent determination;</li> <li>2. The student has a current IEP and is receiving special education programs and/or related services;</li> <li>3. The student did not meet the graduation requirements through the existing appeal options, the low pass (55-64) safety net option and/or the compensatory option;</li> <li>4. The student has earned the required course credits and has passed, in accordance with district policy, all courses required for graduation, including the Regents courses to prepare for the corresponding required Regents examination areas (ELA, mathematics, social studies, and science);</li> <li>5. The student:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ earned a minimum score of 55 on the ELA and Mathematics Regents examinations<sup>3</sup>; and/or</li> <li>○ successfully appealed a score between 52 and 54 on ELA and Mathematics Regents examinations; and/or</li> <li>○ was unable to achieve a minimum score of 55 or did not initiate an appeal of a score of between 52 and 54 on the ELA and/or Mathematics Regents examinations but has completed the</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Local Diploma</p>

<sup>3</sup> [Exemptions](#) from the ELA and/or Mathematics Regents examinations also satisfy this condition.

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