

GUIDELINES FOR ISSUANCE OF LOCAL CERTIFICATE FOR STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES

The Committee on Special Education shall make every effort to ensure that students with disabilities are provided appropriate opportunities to earn a Regents high school diploma in accordance with the provisions of Section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Students with disabilities who are unable to complete the requirements for a Regents high school diploma may be awarded a local diploma pursuant to Part 100.6 of the Commissioner's Regulations. Local diplomas are reserved for students with disabilities who have a documented disability and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 Accommodation Plan.

The following guidelines must be followed in making the determination of awarding local diplomas:

1. The student must have acquired at least 22 credits.
2. The student received a score between 55-64 on any or all required Regents exams.
3. The student failed the necessary Regents examinations for graduation but passed the Regent Competency Tests (RCT) (with a score of 65) in that subject area.

Earning a local high school diploma shall terminate a students' entitlement to a free public education pursuant to Education Law Section 3202(1).