

Career Development Occupational Studies (CDOS) Credential

The Career Development and Occupational Standards (CDOS) credential emphasizes the importance of instruction for schools and helps to focus student commitment to career exploration and development, while ensuring students have appropriate opportunities to earn a high school diploma. The CDOS Credential recognizes the accomplishments of students and provides potential employers with documentation on which students are exiting school with demonstrated knowledge and experience for entry-level employment.

Available to	Graduation Documentation	Criteria
All students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supplement to diploma• Pathway Option• Stand Alone exiting credential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a Career Plan• Demonstrate achievement of the commencement level CDOS learning standards• Career and Technical Education (CTE) coursework and/or work-based learning experiences• Complete an employability profile

Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

The Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential will provide students participating in the New York State Assessments (NYSAA) who are exiting school after attending at least 12 years, excluding kindergarten, with a commencement certificate similar in form to the diploma issued by the school district. The Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential must be accompanied by documentation of the student’s skills and strengths and levels of independence in academic, career development and foundation skills needed for post-school living, learning and working.

Available to	Graduation Documentation	Criteria
For Students with Severe Disabilities / New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stand Alone exiting credential 	<p>Student Exit Summary that includes documentation of the student’s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> achievement against the Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) learning standards; level of academic achievement and independence as measured by NYSAA; skills, strengths, interests; and as appropriate, other achievements and accomplishments.