



FEH BOCES Staff News and Notes January 29, 2016

*“The Mission of the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton
Board of Cooperative Educational Services
is to provide shared services to its component
school districts”*

Spring 2016 Adult & Continuing Education Course Offerings

Yesterday, you should have received the Spring 2016 brochure for BOCES employees in an e-mail from Jackie Snyder. I urge you to review it and consider signing up for one or more of the offerings. As you will note, the pricing for BOCES employees is discounted 50%. I am appreciative of the board support and approval for this discount. Should you have interests that are not reflected in the offerings, or if you are interested in teaching a class in the future, please send a message to Jackie Snyder so that we can consider the interest for future offerings. Please also share the regular price flyer with those who may have interest. The BOCES Staff brochure is [here](#). The brochure for the general public is [here](#).

Diploma/Credential Requirements, Graduation Pathways and Graduation Rate Measures

At their January meeting, the Board of Regents had discussions about Diploma/Credential requirements, graduation pathways and graduation rate measures. This set of related topics has been on the front burner for the past couple of years and even those who are following it closely could have a challenge understanding the array of diploma requirements, graduation pathways, and graduation rate measures. I will attempt to provide some clarity and will provide some links to further information. This week we will start with the Diploma/Credential Requirements. In future issues information on the other two areas will be provided.

Diploma/Credential Requirements

Regents Diploma	Available to All Student Populations
Regents Diploma (through appeal)	All Student Populations
Regents Diploma (with Honors)	All Student Populations
Regents Diploma (with Advanced Designation)	All Student Populations
Regents Diploma (with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes Mastery in Math)	All Student Populations
Regents Diploma (with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes Mastery in Science)	All Student Populations
Regents Diploma (with Advanced Designation with Honors)	All Student Populations
Local Diploma (through Appeal)	All Student Populations
Local Diploma	Students with disabilities with and individualized education program (IEP) or if included on the student's section 504 Accommodation Plan
Local Diploma	English Language Learners Only
Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma (with Advanced Designation (with or without Honors), with a Career and Technical Education Endorsement)	All Student Populations

Non-diploma High School Exiting Credentials

Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential	Students with severe disabilities that are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)
Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential	Students with disabilities other than those who are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSSA)

Additional information including the specific requirements for each diploma type can be found [here](#).