

# Update on Pathways to a NYS High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma

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# Four pathways to an HSE Diploma

- ▶ High School Equivalency Exam
- ▶ 24 College Credit Pathway
- ▶ National External Diploma Program (NEDP)
- ▶ The Regents - HSE Exam Pathway

# High School Equivalency Exam

- ▶ The Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC™) has served as NYS' HSE Exam since 2014.
- ▶ Previously, the General Educational Development (GED®) test was in use since the 1940's.
- ▶ The TASC has five subtests: Reading; Writing; Social Studies; Math and Science.
- ▶ The Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) is the contracted provider of the TASC™.
- ▶ There are 244 approved Test Centers in NYS which administer the TASC™.

# 24 College Credit Pathway

- ▶ In accordance with CR 100.7 the college credit pathway to earning an HSE diploma has been a statewide option since the 1960's.
- ▶ College credits must be distributed among the following subject areas: English; Mathematics; Social Science; Natural Science; and Humanities.
- ▶ Credits must be earned from a degree granting institution within the United States.

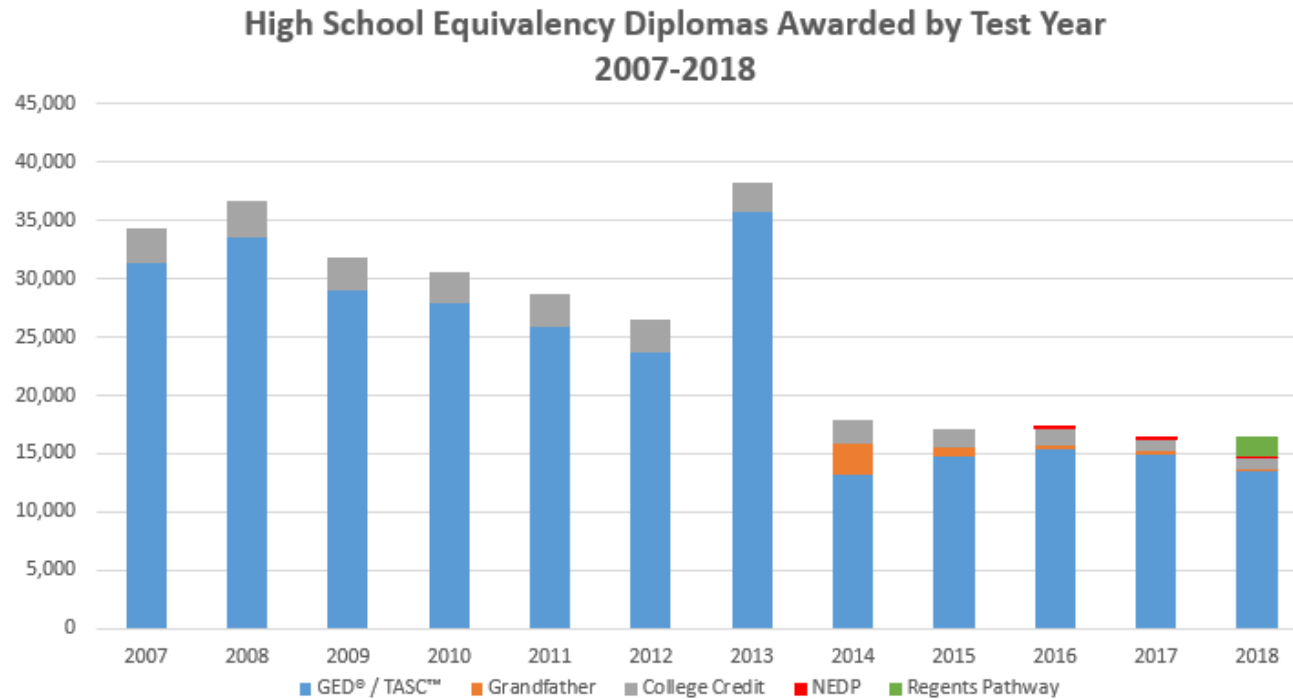
# National External Diploma Program (NEDP)

- ▶ NEDP is a small, but important pathway to earning an HSE diploma.
- ▶ NEDP enables participants to demonstrate proficiency through a comprehensive competency-based learning approach.
- ▶ While previously a local school district option, NEDP was adopted as a statewide pathway by the Board of Regents in 2016.

# The Regents - HSE Exam Pathway

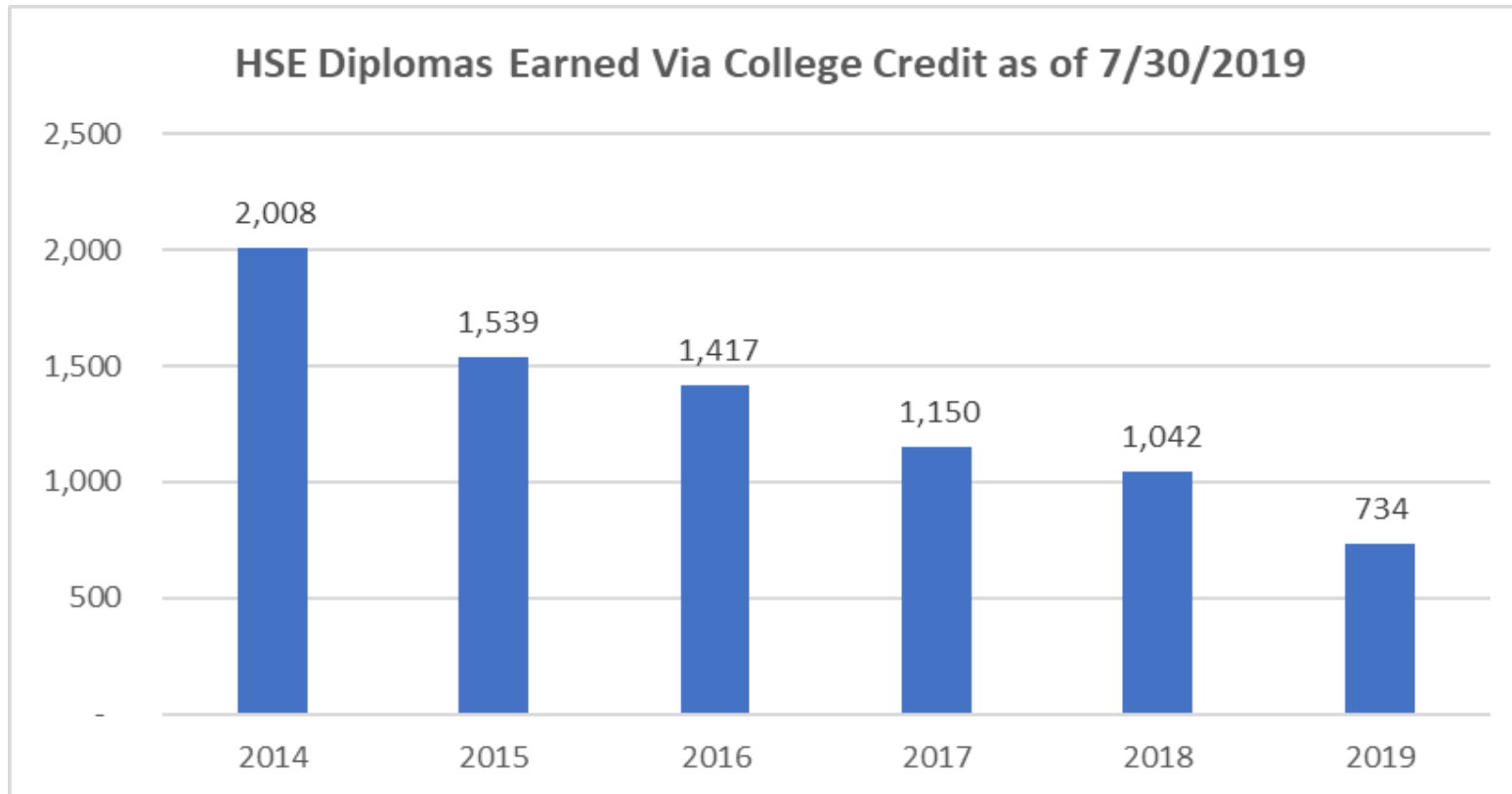
- ▶ The pathway to earning an HSE diploma by merging Regents credits with HSE Exam subtest scores was adopted by the Board of Regents in August 2018.
- ▶ Prior passing Regents exam scores can now be combined with passing TASC™ subtests from 2014 to present and/or GED® subtests from 2002-2013.
- ▶ While full battery of the TASC™ includes the following subtests - Reading; Writing; Math; Science; and Social Studies - the Regents English Language Arts Exam may be used in place of (both) the Reading and Writing subtests.
- ▶ New processes are being developed to accommodate the large volume of applicants seeking this pathway.

# NYS HSE Diplomas Awarded All Pathways



Data as of 7/30/2019

# HSE Diplomas Awarded by 24 College Credits Earned





# Diplomas Awarded Using At Least One Regents Credit

