

Some tips to get you started on the pathway to success:

Your Advisory is a place to share your successes and your progress toward goals with your peers and your advisor.

Your Individual Learning Plan (ILP) is where you will set goals, reflect on those goals, and plan for earning your diploma.

If you don't make the grade (level 2) the first time you take the NECAP tests, you will get extra help and another chance to take the test.

Your student handbook has lots of interesting and important information for you; be sure to check it out.

Remember:

Our goal is to make sure that when you graduate you will be ready for success in college, careers, and life. Your teachers and others in your high school will do everything possible to help you meet this goal!



For more information about the diploma system and graduation requirements:

R.I. Department of Education
Web site: www.ride.ri.gov

For information about school issues, colleges, and careers, including help with college and scholarship applications:

WaytoGoRI Web site
<https://waytogori.org>

For information about bullying and other concerns about safe and supportive schools:

Thrive Website
<http://www.ride.ri.gov/applications/thrive.aspx>

Preparing Students for Success

The Rhode Island Diploma System

*New graduation requirements go into effect for the Class of 2014.
Are you ready for success?*



"Our diploma system is designed to make sure that when you graduate you will be ready for success in college, careers, and life."

- Deborah A. Gist,
Commissioner of Education

Your Pathway to a R.I. High School Diploma

You will have lots of support along the way:

In School

- ✓ *Your advisor and counselor will help you use your Individual Learning Plan (ILP) to set goals and make plans for graduation and beyond.*
- ✓ *Your advisor and counselor will help you learn about the many opportunities that are available for you.*
- ✓ *Your advisor, counselor, and teachers are there to help you; let them know when you need help or if you have questions about your options.*

At Home

- ✓ *Share your schedule and your ILP goals with your family.*
- ✓ *Share what you are doing in your courses and in other school activities.*
- ✓ *Let your family members know when you hear about school meetings that they can attend.*

What must you do to earn your high-school diploma?

COURSEWORK

Complete a minimum of 20 courses

DIPLOMA ASSESSMENTS

Complete two of the following:

- Exhibition
- Portfolio
- Comprehensive Course Assessment

STATE TESTS

Be partially proficient (get a 2) on reading and math tests

LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

Your counselor or advisor will inform you of any other requirements that your school has set, and you will find them listed in your student handbook.

Coursework

These are the basic courses you must take:
4 English, 4 math, 3 science, 3 social studies, physical education, and other courses as required by your school; you will need to be skilled in 6 core areas: English, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology.

You will have lots of opportunities:

Certificates and Credentials

- ✓ *Explore and experience different careers*
- ✓ *Learn important job skills and skills that will help you in college*
- ✓ *Show employers that you are work-ready*

Regents Commendation

- ✓ *Achieve a level 3 on the state tests*
- ✓ *Successfully complete all other diploma requirements*
- ✓ *Graduate with a Regents Commendation on your diploma*

Ways to earn credit towards your diploma:

- ✓ **Career and Technical Education**
- ✓ **Online and virtual learning**
- ✓ **College courses while in high school**
- ✓ **Apprenticeships and internships**

