

Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS)



CDOS Credential

Beginning in 2015-16, both general-education students and students with disabilities may earn a Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) credential.

Program Service Code

Students working towards a CDOS credential should be reported with Program Service Code 8271 – CDOS Credential Eligible Coursework. A Program Service Code of 8271 is to be ended with one of two reason codes:

1. 700 – Received a CDOS credential
2. 701 – Left program without receiving CDOS

Since only one credential code can be reported for a student, the only way to indicate that a student earned a CDOS credential in addition to a diploma is to report the appropriate Regents or local diploma type code and the Program Service Code 8271 – CDOS Credential Eligible Coursework with a Reason for Ending code 700 – Received a CDOS Credential.

CDOS Commencement Credential

All New York State students may exit high school with the CDOS Commencement Credential if they're unable to meet the diploma requirements. Any student, who meets all the credential requirements pursuant to section 100.6(b) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, is eligible to earn a CDOS Commencement Credential, except for those students with disabilities deemed eligible for a Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential. Students exiting with only a CDOS Credential are not counted as graduates; these students are completers.

Career Path Code

Students who fulfill the requirements for earning a CDOS credential in addition to meeting graduation assessment (one Regents examination in English, science, mathematics, and two social studies), course and credit requirements must be reported with Career Path Code "HUM." Students who fulfill the requirements for earning a CDOS and use that in lieu of a second social studies Regents examination must be reported with a Career Path Code "CDOS."

Ending Enrollment

Report the Enrollment Exit Date and Reason for Ending Enrollment Code for each student awarded a credential in June or earlier, and for each student awarded a high school equivalency (HSE) diploma. All students awarded credentials in August, January, or June of the current academic year, must be included and must have an enrollment record.

- **Code 085 — Earned commencement credential:** This code is used to report students who were awarded either a Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential or a Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential. Students awarded either credential may continue to be enrolled in a public school until they earn a high school diploma or reach the age of 21. If a student is awarded a commencement credential in August or January

and continues enrollment in the school district, the credential should be recorded as awarded in June. If the student discontinued enrollment upon receiving the commencement credential in August or January, the credential should be recorded as awarded on that date. If a student received a commencement credential in August or January and a high school diploma in June, only the diploma (with or without endorsements) should be recorded. If a student receives a CDOS Commencement Credential in the current year and previously earned an IEP Diploma or Skills and Achievement Commencement credential, use *Code 085 — Earned commencement credential*. This code should not be used if the student earned a CDOS **in addition to** a local or Regents diploma.

- **Code 629 — Previously earned commencement credential or IEP:** This code is used for students who earned an IEP diploma or commencement credential in a previous school year, subsequently continued their enrollment, and then left school without earning a high school diploma. If a student receives a CDOS Commencement Credential in the current year and previously earned an IEP Diploma or Skills and Achievement Commencement credential, use *Code 085 — Earned commencement credential*.
- **Code 799 — Graduated (earned a Regents or local diploma):** This code is used to indicate the student has earned a Regents or local diploma. This code must also be accompanied by the Credential Type Code and Career Pathway Code data elements to record the student's type of diploma and pathway used to earn the diploma.
- **Code 816 — Earned a High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma:** If a student receives a CDOS Commencement Credential *and* an HSE diploma, report the student with Credential Type Code 738 (High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma) and Reason for Ending Enrollment Code 816 (Earned a High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma).