# Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential

Optional for All Students Participating in Coursework Required for a Diploma

#### Description

- \*A Certificate of Readiness for Entry-level Employment by which a student has demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary for success in future job opportunities
- \*Students receive instruction in the Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Learning Standards (includes career development and exploration, basic competencies essential for success in the workplace, applying academic knowledge and skills in the workplace and other settings as well as career-specific technical knowledge, if needed)
- Can be earned in addition to a Regents or local diploma or can be used to meet one of the five required assessments needed for graduation with a diploma
- It may be a student's only exiting credential if the student is unable to meet diploma standards and has attended at least 12 years of school, excluding Kindergarten

**Career & Technical Education (CTE)**: A group of many distinct programs and courses that develop academic and technical skills in a variety of career areas

### Requirements

\*Students can begin meeting criteria in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and through graduation or until the end of the school year in which a student turns 21

#### Option 1

- Development of a Career Plan
- Successful completion of a minimum of 216 hours in Career & Technical Education (CTE) coursework and/or Work-Based Learning (WBL) experiences (of which at least 54 hours must be in WBL experiences)
- Demonstrated achievement of the CDOS Learning Standards at the high school commencement level
- > At least one Employability Profile

## Option 2

Passes an assessment for one of the nationally recognized work-readiness credentials

Work-Based Learning (WBL): Activities which engage employers and schools in providing structured experiences and opportunities so that students can apply knowledge and skills to real world situations

Possible ways to earn a minimum of **216 hours** in Career & Technical Education (CTE) coursework and/or Work-Based Learning (WBL) experiences



Example 1

2 years of CTE

= 216 hours of CTE

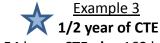
(This total includes 54 hours of WBL)



Example 2

1 vear of CTE

= 108 hours CTE plus 108 hours WBL



= 54 hours CTE **plus** 162 hours WBL



Example 4

O years of CTE

= 216 hours of WBL only

