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I am in favor of mandatory exams for high school students.\

I grew up in NY and we had the Regents exams as well as school exams. The schools gave a diploma and the state a regents diploma. The regents diploma carried more weight than the HS diploma because it was an indicator of a level of learning that met certain standards.

The student could get a high school diploma but not necessarily a Regent's diploma. The student could opt out of Regents testing but still say that they got the HS diploma. Believe me employers knew the difference but did not speak about it. You were asked if you had a Regent's diploma and that was that.

I cannot believe that the American public is getting dumber (even though we dumbed down with no child left behind), I do believe that the teacher's are not doing their jobs and that parents are coddling their children and protecting them from failure.

By the way, many many years ago I taught high school history.