

New York State Diploma Requirements Applicable to All Students Enrolled in Grades 9-12

Credit Requirements

(Apply to all diploma types: local, Regents, Regents with advanced designation)

| | Minimum number of credits |
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| English | 4 |
| Social Studies <i>Distributed as follows:</i> <i>U.S. History (1)</i> <i>Global History and Geography (2)</i> <i>Participation in Government (½)</i> <i>Economics (½)</i> | 4 |
| Science <i>Distributed as follows:</i> <i>Life Science (1)</i> <i>Physical Science (1)</i> <i>Life Science or Physical Science (1)</i> | 3 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Languages Other than English (LOTE) | 1 ^(**) |
| Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater | 1 |
| Physical Education <i>(participation each semester)</i> | 2 |
| Health | 0.5 |
| Electives | 3.5 |
| Total | 22 |

^(**)Students with a disability may be excused from the requirement for 1 unit of credit in LOTE if so indicated on their IEP, but they must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate.

1.) Pathways

A student must either:

- successfully complete all the [requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/cdos-pathway-regents-or-local-diploma) (<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/cdos-pathway-regents-or-local-diploma>); or
- pass an additional math Regents examination or Department approved alternative in a different course; or
- pass an additional science Regents examination or Department approved alternative in a different course; or
- pass an additional social studies Regents examination or Department approved alternative in a different course; or
- pass an additional English assessment in a different course selected from the Department approved alternative list; or
- successfully complete an approved CTE program, including the associated 3-part technical assessment; or
- pass a Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts; or
- pass a Department approved pathway assessment in a Language Other than English (LOTE).

Reference [Multiple Pathways](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/multiple-pathways) (<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/multiple-pathways>).

Reference [Department Approved Alternative Examinations](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf) (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>).

2.) Appeals

Appeals are subject to local district approval.

Reference [Appeals, Safety Nets, and Superintendent Determination](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/appeals-safety-nets-and-superintendent-determination) (<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/appeals-safety-nets-and-superintendent-determination>)

3.) Special Endorsements

Honors: A student earns a computed average of at least 90 on the Regents examinations applicable to either a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation. No more than 2 Department approved alternatives can be substituted for Regents examinations. The locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination is not included in the calculation.

Mastery in Math and/or Science: A student meets all the requirements for a Regents diploma with advanced designation AND earns a score of 85 or better on 3 math Regents examinations and/or 3 science Regents examinations.

Technical Endorsement: A student meets the requirements for either a local diploma, a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation AND successfully completes a Department approved CTE program including the 3-part technical assessment.

Reference [Regents Examination and Graduation Requirements: Questions Related to COVID-19 Closures](#) FAQ for additional information pertaining to awarding special endorsements to students with exam exemptions due to COVID-19 closures.

4.) Languages Other than English (LOTE) Exempt Students

Students with a disability may be excused from the required units of credit in LOTE if so indicated on their IEP, but they must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate. A LOTE exempt student who seeks a Regents diploma with advanced designation does NOT have to complete the 5-unit sequence in the Arts or CTE in lieu of LOTE in order to meet the assessment requirements for the advanced diploma.

5.) Superintendent Determination of a Local Diploma

Students with a disability who are unable to attain a local diploma through the various safety net provisions may be eligible for a Superintendent Determination of a local diploma under certain conditions. Reference [Appeals, Safety Nets, and Superintendent Determination](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/appeals-safety-nets-and-superintendent-determination) (<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/appeals-safety-nets-and-superintendent-determination>).

6.) Exemptions due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Students granted an exemption from any examination due to COVID-19 cancellations are not required to pass such specific examinations to meet the assessment requirements for any diploma type. Reference [Regents Examination and Graduation Requirements: Questions Related to COVID-19 Closures](#) FAQ.

Assessment Requirements

| | Regents Diploma for All Students | | Regents Diploma via Appeal for All Students | | Local Diploma via Appeal for All Students | | Local Diploma for Students with a Disability | | Local Diploma via Appeal for English Language Learners | |
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| REGENTS EXAM or passing score on a Department approved alternative | # of Exams | Passing Score | # of Exams | Passing Score | # of Exams | Passing Score | # of Exams | Passing Score | # of Exams | Passing Score |
| English Language Arts (ELA) | 1 | 65 | 1 | 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district and all remaining Regents exams with a score of 65 or above | 1 | 2 Regents exams with a score of 60-64 for which appeals have been granted by the district and all remaining Regents exams with a score of 65 or above | 1 | 55 ^{*^} | 1 | Either the ELA Regents exam with a score of 55-59 for which an appeal has been granted by the district, and all remaining Regents exams with a score of 65 or above, <u>OR</u> 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 and the ELA Regents with a score of 55-59 for which appeals have been granted for both by the district, and the remaining Regents exams with a score of 65 or above † |
| Math | 1 | 65 | 1 | | 1 | | 55 ^{*^} | 1 | | |
| Science | 1 | 65 | 1 | | 1 | | 55 ^{*^} | 1 | | |
| Social Studies | 1 | 65 | 1 | | 1 | | 55 ^{*^} | 1 | | |
| Pathway <i>(See note 1 on reverse side)</i> | 1 or CDOS | 65 if Regents Exam | 1 or CDOS | 1 or CDOS | 1 or CDOS | 55 ^{*^} if Regents Exam | 1 or CDOS | | | |
| Compensatory Safety Net | <i>Non-Applicable</i> | | <i>Non-Applicable</i> | | <i>Non-Applicable</i> | | Scores of 45-54 on any required Regents exam (except ELA and Mathematics) can be compensated by a score of 65 or above on another required Regents exam including ELA and Mathematics. | | <i>Non-Applicable</i> | |

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Students seeking the Regents diploma with advanced designation must:

- Meet the credit and assessment requirements for a Regents diploma; and
- Pass **two additional** Regents **exams** or Department approved alternatives in **mathematics**; and
- Pass **one additional** Regents **exam** or Department approved alternative in **science**
 - students seeking advanced designation must pass at least one Regents exam or Department approved alternative in both sciences (**one life and one physical**); and
- Complete a **sequence**:
 - earn an additional 2 units of credit in LOTE (for a total of 3 LOTE credits) and pass a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination, or
 - complete a 5 unit sequence in the Arts, or
 - complete a 5 unit sequence in CTE.

Assessment Combinations for Advanced Designation

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| Traditional Combination | ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, 2 science (1 life science, 1 physical science) = 8 assessments |
| Pathway Combination (other than STEM) | ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 2 science (1 life science, 1 physical science), 1 Pathway (other than science or math) = 7 (+Pathway) or 8 assessments. |
| STEM (Mathematics) Pathway Combination | ELA, 1 social studies, 4 math [†] , 2 science (1 life science, 1 physical science) = 8 assessments. |
| STEM (Science) Pathway Combination | ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 3 science (at least 1 life science, at least 1 physical science) = 8 assessments. |

* A student with a disability may appeal scores between 52 and 54 on up to two Regents examinations in any discipline and graduate with the local diploma. Reference [New York State Diploma/Credential Requirements: Local diploma for Students with Disabilities](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf) (<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf>).

^In the event a student with a disability is unable to attain a passing score on any Regents examination, the student may be eligible for a Superintendent Determination of a local diploma. Reference [Appeals, Safety Nets, and Superintendent Determination](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/appeals-safety-nets-and-superintendent-determination) (<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/appeals-safety-nets-and-superintendent-determination>).

†English Language Learners seeking an appeal for a score of 55-59 on the ELA Regents Exam are only eligible if they entered the United States in grade 9 or after and were classified as an English Language Learner when they took the test the second time. Reference [New York State Diploma/Credential Requirements: Local diploma for English Language Learners](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf) (<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf>).

‡The 4th mathematics examination can be selected from the list of [Department Approved Alternative Examinations](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf) (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>).