

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
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](#).

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 the [Endorsements and Seals webpage](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/endorsements-and-seals) (<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/endorsements-and-seals>) for additional information pertaining to awarding special endorsements to students with exam exemptions due to COVID-19.

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 are not required to pass such specific examinations to meet the assessment requirements for any diploma type. Reference the following FAQs: [June/August 2020](#), [January 2021](#), and [June/August 2021](#) for additional information.

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	
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

<p>Students seeking the Regents diploma with advanced designation must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ earn an additional 2 units of credit in LOTE and passing 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

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.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/state-assessment/approved-alternative-examinations.pdf) (<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/state-assessment/approved-alternative-examinations.pdf>).