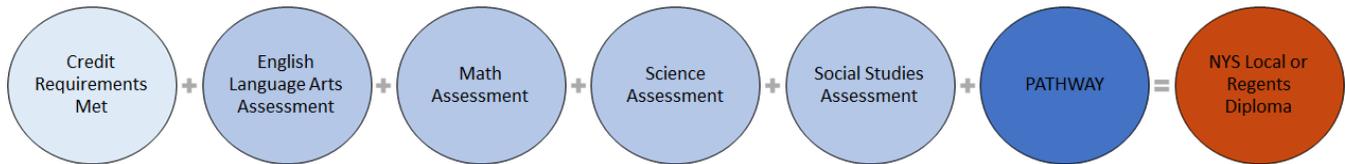


# Multiple Pathways to Graduation

Multiple pathways recognize the importance of engaging students in rigorous and relevant academic programs. The pathway options recognize students' interests in the Arts, Career and Technical Education (CTE), Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS), Civics, Humanities, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and World Languages by allowing an approved pathway to satisfy students' graduation requirements.

Under the "4+1" pathway assessment option, students must take and pass four required Regents Exams or Department-approved alternative assessments (one in each of the following subjects: English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies) and complete a comparably rigorous pathway to meet the fifth assessment requirement for graduation.



## Pathway Requirements

Pathway	Students must successfully complete:
Arts Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an additional Arts course (or sequence) culminating in a Department-approved pathway assessment; and</li> <li>the culminating <a href="#">Department-Approved Pathway Assessment in the Arts</a>; or</li> <li>the <a href="#">Individual Arts Assessment Pathway (IAAP) requirements</a>.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the IAAP will be piloted beginning in Fall 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a <a href="#">NYSED-Approved CTE Program</a> and</li> <li>the culminating 3-part technical assessment.</li> </ul>
Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the <a href="#">CDOS Commencement Credential Requirements</a> (Option 1 or Option 2).</li> </ul>
Civics Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the <a href="#">Seal of Civic Readiness requirements</a>.</li> </ul>
Humanities Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an additional Social Studies or English Language Arts course culminating in a Regents or Department-approved alternative assessment; and</li> <li>the culminating Regents Exam</li> <li>or <a href="#">Department-Approved Alternative</a>.</li> </ul>
STEM Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an additional Science or Mathematics course culminating in a Regents or Department-approved alternative assessment; and</li> <li>the culminating <a href="#">Regents Exam</a> or <a href="#">Department-Approved Alternative</a>.</li> </ul>
World Languages Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a sequence of World Languages courses culminating in a Department-approved pathway assessment; and</li> <li>the culminating <a href="#">Department-Approved Pathway Assessment in World Languages</a>.</li> </ul>

## Approved Pathway Assessments

- [World Languages](#)
  - <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/world-languages-approved-assessments>
- [The Arts](#)
  - [http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/artsapprovedassessments2015\\_03\\_30.pdf](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/artsapprovedassessments2015_03_30.pdf)
- [Career Development and Occupational Studies \(CDOS\)](#)
  - <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/cdos-approved-assessments-2017.pdf>
- [Department-Approved Alternatives](#)
  - <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/state-assessment/approved-alternative-examinations.pdf>

## Pathway Resources

### Frequently Asked Questions

- [Multiple Pathways Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Application Process for Consideration of Pathway Assessments

- The New York State Education Department is currently accepting Applications for Pathway (i.e., “+1 option”) Assessments in World Languages and the Arts. Refer to the [Application Process for Assessment Review](#) for additional information.

### Related Resources

- [New York State General Education & Diploma Requirements](#)
- Field Advisory: [Career Development Occupational Studies Graduation Pathway Option](#), June 2016
- Field Memo: [Multiple Pathways to Graduation 4+1 Option](#), April 2015

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