New York State Graduation Requirements

A presentation for New York State's students and families

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Welcoming Activity

Goals and Objectives

Goals:

- Summarize the current New York State Graduation Requirements.
- Provide access to additional resources so students and families can advocate for appropriate pathways to exit high school.

Objectives:

- Explain credit requirements.
- Describe assessment requirements.
- Discuss each of the multiple (+1) pathways.
- Identify each diploma type.
- Compare seals and endorsements.
- Recognize credentials that are not diplomas.

Diploma Requirements

Credit Requirements

Assessment Requirements

Credit Requirements

Student Choice in Course Selection

- In most disciplines, student choose the courses they want to take.

Required Courses

- Health (½ credit required)
- Global Studies and Geography (2 credits required)
- United States History (1 credit required)
- Participation in Government (½ credit required)
- Economics (½ credit required)

	Minimum Number of Credits
English	4
Social Studies *Distributed as follows:* *U.S. History (1)* *Global History and Geography (2)* *Participation in Government (½)* *Economics (½)*	4
Science *Distributed as follows:* *Life Science (1)* *Physical Science (1)* *Life Science or Physical Science (1)*	3
Mathematics	3
Language other than English	1
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education *(participation each semester)*	2
Health	½
Electives	3 ½
Total	**22**

Credit Requirements

Assessment Requirements

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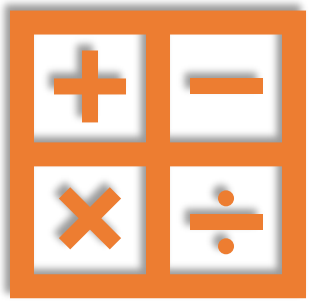
English



1
Math

1
Science

1
Social Studies

1
Pathway (Student Choice)

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Assessment Requirements: Multiple (+1) Pathways

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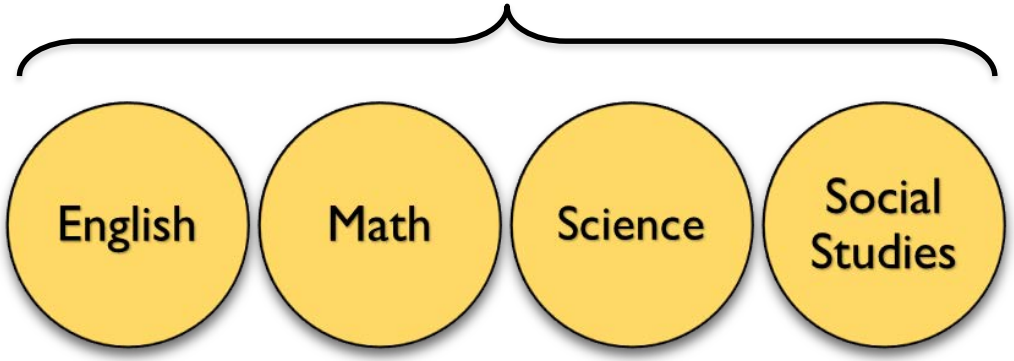
All students must pass 4 required assessments (one in each discipline)



+ 1

Pathways

- STEM
- Humanities
- Arts
- LOTE
- CTE
- CDOS

If students are not able to earn a passing score of 65 on Regents exams, they may be eligible for:

- Appeals
- Safety Nets
- Superintendent Determination

[Multiple Pathways]

[Appeals, Safety Nets, and Superintendent Determination]

[Transfer Students]

Types of Diplomas

Local

22 units of credit

Used appeals, safety nets to meet assessment requirements

- OR Superintendent Determination of a Local Diploma

Regents

22 units of credit

Earned passing scores (65+ for Regents exams)* on all required assessments (4 +1)

Regents with Advanced Designation

22 units of credit

Earned passing score (65+) on all required assessments (7 + 1)

- Additional exams required
  - +2 math
  - +1 science

Completed a sequence

* A student can appeal one Regents exam score within 5 points of passing and still receive a Regents Diploma

Seals and Endorsements

Local Diploma	Regents Diploma	Regents with Advanced Designation
Technical Endorsement	Technical Endorsement	Technical Endorsement
	Seal of Biliteracy	Seal of Biliteracy
	Honors Endorsement	Honors Endorsement
		Mastery in Mathematics and/or Science

[Seals and Endorsements]

Exiting Credentials that are Not Diplomas: Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Credential

The CDOS Commencement Credential is unique as it can serve three purposes:

- a pathway to a diploma (as the +1 assessment option);
- an addition to a diploma; or
- an exiting credential.

- Available to all students
- Students attempt, but do not successfully complete all the New York State diploma requirements
- Students must complete all the CDOS Commencement Credential requirements

Exiting Credentials that are Not Diplomas: Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

- Available to Students with Disabilities assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment
- Must be accompanied by documentation of the students' skills and strengths and levels of independence in academic, career development and foundation skills needed for post-school living, learning and working
- The credential may be issued at any time after such student has attended school for at least 12 years, excluding kindergarten, or has received a substantially equivalent education elsewhere, or at the end of the school year in which a student attains the age of 21.

Optimistic Closure: Suit Yourself!

Something from the heart

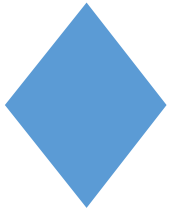
How did you feel? What did it mean to you?

Used to dig in the garden

What new ideas were planted? What ideas were dug up?

Things that grew

What new ideas, new thoughts, or new points of view emerged?



Gems that last forever

What are some of the gems of wisdom gathered from people or content?

Thank you!

General Education and Diploma Requirements

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