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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 *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
World Languages	1(**)
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education *(participation each semester)*	2
Health	½
Electives	3 ½
Total	**22**

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

1.) **Pathways**

A student must either:

- earn the Seal of Civic Readiness; or
- pass an additional Regents Exam or Department Approved Alternative in a different course (English, mathematics, science, or social studies); or
- pass a Department Approved Pathway Assessment (Arts, CDOS, World Languages); or
- successfully complete a NYSED-approved CTE program, including the associated 3-part technical assessment; or
- successfully complete all the requirements for earning the CDOS Commencement Credential.

Beginning in fall 2022, a select number of NYS schools will pilot the Individual Arts Assessment Pathway (IAAP). Reference Multiple Pathways and Department Approved Alternative Examinations.

2.) **Traditional Appeals**

All appeals are subject to local district approval. Reference: Appeals, Safety Nets, and Superintendent Determination

3.) **Special Endorsements**

Honors: A student earns a computed average of at least 90 on the Regents Exams 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 Exams. The locally developed Checkpoint B examination in World Languages 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 Exams and/or 3 science Regents Exams.

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.

Seal of Biliteracy: A student meets the criteria for earning the NYS Seal of Biliteracy.

Seal of Civic Readiness: A student meets the criteria for earning the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness.

Reference the Endorsements and Seals webpage or NYS Diploma/Credential Requirements for additional information related to awarding special endorsements to students with exam exemptions due to COVID-19.

4.) **World Languages Exemption**

Students with a disability may be excused from the required units of credit in World Languages if so indicated on their IEP, but they must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate. Such 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 the sequence in World Languages 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

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

Exemptions: Students granted an exemption from any exam due to COVID-19 are not required to pass such specific exam to meet the assessment requirements for any diploma type. Reference the following FAQs: June/August 2020, January 2021, June/August 2021, and January 2022

Special Appeals: Eligible students may use lower scores (50-64) on Regents Exams taken during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 school year to meet the assessment requirements for any diploma type. Reference: Special Appeals Memo and FAQ.

Special Determination: Students who are scheduled to graduate in **June 2022** and either do not qualify for a Special Appeal or who are unable to participate in one or more required Regents Exam(s) because of illness, including isolation restrictions due to COVID, may request a Special Determination to Graduate with a Local Diploma in June 2022.

7.) **Exemptions from the Regents Exam in US History and Government (Framework)**

Eligible students shall be granted an exemption from the June 2022, August 2022, or January 2023 Regents Exam in US History and Government (Framework). Reference: FAQ on Cancellation of Regents Exam in US History and Government (Framework)

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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, OR 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		1	55[*^]	1	
Science	1	65[!]	1		1		1	55[*^]	1	
Social Studies	1	65[!]	1		1		1	55[*^]	1	
Pathway *(See note 1 on reverse side)*	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	*Non-Applicable*		*Non-Applicable*		*Non-Applicable*		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.		*Non-Applicable*	

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 World Languages and pass a locally developed Checkpoint B World Languages 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.

^ 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.

[†] 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.

[‡] The 4th mathematics examination can be selected from the list of Department Approved Alternative Examinations.

[!] For the purposes of determining a student's diploma type, exemptions and Special Appeals should be considered passing scores. Both exemptions and Special Appeals may be applied to all diploma types.