

## 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 (see note #6) <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 <sup>(**)</sup>
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education <i>(participation each semester)</i>	2
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

<sup>(\*\*)</sup>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:

- complete all the [requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/cdos-field-memo-june-2016.pdf) (<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/cdos-field-memo-june-2016.pdf>); or
- pass an additional math Regents examination in a different course or Department approved alternative; or
- pass an additional science Regents examination in a different course or Department approved alternative; or
- pass an additional social studies Regents examination in a different course or Department approved alternative; or
- pass an additional English assessment in a different course selected from the Department Approved Alternative list; or
- pass a Department approved CTE pathway assessment, following successful completion of an approved CTE program; or
- pass a Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts; or
- pass a Department approved pathway assessment in a Language Other than English (LOTE)

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

See [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.

See [Information on an Appeal to Graduate with a Lower Score on a Regents Examination](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/3-18appealformincludingell-swdmarch2018.pdf)

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#### 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.

#### 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. See [Superintendent Determination Option for Graduation with a Local Diploma](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-option-august-2018.html) (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-option-august-2018.html>).

#### 6.) Social Studies Requirement for Students entering grade 9 prior to September 2016

All students first entering grade 9 in 1985 and thereafter but prior to September 2016, shall earn four units of credit in social studies. Such requirement shall include: one unit of credit in American history and one half unit of credit in *Participation in Government* and one half unit of credit in *Economics*.

### EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

REGENTS EXAM or passing score on a Department approved alternative	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	
	# 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 <sup>*^</sup>	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, <b>OR</b> 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 <sup>†</sup>
Math	1	65	1		1		1	55 <sup>*^</sup>		
Science	1	65	1		1		1	55 <sup>*^</sup>		
Social Studies	1	65	1		1		1	55 <sup>*^</sup>		
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 <sup>*^</sup> 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

Depending on the pathway a student chooses, the Regents diploma with advanced designation assessment requirements may be met in multiple ways. Students seeking the Regents diploma with Advanced Designation may choose from the following assessment options:

Traditional Combination	ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, 2 science (1 life science, 1 physical science) = 8 assessments. In addition, the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5-unit sequence in the arts or CTE.
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) or complete the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 (+CDOS) or 8 assessments. In addition, the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5-unit sequence in the arts or CTE.
STEM (Mathematics) Pathway Combination	ELA, 1 social studies, 4 math <sup>†</sup> , 2 science (1 life science, 1 physical science) = 8 assessments. In addition, the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B Exam or a 5-unit sequence in the arts or CTE.
STEM (Science) Pathway Combination	ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 3 science (at least 1 life science, at least 1 physical science) = 8 assessments. In addition, the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5-unit sequence in the arts or CTE.

\* 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. See [Diploma Requirements Chart: Local diploma for Students with Disabilities](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf#page=4) (<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf#page=4>).

^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](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/gradrequirements/home.html). See [Information Related to Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/gradrequirements/home.html) (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/gradrequirements/home.html>).

†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. See [Diploma Requirements Chart: Local Diploma: English Language Learners Only](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf#page=6) (<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf#page=6>).

†The 4<sup>th</sup> 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>).