

## 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>	4
<i>Global History and Geography (2)</i>	
<i>Participation in Government (½)</i>	
<i>Economics (½)</i>	
Science	
<i>Distributed as follows:</i>	
<i>Life Science (1)</i>	3
<i>Physical Science (1)</i>	
<i>Life Science or Physical Science (1)</i>	
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:

- successfully complete all the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential (<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>).

Reference Department Approved Alternative Examinations (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>).

#### 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>)

#### 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>) 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>).

#### 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
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	65	1	55**	1
Math	1	65	1	55**	1
Science	1	65	1	55**	1
Social Studies	1	65	1	55**	1
Pathway (See note 1 on reverse side)	1 or CDOS	65 if Regents Exam	1 or CDOS	55** if Regents Exam	1 or CDOS
Compensatory Safety Net	Non-Applicable		Non-Applicable		Non-Applicable

**Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation**

**Assessment Combinations for 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 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.

Traditional Combination	Pathway Combination (other than STEM)	STEM (Mathematics) Pathway Combination	STEM (Science) Pathway Combination
ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, 2 science (1 life science, 1 physical science) = 8 assessments	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.	ELA, 1 social studies, 4 math*, 2 science (1 life science, 1 physical science) = 8 assessments.	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/Credentia Requirements: Local diploma for Students with Disabilities (<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>).

†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/Credentia Requirements: Local diploma for English Language Learners (<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf>).

‡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/1st.pdf>).