

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> <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
World Languages	1 ^(**)
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education <i>(participation each semester)</i>	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 NYSED-Approved Regents Alternative in a different course (English, mathematics, science, or social studies); or
- pass a NYSED-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; or
- successfully complete the [Individual Arts Assessment Pathway \(IAAP\)](#).

Reference: [Multiple Pathways](#) and [NYSED-Approved Regents Examination Alternatives](#)

2.) Appeals

All appeals are subject to local district approval. Reference: [Appeals, Safety Nets, and Superintendent Determination](#)

3.) Exemptions from Diploma Assessment Requirements

- **Exemptions due to a Major Life Events:** Reference the [Exemptions for Major Life Events memo](#).
- **Exemptions from the Regents Exam in US History and Government (Framework):** Reference the [FAQ on Cancellation of Regents Exam in US History and Government \(Framework\)](#).
- **COVID Exemptions:** Reference the FAQs: [June/August 2020](#), [January 2021](#), [June/August 2021](#), and [January 2022](#)
- **Special Determination (June 2022 graduates only):** Reference the [Special Determination to Graduate with a Local Diploma in June 2022](#) memo.

4.) 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 NYSED-Approved Regents 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.
- **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](#).
- **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 NYSED-Approved CTE program including the 3-part technical assessment.

Reference the [Endorsements and Seals webpage](#) or [NYS Diploma/Credential Requirements](#) for additional information related to awarding special endorsements to students with exam exemptions.

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.) 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.

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 NYSED-Approved Regents 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	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 ¹ 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 ¹ 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 ¹ or above, <u>OR</u> 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 ¹ or above [†]
Math	1	65 ¹	1		1		1	55 ^{*^}	1	
Science	1	65 ¹	1		1		1	55 ^{*^}	1	
Social Studies	1	65 ¹	1		1		1	55 ^{*^}	1	
Pathway (See note 1 on reverse side)	1 or CDOS	65 ¹ 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 ¹ 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:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the credit and assessment requirements for a Regents diploma; and Pass two additional Regents Exams or NYSED-Approved Regents Alternatives in mathematics; and Pass one additional Regents Exam or NYSED-Approved Regents Alternative in science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> students seeking advanced designation must pass at least one Regents Exam or NYSED-Approved Regents Alternative in both sciences (one life and one physical); and Complete a sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Exams 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 Exam, 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 [NYSED-Approved Regents Examination Alternatives](#).

¹ 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.