

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Awarding of diplomas and local certificates and participation in graduation ceremony shall be based on the following graduation requirements:

Twenty two units of credit must be completed for graduation. A unit of credit generally represents completion of a full-year course that meets four or more times per week and requires homework assignments. The following 18½ units are prescribed:

English	4 Credits
Social Studies	4 Credits
Mathematics	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
(biology, a physical science, and one additional science)	

World Language	1 Credit
Art and/or Music	1 Credit
Health	½ Credit
Physical Education	2 Credits (½ credit per year for four years)

Regents Diploma

The New York State Board of Regents requires that all New York State high schools offer a Regents diploma in addition to the local diploma. To earn a Regents diploma, students must satisfy all the graduation requirements for the local diploma and also meet certain additional requirements. They include Regents examinations in English, science, mathematics, *either* American history and government *or* global studies, and one additional assessment from among the following: a fifth Regents examination *or* a State approved alternative assessment *or* a State approved pathway assessment *or* a career and technical education (CTE) pathway assessment (following the successful completion of an approved CTE program) *or* an arts pathway assessment.

A high school diploma will represent termination of the District's responsibility to provide additional educational training opportunities as part of the regular day program. Any student earning a CDOS Commencement Credential will be informed in writing of his or her right to attend the public schools of the District until one of the following occurs:

1. The student earns a high school diploma.
2. The student attains the age of 21 prior to September first of a school year.

Ref: 8 NYCRR §§100.1-100.7
Matter of O'Neill, 29 EDR 297 (1990)

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