

Graduation Credit Requirements for the Class of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

In order to earn a diploma, every student must earn a minimum of 22 credits in addition to meeting specific New York State testing competencies. Only those students who successfully fulfill the diploma requirements are permitted to participate in graduation exercises.

Local Diploma ^{#1} (see below) Special Education & Certain ESL Students Only	
English	4
Social Studies	4
Math	3
Science	3
World Language ^{#2}	1
Art/Music	1
Health	.5
Physical Education ^{#4}	2
Sequence/Electives	3.5
Total	22
Required Regents Exams (Passing Score 55-64) <i>[Special Education & English Language Learners Only]</i>	
English Language Arts Exam	
One Math Exam: Algebra or Geometry or Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	
Global History or U.S. History Exam	
One Science Exam: Earth Science or Living Environment (Biology) or Chemistry or Physics	
World Language Checkpoint A Exam (Passing Score of 65 or higher)	

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Required Regents Exams (Passing Score of 65 and Above)	
English Language Arts Exam	
One Math Exam: Algebra or Geometry or Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	
Global History or U.S. History Exam	
One Science Exam: Earth Science or Living Environment (Biology) or Chemistry or Physics	
World Language Checkpoint A Exam (Passing Score of 65 or higher)	

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation	
English	4
Social Studies	4
Math	3
Science	3
World Language ^{#3}	3
Art/Music	1
Health	.5
Physical Education ^{#4}	2
Electives	1.5
Total	22
Required Regents Exams (Passing Score of 65 and Above)	
English Language Arts Exam	
Three Math Exams: Algebra, Geometry, & Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	
Global History or U.S. History Exam	
Two Science Exams: 1. Living Environment; 2. Earth Science or Chemistry or Physics	
World Language Checkpoint B Exam (Passing Score of 65 or higher)	

Additional Notes:

Unless classified with a learning disability, students must score a 65 or above on 4*(or 5) required NY State Regents exams (1*or 2-History; 1-Science; 1-Math; 1-English) ***Effective January 2015**, if a student does not pass either the Global History & Geography or US History Regents exam with a 65, NYSED has approved an alternative "**Pathway to Graduation**." This allows a student to substitute an approved "alternative assessment" in the Humanities, STEM, Bi-literacy, CTE or the Arts, in lieu of the non-passing Global History or US History Regents exam score. **All students must earn at least 1 passing score on a Regents History exam.**

#1. The Local Diploma option is available to students classified with a disability and English Language Learners. A student with a disability may appeal scores between 52-54 on up to two Regents examinations in any discipline in order to earn a Local Diploma. A Local Diploma may be earned by an English Language Learner who earns 4 exams with a minimum score of 65 and ELA with a score of 55-61, OR 3 exams with a minimum score of 65, and 1 exam with a score of 62-64 and ELA with a score of 55-61 for which an appeal has been granted by the district. (The appeal process requires additional criteria listed in NYSED Commissioner's regulations 100.5(d)(7))

#2. Students are required to complete **1 credit** of a World Language in High School or to have passed a locally developed Checkpoint A exam (65 or above) and the Checkpoint A class.

#3. Students are required to complete **3 credits** of a World Language to qualify for the **Advanced Designation Diploma** and pass a Checkpoint B locally developed exam given at the end of grade 10 or end of Checkpoint B. Students may substitute five credits of Art, Music or Business or Occupational Education. However, students who use this substitution option must still earn at least **1 World Language credit**.

#4. All students must take Physical Education each semester and earn the equivalent of **2 credits** in order to graduate.

Effective October 2012, a "compensatory score option" for a Local Diploma became available to students with disabilities who complete all of the following: **1.** Score between 45-54 on one or more of the 5 required Regents exams (excluding English and Math) but scores 65 or higher on one or more of the other required exams; **2.** Obtain a passing grade in the course of the Regents course in which they earned a 45-54 on the state exam; **3.** Maintains a satisfactory attendance rate for the course in which the 45-64 exam score was earned; **4.** The student is not already using a passing score on one or more RCT's to graduate with a Local Diploma. (A student may not use the "compensatory score option" if they are using a passing score on one or more RCT's to graduate with a local diploma.)

Pathways to Graduation (4+1 Option)

Students who first enter grade nine in September 2011 and thereafter or who are otherwise eligible to graduate in June 2015 or thereafter, have the following options available in order to meet the assessment requirements leading to a Regents or Local diploma:

Required four (4): ELA Regents exam, 1 Math Regents exam, 1 Science Regents exam, 1 Social Studies Regents exam (or a Department Approved Alternative for any of the four required exams)

Plus any one (1) of the following assessments:

- Additional Math Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Additional Science Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Additional Social Studies Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Additional English assessment in a different course selected from the Department Approved Alternative list; or
- A Department approved CTE pathway assessment, following successful completion of an approved** CTE program
- A Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts
- A Department approved pathway assessment in a Language other than English (LOTE)

**Approved CTE Pathway Assessments are available at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>

Requirements for the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Students may earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and also avail themselves of the Pathway assessment option. In all cases, students must pass a total of 8 Regents Exams or Department approved alternative assessments where applicable in order to earn the Regents diploma with advanced designation.

Students may meet the assessment requirements in order to earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation by passing any one of the following combinations of Regents examinations and/or Department approved alternatives, if applicable:

- Traditional Combination: 1 English Language Arts, 1 Global History and Geography II, 1 US History and Government, 1 Mathematics, 1 Science, plus 2 additional Math and 1 additional Science (for a total of two science; one must be Life Science (Biology) and one must be Physical Science (Earth Science or Chemistry or Physics) = 8 Assessments
- Pathway Combination (other than STEM): 1 English Language Arts, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, 1 Math, 1 pathway (other than Science or Math), plus 2 additional Math and 1 additional Science (for a total of two Science; one must be Life Science (Biology) and one must be Physical Science (Earth Science or Chemistry or Physics) = 8 Assessments
- STEM (Mathematics) Pathway Combination: 1 English Language Arts, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, 1 Math, 1 Math pathway plus 2 additional Math (for a total of four math) and 1 additional Science (for a total of two Science; one must be Life Science (Biology) and one must be Physical Science (Earth Science or Chemistry or Physics) = 8 Assessments
- STEM (Science) Pathway Combination: 1 English Language Arts, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, 1 Math, 1 Science pathway, plus 2 additional Math (for a total of three Math) and 1 additional Science (for a total of three Science; one must be Life Science (Biology) and one must be Physical Science (Earth Science or Chemistry or Physics) = 8 Assessments