



Diploma/Credential Requirements

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The following charts outline the diploma and credential requirements currently in effect. The chart is intended to provide an overview of the requirements and identify the student populations that have access to each type of diploma and non-diploma high school exiting credential. Websites are provided to offer specific regulatory requirements and more detailed information regarding the requirements for each diploma or credential.

| Diploma Type | Available to | Requirements |
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| Regents | All Student Populations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives ● Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 required Regents exams⁽¹⁾ with a score of 65 or better as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and 1 Pathway Assessment⁽²⁾; or ○ 4 required Regents exams⁽¹⁾ with a score of 65 or better as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regents_diploma |
| Regents (through appeal) | All Student Populations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives ● Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 required Regents exams⁽¹⁾ with a score of 65 or better and 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 social studies, ELA and 1 Pathway Assessment⁽²⁾; or ○ 3 required Regents exams⁽¹⁾ with a score of 65 or better and 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 social studies, ELA and meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential <p>Note: Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal Process http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore</p> |

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| Regents with Honors | All Student Populations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives ● Assessment: 5 required Regents exams⁽¹⁾ with a computed average score of 90 or better as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and either 1 Pathway Assessment⁽²⁾ or meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential (no more than 2 Department approved alternatives may be substituted and will not count in the computed average) <p>http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors</p> |
| Regents with Advanced Designation | All Student Populations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. In addition, a student must earn an additional 2 units of credit in LOTE** or a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE. These credits can be included in the 22 required credits. <p>Assessment: Students may meet the assessment requirements in order to earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation by passing <u>any one</u> of the following combinations of Regents examinations and/or Department approved alternatives if applicable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Traditional Combination: ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, 2 science, 1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments b. Pathway⁽²⁾ Combination (other than STEM): ELA, 1 social studies, 3 mathematics, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science), <u>and</u> either 1 Pathway (other than science or mathematics) or meet the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 or 8 Assessments c. STEM (Mathematics) Pathway⁽²⁾ Combination: ELA, 1 social studies 4 mathematics, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments d. STEM (Science) Pathway⁽²⁾ Combination: ELA, 1 social studies, 3 mathematics, 3 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments <p>In addition a student must pass either a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE* examination or complete a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE.</p> <p>http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD</p> |
| Regents with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes Mastery in Math | All Student Populations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. In addition, a student must earn an additional 2 units of credit in LOTE** or a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE. These credits can be included in the 22 required credits. ● Assessment: Meets all assessment requirements for the Regents diploma with advanced designation (see above) and, in addition, scores 85 or better on each of 3 Regents examinations in mathematics <p>See 100.5(b)(7)(x)</p> <p>http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD</p> |

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| <p>Regents with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes Mastery in Science</p> | <p>All Student Populations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. In addition, a student must earn an additional 2 units of credit in LOTE** or a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE. These credits can be included in the 22 required credits. • Assessment: Meets all assessment requirements for the Regents diploma with advanced designation (see above) and, in addition, scores 85 or better on each of 3 Regents examinations in science See 100.5(b)(7)(x) http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD |
| <p>Regents with Advanced Designation with Honors</p> | <p>All Student Populations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. In addition, a student must earn an additional 2 units of credit in LOTE** or a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE. These credits can be included in the 22 required credits. • Assessment: Meets all assessment requirements for the Regents diploma with advanced designation (see above) with a computed average score of 90 or better (no more than 2 Department approved alternatives may be substituted and will not count in the computed average) <p>Note: The locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE* examination is not included in the computed average. http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors</p> |
| <p>Local Diploma (through Appeal)</p> | <p>All Student Populations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. • Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 required Regents exams with a score of 65 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner’s Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, <u>and</u> 1 Pathway Assessment⁽²⁾ ; or ○ 2 required Regents exams with a score of 65 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner’s Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, and meet all the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential <p>Note: Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal process. http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/Documents/CurrentAppealForm.pdf</p> |

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| Local ⁽³⁾ | Students with disabilities with an individualized education program (IEP) or if included on the student's Section 504 Accommodation Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. • Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Low Pass Safety Net Option: 5 required Regents exams with a score of 55 or better as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA <u>and</u> either 1 Pathway Assessment⁽²⁾, or meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#assessment; or b. Low Pass Safety Net and Appeal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. 3 required Regents exams with a score of 55 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 52-54 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, and 1 Pathway Assessment⁽²⁾ ;or II. 2 required Regents exams with a score of 55 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 52-54 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, and meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential <p>Note: Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Regents Competency Test (RCT) Safety Net Option for students entering grade 9 prior to September 2011: passing score on corresponding RCT if student does not achieve a score of 55 or higher on the Regents examination http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm; or d. Compensatory Safety Net Option: scores between 45-54 on one or more of the five required Regents exams, other than the English language arts (ELA) or mathematics, but compensates the low score with a score of 65 or higher on another required Regents exam. Note: a score of at least 55 (or an approved appeal of 52-54) must be earned on both the ELA and 1 mathematics exam. A score of 65 or higher on a single examination may not be used to compensate for more than one examination for which a score of 45-54 is earned. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/safetynet-compensatoryoption.html • Compensatory Safety Net Q&A: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/safetynet-ga.htm |

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| Local Diploma (through Superintendent's Determination) | <p>Students with disabilities with an IEP</p> <p>Does NOT INCLUDE students with a Section 504 Accommodation Plan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)* 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. ● Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A score of 55 or better on both the ELA and 1 math Regents exams, or a successful appeal of a score between 52 and 54; <u>and</u> ● Participation in at least 1 social studies Regents exam, 1 science Regents exam, and either 1 Pathway exam (or meet the requirements for the CDOS commencement credential), for which no passing score was obtained utilizing the low pass, safety net, the compensatory safety net or the 52-54 appeal; <u>and</u> ● A superintendent's determination made upon a parent's written request, based on review of documentation as to graduation-level proficiency in the subject area in which the student was not able to demonstrate proficiency of the State's learning standards through the assessment required for graduation. More information can be found at: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm |
| Local Diploma | English Language Learners Only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Credit: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE)*, 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. ● Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 required Regents exams⁽¹⁾ with a score of 65 or better and the ELA Regents exam with a score of 55-59 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7); or ○ 3 required Regents exams with a score of 65 or better, 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64, and the ELA Regents exam with a score of 55-59. For both the 60-64 and the 55-59 scores, an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, and either 1 Pathway Assessment⁽²⁾ or meet the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential <p>Note: Students who choose the CDOS pathway may still appeal an ELA score of 55-59 and on other Regents exam score of 60-64</p> <p>http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/215p12a1.pdf</p> <p>Note: Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal process</p> |
| Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation (with or without Honors), with a Career and Technical Education Endorsement | All Student Populations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Credit: Completes all credit requirements as listed above for specific diploma types and successfully completes an approved career and technical education program. ● Assessment: Achieves a passing score on State assessments as listed above for specific diploma types and successfully completes the 3 part technical assessment designated for the particular approved career and technical education program which the student has completed. <p>http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#carteched</p> |

Non-diploma High School Exiting Credentials

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| Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential | All students other than those who are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSSA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes a career plan; demonstrates attainment of the commencement level Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) learning standards in the area of career exploration and development, integrated learning and universal foundation skills; satisfactorily completes the equivalent of 2 units of study (216 hours) in Career and Technical Education coursework and work-based learning (including at least 54 hours of work-based learning); and has at least 1 completed employability profile; OR • Student meets criteria for a national work readiness credential <p>Note: In March 2016 the Board of Regents amended the regulations to allow access to this credential to all students Credential may be a supplement to a Local or Regents diploma, or, if the student is unable to meet diploma standards, the credential may be awarded as the student's exiting credential provided the student has attended school for not less than 12 years, excluding Kindergarten.</p> <p>http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/CDOScredential-memo-613.htm</p> |
| Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential | Students with severe disabilities that are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) | <p>All students with severe disabilities who attend school for not less than 12 years, excluding Kindergarten exit with this credential which must be accompanied by documentation of the student's skills and strengths and levels of independence in academic, career development and foundation skills needed for post-school living, learning and working.</p> <p>http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/SACCMemo.htm http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1006.html</p> |

Footnotes:

* Students with a disability may be excused from the LOTE requirement if so indicated on the IEP but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate.

** Students with a disability who are excused from the LOTE requirement per their IEP need not complete a 5-unit sequence in the Arts or CTE in order to meet the requirements for the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.

¹ In all cases students may substitute an assessment from the list of Department Approved Alternative Examinations Acceptable for Meeting Requirements for a Local or Regents Diploma found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>

²**Pathway Assessment Options:** All students must pass the following 4 required Regents exams or the corresponding Department approved alternative examination found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>: 1 math Regents exam, 1 science Regents exam, 1 social studies Regents exam, and the English language arts Regents exam. In **addition** all students must choose 1 of the following options:

- Complete all the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential found here <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/memos/cdos-graduation-pathway-option.html> ; or
- Pass an additional math Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Pass an additional science Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or

- Pass an additional social studies Regents exam 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 an approved CTE Assessment after successfully completing an approved CTE program
- Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts⁽⁴⁾
- Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in a Language other than English (LOTE)

The additional assessment must measure a different course than that which was measured by one of the four required exams above, or an approved pathway assessment in the Arts, CTE or LOTE found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>

The Department is working to identify Pathway assessments in LOTE. When those examinations are identified they will be posted at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>

³The low pass (55-64) option for general education students to earn a local diploma has been phased out and students who entered high school in 2008 and thereafter no longer have access to this option. There may still be students in the K-12 system that entered grade 9 in 2007 or earlier and still have access to this option.