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**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)

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|  | Minimum number of credits |
| English | 4 |
| Social Studies *Distributed* *as* *follows:*  *U.S.* *History* *(1)*  *Global* *History* *and* *Geography* *(2)* *Participation* *in* *Government* *(½)* *Economics* *(½)* | 4 |
| Science  *Distributed* *as* *follows:* *Life* *Science* *(1)* *Physical* *Science* *(1)*  *Life* *Science* *or* *Physical* *Science* *(1)* | 3 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| World Languages | 1(\*\*) |
| Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater | 1 |
| Physical Education *(participation* *each* *semester)* | 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 Language if so indicated on their IEP, but they must

still earn 22 units of credit to graduate.

1.) **Pathways**

A student must either:

• pass an additional Regents examination in a different course (mathematics, science, or social studies); or

• pass an additional Department approved alterative in a different course (English, mathematics, science, or social studies); or

• pass a Department approved pathway assessment (Arts, CDOS, World Languages); or

• successfully complete a Department approved CTE program, including the associated 3-part technical assessment; or • successfully complete all th[e requirements for earning the CDOS Commencement Credential.](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/cdos-pathway-regents-or-local-diploma)

Referenc[e Multiple Pathways a](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/multiple-pathways)n[d Department Approved Alternative Examinations.](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf)

2.) **Appeals**

Appeals are subject to local district approval. Referenc[e 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 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 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 th[e Endorsements and Seals webpage o](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/endorsements-and-seals)[r NYS Diploma/Credential Requirements f](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf)or additional information pertaining to awarding special endorsements to students with exam exemptions due to COVID-19.

4.) **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.

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. Referenc[e Appeals, Safety Nets, and](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/appeals-safety-nets-and-superintendent-determination) [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 examination to meet the assessment requirements for any diploma type. Reference the following FAQs[: June/August 2020](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/nysed-covid-19-regents-grad-req-faq.pdf)[, January 2021,](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/faq-january-2021-regents-examinations.pdf) [June/August 2021,](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/2021/faq-june-august-2021-assessments.pdf) an[d January 2022 (](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/memo-ushg-regents-exemption-january-2022.pdf)USHG only).

7.) **Seal** **of** **Civic** **Readiness**

A select number of NYS schools will pilot the Seal of Civic Readiness during the 2021-22 school year. Reference th[e Civic](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/civic-readiness-initiative) [Readiness Initiative.](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/civic-readiness-initiative)

8.) **Family** **Resources**

Three flyers, a tracking tool, and presentation materials are available to support students’ and families’ understanding of the NYS Diploma Requirements. Referenc[e Understanding NYS Diploma Requirements ~ Family Resources. F](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/understanding-nys-diploma-requirements-family-resources)lyers and tracking tool are translated into eleven different languages.

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**Assessment** **Requirements**

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|  | 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** | |
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| REGENTS EXAM or passing score on a Department approved 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 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 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 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 or above, OR 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 or above † |
| Math | 1 | 65 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 55\*^ | 1 |
| Science | 1 | 65 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 55\*^ | 1 |
| Social Studies | 1 | 65 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 55\*^ | 1 |
| Pathway  *(See* *note* *1* *on* *reverse* *side)* | 1 or CDOS | 65  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 or above on another required Regents exam including ELA and Mathematics. | | *Non-Applicable* | |

**Regents** **Diploma** **with** **Advanced** **Designation**

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| 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**  o 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**:  o earn an additional 2 units of credit in World Languages and pass a locally developed Checkpoint B World Languages examination, or  o complete a 5 unit sequence in the Arts, or o 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 examinations in any discipline and graduate with the local diploma. Referenc[e New York State Diploma/Credential Requirements:](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf) Local diploma for Students with Disabilities.

^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. Referenc[e Appeals, Safety Nets,](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/appeals-safety-nets-and-superintendent-determination) [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. Referenc[e New York State Diploma/Credential Requirements:](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/diploma-and-credentials-summary-requirements.pdf) Local diploma for English Language Learners.

‡The 4th mathematics examination can be selected from the list o[f Department Approved Alternative Examinations.](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf)