NEW YORK STATE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO GRADE 9 STUDENTS FIRST ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2008-2015

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

	Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
	MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS
English	4
Social Studies *Distributed as Follows:* U.S. History (1) Participation in Government (1/2) Economics (1/2) Other (2)	4
Science *Distributed as Follows:* Life Science (1) Physical Science (1) Life Science or Physical Science (1)	3
Mathematics	3
Languages Other than English (LOTE)	1[1]
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education (participation each semester)	2
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
Total	22

[1]Students with a disability may be excused from the requirement for 1 unit of credit in LOTE if so indicated on the IEP but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate

Notes:

1.) Pathways: A student must either complete all the requirements for the CDOS commencement Credential found here http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/CDOScredential-memo-613.htm ; or

- Pass an additional math Regents examination in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Pass an additional science Regents examination in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Pass an additional social studies Regents examination 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 a Department approved CTE pathway assessment, following successful completion of an approved CTE program; or
- Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts; or
- Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in a Language other than English (LOTE)

See Multiple Pathways at: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/docs/multiple-pathways-pathways-qa-2015-04-08.pdf
See Department Approved Alternatives at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf

Appeals:
Appeals are subject to local district approval. More information on the appeal to graduate with a lower score on a Regents examination can be found at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/CurrentAppealForm.pdf

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 and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination 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 at 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

4.) Transition to the Common Core Regents Assessments:

ELA: Students who enter grade 9 in 2013 and thereafter must pass the Regents examination in ELA Common Core in order to meet the diploma requirements.

Mathematics: In 2013 and thereafter any student, regardless of grade level or cohort who begins their first commencement level course in mathematics must be provided with instruction aligned with the NYS P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics and take the corresponding Common Core Regents examination. More information can be found at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/commoncore/transitionccregents1113rev.pdf

5.) Students with disabilities who entered grade 9 prior to September 2011:

Students with disabilities who enter grade 9 prior to the 11-12 school year who fail one or more Regents examination may take the corresponding Regents Competency Test (RCT) in order to meet the assessment requirements. This option may not be used in conjunction with the Compensatory Safety Net Option.

6.) Languages other than English (LOTE) exempt students:

Students with a disability may be excused from the requirement from the required units of credit in LOTE if so indicated on the IEP but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate. A LOTE exempt student who seeks a Regents diploma with advanced designation, does NOT have to

EXAMINATION 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 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	4 exams with a minimum score of 65 and 1 exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district	1	3 exams with a minimum score of 65 and 2 exams with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district	1	55* (see note below)	1	Either 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 60-64 and ELA with a score of 55-59 for which an appeal has been granted by the district
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

Depending on the pathway a student chooses, the Regents diploma with advanced designation assessment requirements may be met in a multiple ways. Students seeking the Regents diploma with advanced designation may choose from the following assessment options:

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. In addition the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE.
Pathway Combination (other than STEM)	ELA, 1 social studies, 3 Math, 2 Science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science), 1 Pathway (other than Science or math) or complete the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 or 8 Assessments In addition the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5 unit se-
STEM (Mathematics) Pathway Combination:	ELA, 1 social studies, 4 math, 2 Science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments In addition the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam or a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE
STEM (Science) Pathway Combination:	ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 3 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments In addition the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE

***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.**
Students who avail themselves of the Compensatory Safety Net option may not appeal scores of 52-54 on the ELA or the Mathematics Regents examinations
See: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/RevAppealForm2015.pdf