NEW YORK STATE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO GRADE 9 STUDENTS FIRST ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2016

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<th>CREDIT REQUIREMENTS</th>
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1.) **Pathways**:
- 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).

2.) **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/Documents/CurrentAppealForm.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/Documents/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/transitiontolongtermhsregents1113rev.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/commoncore/transitiontolongtermhsregents1113rev.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 examinations 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 for 1 unit of credit in LOTE if so indicated on the IEP, but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate.

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### Examination Requirements

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### 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 sequence in the Arts or CTE.

- **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. See: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/RevAppealForm2015.pdf

*In the event a student with a disability is unable to attain a passing score on this examination, upon parent written request the student may seek a Superintendents' Determination of a local diploma. See http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/2017-memos/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma-updated.htm