Diploma/Credential Requirements

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.

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| Regents                       | All Student Populations      | • **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 with a score of **65 or better** as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government  
http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsdiploma |
| Regents (through appeal)      | All Student Populations      | • **Credit**: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 Social Studies, 3 Science, 3 Mathematics, ½ Health, 1 Arts, 1 LOTE, 2 Physical Education, 3 ½ Electives.  
• **Assessment**: 4 required Regents exams with a score of **65 or better** and 1 Regents exam with a score of **62-64** for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner’s Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government  
http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore |
| Regents with Honors           | All Student Populations      | • **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 with a computed average score of **90 or better** as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government  
http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors |
| Regents with Advanced Designation | All Student Populations | • **Credit**: 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 Social Studies, 3 Science, 3 Mathematics, ½ Health, 1 Arts, 1 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**: 8 required Regents exams with a score of **65 or better** as follows: 3 Math, 2 Science, ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government; and either a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination or a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE  
http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD |
| Regents with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes Mastery in Math | All Student Populations | • **Credit:** 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 Social Studies, 3 Science, 3 Mathematics, ½ Health, 1 Arts, 1 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 with Advanced Designation (see above) and, in addition, scores 85 or better on each of 3 Regents Examinations in Mathematics. See 100.5(b)(7)(x) [http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD) |
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| Regents with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes Mastery in Science | All Student Populations | • **Credit:** 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 Social Studies, 3 Science, 3 Mathematics, ½ Health, 1 Arts, 1 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 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](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD) |
| Regents with Advanced Designation with Honors | All Student Populations | • **Credit:** 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 Social Studies, 3 Science, 3 Mathematics, ½ Health, 1 Arts, 1 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:** 8 required Regents exams with a computed average score of **90 or better** as follows: 3 Math, 2 Science, ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government; and either a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination with a score of 65 or a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE. See [http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors) |
| Local | Students with disabilities with an individualized education program or section 504 Accommodation Plan | • **Credit:** 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 Social Studies, 3 Science, 3 Mathematics, ½ Health, 1 Arts, 1 LOTE, 2 Physical Education, 3 ½ Electives.  
• **Assessment:** **Low Pass Safety Net Option**\(^1\): 5 required Regents exams with a score of **55 or better** as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 ELA, 1 Global History and Geography, 1 US History and Government; [http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#assessment](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#assessment) or;  
• **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 corresponding Regents examination [http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm); or  
• **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 exam, but compensates the low score with a score of 65 or higher on another required Regents exam. Note: a score of at least 55 must be earned on both the ELA and mathematics exams. 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. [http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/safetynet-compensatoryoption.html](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/safetynet-compensatoryoption.html) |
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<td><strong>Credit:</strong> 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 Social Studies, 3 Science, 3 Mathematics, ½ Health, 1 Arts, 1 LOTE, 2 Physical Education, 3 ½ Electives. <strong>Assessment:</strong> 3 required Regents exams with a score of 65 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 62-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner’s Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government. <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore</a></td>
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<td><strong>Credit:</strong> Completes all credit requirements as listed above for specific diploma types and completes an approved career and technical education program. <strong>Assessment:</strong> Achieves a passing score on State assessments as listed above for specific diploma types and successfully completes the technical assessment designated for the particular approved career and technical education program which the student has completed. <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#carteched">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#carteched</a></td>
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1Note: the 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 are still students in our K-12 system that entered grade 9 in 2007 or earlier and still have access to this option.

Seal of Bi-Literacy – Requirements to be determined