

# NEW YORK STATE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES 9-12

## CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

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

<sup>(\*)</sup>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

### 1.) Pathways:

A student must either:

- Complete all the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/memos/cdos-graduation-pathway-option.html>; 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/>

See Department Approved Alternatives at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsqen/archive/list.pdf>

### 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>

### 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 a Regents examination 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 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.

### 4.) 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.

### 5.) 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 complete the 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE in lieu of LOTE in order to meet the assessment requirements for the advanced diploma.

### 6.) 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. For more information on the Superintendent Determination of a local diploma go to <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/gradrequirements/home.html>

### 7.) Social Studies Requirement for Students entering grade 9 prior to September 2016

All students first entering grade 9 in 1985 and thereafter but prior to September 2016, shall earn four units of credit in social studies. Such requirement shall include: one unit of credit in American history and one half unit of credit in participation in government and one half unit of credit in economics.