



## A Parent's Guide to Their Child's Graduation

Options	Credits	Assessments	Exiting document (s)
Traditional	22	5 Regents, or more for various Regents options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regents Diploma</li> <li>• Local Diploma (through Appeal or Safety Net Option for SWDs)</li> <li>• CDOS Credential</li> </ul>
Multiple	22	4 + Pathway option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regents Diploma</li> <li>• Local Diploma (through Appeal or Safety Net Option for SWDs)</li> <li>• CDOS Credential</li> </ul>
Non-Diploma	Up to 22	Attainment of CDOS Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDOS Credential</li> <li>• Skills Credential</li> </ul>
Superintendent Determination	22	55 or higher on ELA and math, or 52 with Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Diploma</li> </ul>

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## Diploma/Credential Requirements

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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.

Diploma Type	Available to	Requirements
Regents	All Student Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit:</b> 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</li> <li>• <b>Assessment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5 required Regents exams<sup>(1)</sup> with a score of <b>65 or better</b> as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and 1 <b>Pathway Assessment</b><sup>(2)</sup>; or</li> <li>○ 4 required Regents exams<sup>(1)</sup> with a score of <b>65 or better</b> as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regents_diploma">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regents_diploma</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Regents (through appeal)	All Student Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit:</b> 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</li> <li>• <b>Assessment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>4 required Regents exams</b><sup>(1)</sup> with a score of <b>65 or better</b> and <b>1 Regents exam</b> with a score of <b>60-64</b> for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 social studies, ELA and 1 <b>Pathway Assessment</b><sup>(2)</sup>; or</li> <li>○ <b>3 required Regents exams</b><sup>(1)</sup> with a score of <b>65 or better</b> and <b>1 Regents exam</b> with a score of <b>60-64</b> for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 social studies, ELA and meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal Process  <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore</a></p>

<p>Regents with <b>Honors</b></p>	<p>All Student Populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit:</b> 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</li> <li>• <b>Assessment:</b> 5 required Regents exams<sup>(1)</sup> with a computed average score of <b>90 or better</b> as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and either 1 <b>Pathway Assessment</b><sup>(2)</sup> or meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential (no more than 2 Department approved alternatives may be substituted and will not count in the computed average)</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors</a></p>
<p>Regents with <b>Advanced Designation</b></p>	<p>All Student Populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit:</b> 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. 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment:</b> Students may meet the assessment requirements in order to earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation by passing <u>any one</u> of the following combinations of Regents examinations and/or Department approved alternatives if applicable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Traditional Combination:</b> 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</li> <li><b>Pathway<sup>(2)</sup> Combination</b> (other than STEM): ELA, 1 social studies, 3 mathematics, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science), <u>and</u> either 1 Pathway (other than science or mathematics) or meet the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 or 8 Assessments</li> <li><b>STEM (Mathematics) Pathway<sup>(2)</sup> Combination:</b> ELA, 1 social studies 4 mathematics, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments</li> <li><b>STEM (Science) Pathway<sup>(2)</sup> Combination:</b> ELA, 1 social studies, 3 mathematics, 3 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments</li> </ol> <p>In addition a student must pass either a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE* examination or complete a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE.</p> <p><a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD</a></p>
<p>Regents with <b>Advanced Designation</b> with an annotation that denotes <b>Mastery in Math</b></p>	<p>All Student Populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit:</b> 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. 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.</li> <li>• <b>Assessment:</b> Meets all assessment requirements for the Regents diploma with advanced designation (see above) and, in addition, scores 85 or better on each of 3 Regents examinations in mathematics</li> </ul> <p>See 100.5(b)(7)(x)</p> <p><a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD</a></p>

<p>Regents with <b>Advanced Designation</b> with an annotation that denotes <b>Mastery in Science</b></p>	<p>All Student Populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit:</b> 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. 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.</li> <li>• <b>Assessment:</b> Meets all assessment requirements for the Regents diploma 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) <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD</a></li> </ul>
<p>Regents with <b>Advanced Designation with Honors</b></p>	<p>All Student Populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit:</b> 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. 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.</li> <li>• <b>Assessment:</b> Meets all assessment requirements for the Regents diploma with advanced designation (see above) with a computed average score of <b>90 or better</b> (no more than 2 Department approved alternatives may be substituted and will not count in the computed average)</li> <li><b>Note:</b> The locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE* examination is not included in the computed average.. <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors</a></li> </ul>
<p>Local Diploma (through Appeal)</p>	<p>All Student Populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Credit:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Assessment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 required Regents exams with a score of 65 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner’s Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, <u>and</u> 1 <b>Pathway Assessment</b><sup>(2)</sup> ; or</li> <li>○ 2 required Regents exams with a score of 65 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner’s Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, <b>and</b> meet all the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Note:</b> Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal process. <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore</a> <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/CurrentAppealForm.pdf">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/CurrentAppealForm.pdf</a></li> </ul>

<p>Local<sup>(3)</sup></p>	<p>Students with disabilities with an individualized education program (IEP) or if included on the student's Section 504 Accommodation Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Credit:</b> 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.</li> <li>● <b>Assessment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Low Pass Safety Net Option:</b> 5 required Regents exams with a score of <b>55 or better</b> as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and either 1 <b>Pathway Assessment<sup>(2)</sup></b>, or meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential  <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#assessment">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#assessment</a>; or</li> <li>b. <b>Low Pass Safety Net and Appeal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. 3 required Regents exams with a score of 55 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 52-54 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, and <b>1 Pathway Assessment<sup>(2)</sup></b> ;or</li> <li>II. 2 required Regents exams with a score of 55 or better and 2 Regents exams with a score of 52-54 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, and meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. <b>Regents Competency Test (RCT) Safety Net Option for students entering grade 9 prior to September 2011:</b> passing score on corresponding RCT if student does not achieve a score of 55 or higher on the Regents examination  <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm</a>; or</li> <li>d. <b>Compensatory Safety Net Option:</b> scores between 45-54 on one or more of the five required Regents exams, other than the English language arts (ELA) or mathematics, but compensates the low score with a score of 65 or higher on another required Regents exam. Note: a score of at least 55 (or an approved appeal of 52-54) must be earned on both the ELA and 1 mathematics exam. 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.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/safetynet-compensatoryoption.html">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/safetynet-compensatoryoption.html</a></li> </ul>
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<p>Local Diploma (through Superintendent's Determination)</p>	<p>Students with disabilities with an IEP</p> <p>Does <b>NOT INCLUDE</b> students with a Section 504 Accommodation Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Credit:</b> 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.</li> <li>● <b>Assessment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A score of <b>55 or better</b> on both the ELA and 1 math Regents exams, or a successful appeal of a score between 52 and 54; <u>and</u></li> <li>● Participation in at least 1 social studies Regents exam, 1 science Regents exam, and either 1 Pathway exam (or meet the requirements for the CDOS commencement credential), for which no passing score was obtained utilizing the low pass, safety net, the compensatory safety net or the 52-54 appeal; <u>and</u></li> <li>● A superintendent's determination, based on review of documentation, as to graduation-level proficiency in the subject area in which the student was not able to demonstrate proficiency of the State's learning standards through the assessment required for graduation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>More information can be found at:  <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm</a></p>
<p>Local Diploma</p>	<p>English Language Learners Only</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Credit:</b> 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.</li> <li>● <b>Assessment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 required Regents exams<sup>(1)</sup> with a score of 65 or better and the ELA Regents exam with a score of 55-59 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7); or</li> <li>○ 3 required Regents exams with a score of 65 or better, 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64, and the ELA Regents exam with a score of 55-59. For both the 60-64 and the 55-59 scores, an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA, and either <b>1 Pathway Assessment</b><sup>(2)</sup> or meet the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Students who choose the CDOS pathway may still appeal an ELA score of 55-59 and on other Regents exam score of 60-64</p> <p><a href="http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2015Meetings/February/215p12a1.pdf">http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2015Meetings/February/215p12a1.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal process</p>
<p>Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation (with or without Honors), with a <b>Career and Technical Education Endorsement</b></p>	<p>All Student Populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Credit:</b> Completes all credit requirements as listed above for specific diploma types and successfully completes an approved career and technical education program.</li> <li>● <b>Assessment:</b> Achieves a passing score on State assessments as listed above for specific diploma types and successfully completes the 3 part technical assessment designated for the particular approved career and technical education program which the student has completed.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#carteched">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#carteched</a></p>

## Non-diploma High School Exiting Credentials

Credential Type	Available to	Requirements
Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential	All students <b>other than those</b> who are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes a career plan; demonstrates attainment of the commencement level Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) learning standards in the area of career exploration and development, integrated learning and universal foundation skills; satisfactorily completes the equivalent of 2 units of study (216 hours) in Career and Technical Education coursework and work-based learning (including at least 54 hours of work-based learning); and has at least 1 completed employability profile; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Student meets criteria for a national work readiness credential</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Credential may be a supplement to a Local or Regents diploma, or, if the student is unable to meet diploma standards, the credential may be awarded as the student's exiting credential provided the student has attended school for not less than 12 years, excluding Kindergarten.</p> <p><a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/CDOScredential-memo-613.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/CDOScredential-memo-613.htm</a></p>
Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential	Students with severe disabilities that are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)	<p>All students with severe disabilities who attend school for not less than 12 years, excluding Kindergarten exit with this credential which must be accompanied by documentation of the student's skills and strengths and levels of independence in academic, career development and foundation skills needed for post-school living, learning and working.</p> <p><a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/SACCMemo.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/SACCMemo.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1006.html">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1006.html</a></p>

### Footnotes:

\* Students with a disability may be excused from the LOTE requirement if so indicated on the IEP but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate.

\*\* Students with a disability who are excused from the LOTE requirement per their IEP need not complete a 5-unit sequence in the Arts or CTE in order to meet the requirements for the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.

<sup>1</sup> In all cases students may substitute an assessment from the list of Department Approved Alternative Examinations Acceptable for Meeting Requirements for a Local or Regents Diploma found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>

<sup>2</sup>**Pathway Assessment Options:** All students must pass the following 4 required Regents exams or the corresponding Department approved alternative examination found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>: 1 math Regents exam, 1 science Regents exam, 1 social studies Regents exam, and the English language arts Regents exam. In **addition** all students must choose 1 of the following options:

- 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 exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
- Pass an additional science Regents exam in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or



- Pass an additional social studies Regents exam 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 an approved CTE Assessment after successfully completing an approved CTE program
- Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts<sup>(4)</sup>
- Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in a Language other than English (LOTE)

The additional assessment must measure a different course than that which was measured by one of the four required exams above, or an approved pathway assessment in the Arts, CTE or LOTE found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>

The Department is working to identify Pathway assessments in LOTE. When those examinations are identified they will be posted at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>

<sup>3</sup>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 may still be students in the K-12 system that entered grade 9 in 2007 or earlier and still have access to this option.



## Safety Net Options

\*<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2016/2016-03/p-12-education -Approved March 2016>\*

Option	Students Eligible	Provisions	Exiting Achievement	Notes:
<b>RCT-Regents Competency Test</b> <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cohort prior to 9/2011-12</li> <li>Student with an IEP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexibility in assessment used to determine commencement level competency</li> </ul>	Local diploma	SUNSET 2016-17
<b>Compensatory</b> <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/safetynet-qa.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/safetynet-qa.htm</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cohort 2005-06</li> <li>Student with an IEP</li> <li>Student with a 504</li> <li>Student declassification – gr. 8 and after</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass English and Math (inclusive of low pass-55+)</li> <li>Score of 65 on Regents used to compensate for another score of 45-54</li> <li>Up to 2 exam compensations</li> </ul>	Local diploma	Exam score doesn't change on transcript  Can't combine with RCT option
<b>Low Pass</b> <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/localdiplomaoptions-may2011.htm</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cohort 2010-11</li> <li>Student with an IEP</li> <li>Student with a 504</li> <li>Student declassification – gr. 8 and after</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexibility in passing score 55-64</li> </ul>	Local diploma	Exam score doesn't change on transcript

## Superintendent Determination of Graduation

Option	Students Eligible	Provisions	Exiting Achievement	Notes:
<b>Superintendent Determination of Graduation with a Local Diploma</b>  <a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students eligible to graduate in June 2016</li> <li>Student with an IEP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the ELA and math with a 55</li> <li>Did not meet graduation requirements through use of safety net option or appeal</li> <li>Must have earned credits and passed classes required for graduation</li> <li>Evidence the student participated in exams</li> <li>Other evidence the student mastered proficiency level commencement standards</li> <li>Request for approval must be submitted in writing by the parent</li> </ul>	Local diploma	52 with Low Pass Appeal  No requirement to "exhaust" safety net/appeal options before implementing Superintendent Determination

## Appeal to Graduate with a Lower Score on a Regents Examination

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/Documents/CurrentAppealForm.pdf>

Option	Students Eligible	Provisions	Exiting Achievement	Notes:
Appeal of Regents exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cohort 2005-06</li> <li>All students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 exam fails, 1 score= 60-64</li> <li>waiver of assessment requirement in subject area based on local appeal process</li> </ul>	<p>1 appeal = Regents</p> <p>2 appeals = Local</p>	<p>Exam score doesn't change on transcript</p> <p><b>Eliminates minimum attendance requirement of 95%</b></p>
Appeal for SWDs/ Appeal of Low Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cohort eligible to graduate in January 2016</li> <li>Student with an IEP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 exam fails, 1 score= 52-54</li> <li>waiver of assessment requirement in subject area based on local appeal process</li> </ul>	Local diploma	<p>Exam score doesn't change on transcript</p> <p>May be used in conjunction with the compensatory option</p>
English Language Learners	ELLs who enter USA grade 9 or above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 ELA exam fails, ELA score 55-59</li> <li>waiver of assessment requirement in subject area based on local appeal process</li> </ul>	Local diploma	<p>May also use Appeal of a Regents exam for 2<sup>nd</sup> exam (60-64)</p>

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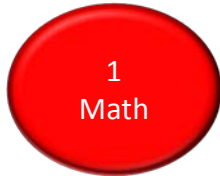
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# Multiple Pathways

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/gradrequirements/home.html>

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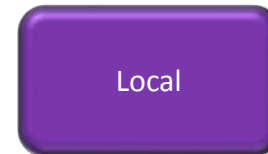
## Required Regents Exams



## Pathway Option



## Diploma Options



# Graduation Process

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## Courses/Credits

**22 units of credit:**

- ELA
- SS
- Science
- Math
- Health
- LOTE
- Arts
- PE
- Electives

-OR-

**NYSAA**  
 NYS Alternate Assessment  
 Students with Significant  
 Disabilities

## Required Regents Exams

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- ELA
- 1 Math
- 1 Science
- 1 Social Studies

## Appeal/ Safety Net

Only apply to  
Regents exams

Appeal of Regents score

Low Pass Option  
 \*Low Pass Appeal  
 Compensatory Option  
 \*for SWDs with an IEP

Only for  
students  
with  
disabilities

## Pathway Option

Choose one

- Additional Math
- Additional Science
- Additional Social Studies
- SED Approved Humanities
- SED Approved Arts
- SED Approved LOTE
- SED Approved CTE
- CDOS Credential
- Superintendent Determination

## Diploma Options

- Regents with Honors
- Regents with Advanced Designation
- Regents Diploma
- Regents (through appeal)
- Local (through appeal)
- Local

## Non-diploma Options

- CDOS Credential
- Skills Credential





## Career Development Occupational Studies (CDOS) Credential

Available to	Graduation Documentation	Criteria
All students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplement to diploma</li> <li>• Pathway Option</li> <li>• Stand Alone exiting credential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a <b>Career Plan</b></li> <li>• Demonstrate achievement of the commencement level <b>CDOS learning standards</b></li> <li>• <b>Career and Technical Education (CTE) coursework and/or work-based learning experiences</b></li> <li>• Complete an <b>employability profile</b></li> </ul>

## Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

Available to	Graduation Documentation	Criteria
For Students with Severe Disabilities / New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stand Alone exiting credential</li> </ul>	<p><b>Student Exit Summary</b> that includes documentation of the student's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• achievement against the Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) learning standards;</li> <li>• level of academic achievement and independence as measured by NYSAA;</li> <li>• skills, strengths, interests; and</li> <li>• as appropriate, other achievements and accomplishments.</li> </ul>