

## Regents Diploma

**Earn 22 credits:** 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 as well as fulfill attendance requirements and any other district requirements.



### Assessment:

- Pass 5 required Regents exams with a score of 65 or higher on each exam, or
- Pass 4 required Regents exams (including *one* social studies) and either a Pathway Assessment or CDOS Commencement Credential

**Appeal:** One Regents exam (score between 60-64) may be appealed at the district level.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Regents exam taken 2 times
- Student has taken advantage of school-provided academic intervention
- Have a passing course average in subject under appeal
- Recommendation by teacher or department chairperson

*A Regents or Local diploma is proof that a student has met the standards for graduation from high school in New York. Once the student earns a diploma he or she is no longer eligible to attend high school.*

## Non-Diploma Credentials

There are exiting certificates available that document students' levels of work-readiness.

These credentials are aligned with the NYS learning standards for Career Development and Occupational Studies, which are State standards focusing on vocational preparation.

### Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential

*Available to all students except those who take the NYS Alternate Assessment*

#### Option 1:

- Master Commencement Level CDOS standards
- Complete 216 hours of CTE coursework and/or work-based learning activities (minimum of 54 hours of work-based learning required)
- Complete *Career Plan* documenting student vocational goals and preparation
- Complete *Employability Profile* documenting student skills and experiences

Or

**Option 2:** Student must pass a NYS Commissioner-approved National Work-Readiness Exam

### Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

*Available to students with severe disabilities who take the NYS Alternate Assessment*

- Students must attend school for at least 12 years, excluding kindergarten
- Documentation of the student's skills, strengths and levels of independence needed for post-school living, learning and working

*A non-diploma credential is not a high school diploma. Most colleges, the military and many jobs, including union and civil service, require high school diplomas.*

# Diploma and Credential Options



## Did you know ....

- High school diplomas represent achievement of NYS learning standards, required tests and course credits.
- There are two different diplomas – Regents and Local.
- There are several ways to earn diplomas and different requirements for each.
- Some students may also earn credentials – Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) or Skills and Achievement Commencement Credentials.



## Multiple Pathways (4+1)

To Earn Regents and Local Diplomas

Students must pass Regents exams in all four areas listed below.

- ELA
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies (Either Global Studies or US History)



**Plus...**

Students choose one Multiple Pathway option from below:

Math (Different from Math exam above)

Science (Different from Science exam above)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) NYS Exam (Approved by NYS Commissioner)

Arts

CDOS Commencement Credential

The Multiple Pathway option replaces one Social Studies exam.

## Local Diploma

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**General Education Students and Students with IEPs or 504 Plans**

**Local Diploma Through Appeal:**

- 3 Required Exams with scores of 65 or higher **and**
- 2 Required Regents Exams with scores of 60-64, successfully appealed

**Students with IEPs and 504 Plans**

**Low Pass Safety Net**

- 5 required Exams with scores of 55 or better

**Low Pass Safety Net and Appeal**

- 3 required exams with scores of 55 or better and two Regents exams with scores of 52-54, successfully appealed

**Compensatory Safety Net/Appeal**

- Must score a 55 on math and ELA exams. (Note: Appeal may apply allowing student to score 52.)
- If student scores a 65 or higher on any required exam, the score may compensate for another exam score between 45-54.

Multiple Pathways Options and the CDOS Commencement Credential may be used.

## Superintendent Determination and Amendment Local Diploma

Students with IEPs only

Upon written request from the parent or guardian, the superintendent may conduct a review of the student's coursework to determine whether he or she has achieved graduation level proficiency in the subject area where the student was not able to obtain a passing score using Safety Net Options.

**In order to qualify students must:**

- Earn 22 credits
- Participate in 4 required Regents exams and either 1 Pathway Assessment or earn the CDOS Commencement Credential
- Score a 55 or higher in math and ELA (Note: Scores of 52-54 may be appealed.)

**Or (amendment)**

- Earn 22 credits
- Participate in 4 Required Regents exams (this may include a Pathway Assessment) and earn the CDOS Commencement Credential

## English Language Learners

**General Education Students and Students with IEPs or 504 Plans**

**Local Diploma (Through Appeal):**

- 3 Required exams with score of 65 or higher **and**
- 1 Required exam with a Score of 60-64 **and**
- ELA exam score of 55-59

