

NEW YORK STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to earn a diploma, every student must earn a minimum of 22 credits in addition to meeting specific New York State testing competencies.

CLASSES OF 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015¹

REQUIRED SUBJECTS	REGENTS DIPLOMA	REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION
English	4 credits with 1 Regents exam (65 or higher)	4 credits with 1 Regents exam (65 or higher)
Social Studies	4 credits with 2 Regents exams (65 or higher)	4 credits with 2 Regents exams (65 or higher)
Mathematics	3 credits with 1 Regents exam (65 or higher)	3 credits with 3 Regents exams (65 or higher)
Science	3 credits with 1 Regents exam ² (65 or higher)	3 credits with 3 Regents exams ³ (65 or higher)
Foreign Language	1 credit ⁴	3 credits with 2 Locally Developed exams ⁵
Physical Education	2 credits	2 credits
Art or Music	1 credit	1 credit
Health	½ credit	½ credit

¹As of the Fall 2008, entering freshmen (class of 2012 and beyond) must score a **65** or above on **5** required Regents exams. The Local Diploma option is not available unless the student is classified with a disability. The Regents Competency Test (RCT) safety net for students with disabilities will continue to be available for students entering Grade 9 prior to September, 2011. Students using this safety net will receive a Local Diploma. The low-pass option of scoring a 55-64 on the required Regents exams to earn a Local Diploma will continue to be available for students with disabilities.

² Included in the 3 Science credits earned must be 1 Physical Setting course and 1 Living Environment course.

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⁴ Students must complete two units of student of Checkpoint A in LOTE and earn one high school credit by the end of 9th grade. One unit of credit is earned by passing a locally developed Checkpoint A Exam.

⁵ Students must substitute 5 credits of Art, Music, or Occupational education. However, students who use this option must still earn at least **1** Foreign Language credit.