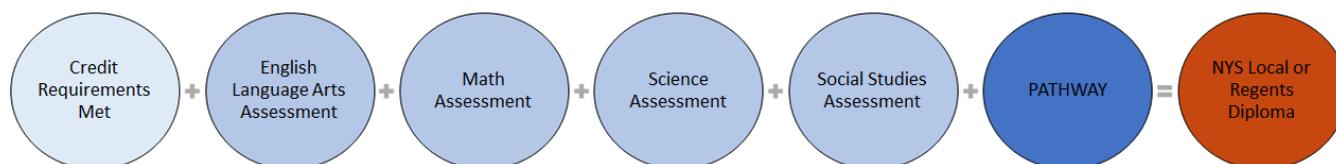# Multiple Pathways to Graduation

Multiple pathways recognize the importance of engaging students in rigorous and relevant academic programs. The regulations approved in 2015 and 2016 recognize students' interests in the Arts, Biliteracy (LOTE), Career and Technical Education (CTE), Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS), Humanities, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) by allowing an approved pathway to meet the students' graduation requirements.

Credit Requirements Met + English Language Arts Assessment + Math Assessment + Science Assessment + Social Studies Assessment + PATHWAY = NYS Local or Regents Diploma

Under the "4+1" pathway assessment option, students must take and pass four required Regents Exams or Department-approved alternative assessments (one in each of the following subjects: English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies) and complete a comparably rigorous pathway to meet the fifth assessment requirement for graduation.

Pathway Resources

Frequently Asked Questions

- Multiple Pathways Frequently Asked Questions (http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/multiple-pathways-frequently-asked-questions)

Application Process for Consideration of Pathway Assessments

- The New York State Education Department is currently accepting Applications for Pathway (i.e., "+1 option") Assessments in Languages Other Than English (LOTE) and the Arts. Refer to the Application Process for Assessment Review (http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/application-process-for-assessment-review2.pdf).

Related Resources

- New York State General Education & Diploma Requirements (http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/general-education-and-diploma-requirements)
- Field Advisory: Career Development Occupational Studies Graduation Pathway Option, June 2016 (http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/cdos-field-memo-june-2016.pdf)
- Field Memo: Multiple Pathways to Graduation 4+1 Option, April 2015 (http://www.nysed.gov/memo/curriculum-instruction/field-memo-multiple-pathways-graduate-41-option)

If you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at emscgradreq@nysed.gov or 518.474.5922.

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Pathway	Students eligible for this pathway must successfully complete:
Arts Pathway	- an additional Arts course (or sequence) culminating in a Department-approved pathway assessment; and - the culminating Department-Approved Pathway Assessment in the Arts (http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/artsapprovedassessments2015_03_30.pdf).
Biliteracy (LOTE) Pathway	- a sequence of LOTE courses culminating in a Department-approved pathway assessment; and - the culminating Department-Approved Pathway Assessment in Languages other than English (http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/lote-approved-assessments).
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway	- a Department-Approved CTE Program (http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/ctepolicy/approved.html); and - the culminating 3-part technical assessment.
Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Pathway	the CDOS Commencement Credential Requirements (http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/cdos-pathway-regents-or-local-diploma).
Humanities Pathway	- an additional Social Studies or English Language Arts course culminating in a Regents or Department-approved alternative assessment; and - the culminating Regents Exam (http://www.nysedregents.org/) or Department-Approved Alternative (http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hs/archive/list.pdf).
STEM Pathway	- an additional Science or Mathematics course culminating in a Regents or Department-approved alternative assessment; and - the culminating Regents Exam (http://www.nysedregents.org/) or Department-Approved Alternative (http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hs/archive/list.pdf).

Approved Pathway Assessments

- Languages other than English (LOTE)
  - http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/lote-approved-assessments
- The Arts
  - http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/artsapprovedassessments2015_03_30.pdf
- Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS)
  - http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/cdos-pathway-regents-or-local-diploma
- Department-Approved Alternatives
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