



# New York State Graduation Requirements

To earn a NYS high school diploma, students must meet both credit and assessment requirements.

## Credit Requirements

English	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
World Language* ^	1
Art/Music	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	2
Electives	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22 credits</b>

\* Students with disabilities may be excused from the requirement for 1 unit of credit in LOTE if indicated on their IEP, but they must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate.

^3 credits for an Advanced Designation endorsement. CTE sequence courses will exempt from second or third world language course.

## Assessment Requirements

New York State has introduced new options in recent years for students to meet graduation requirements.

The Regents exams that have traditionally been used to satisfy the testing requirements for a Regents and Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation Diploma remain.

The state has also designated additional “pathways” for students to satisfy diploma requirements, generally through some variation in required exams or NYS approved programs or assessments.

### Regents Diploma

**Passing Score: 65**

1. **English Regents** (one exam)
2. **Social Studies Regents** (one exam)
3. **Mathematics Regents** (one exam)
4. **Science Regents** (one exam)
5. **ONE OF THE FOLLOWING 4+1 PATHWAYS:**
  - **STEM pathway:** a score of 65+ on a second Science or Math Regents exam
  - **Humanities pathway:** a score of 65+ on a second Social Studies Regents exam
  - **CTE pathway:** completion of CTE program & assessment
  - **Arts pathway:** completion of an arts sequence & state approved arts assessment
  - **NYS Seal of Bi-literacy pathway**
  - **NYS Seal of Civic Readiness pathway**
  - **CDOS pathway**

### Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

**Passing score: 65**

1. **English Regents** (one exam)
2. **Social Studies Regents** (one exam)
3. **Mathematics Regents** (three exams)
4. **Science Regents** (one life science, one physical science)
5. **World Language Checkpoint B** (one exam)
6. **AND ONE OF THE 4+1 PATHWAYS listed above**

### Honors Distinction

**Score Average: 90%**

Students receive Honors distinction for a Regents Diploma or a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation by achieving a computed average of 90% or above on the required Regents Exams.