

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Graduating Class of 2002

Local Diploma		Regents Diploma	
Required Courses	Credits	Required Courses	Credits
English	4	English	4
Social Studies	4	Social Studies	4
Math	2	Math	2
Science	2	Science	2
LOTE	[a]	LOTE [b]	3
Art/Music	1	Art/Music	1
Health	.5	Health	.5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Sequence/Electives	5	Sequence/Electives	2.5
TOTAL	20.5	TOTAL	20.5

Required Exams	Required Exams [All exams require a score of 65 or above]
English Comprehensive Exam [c]	English Comprehensive Exam
Regents Course 1 Math Exam/Regents Math A Exam [d]	Regents Course 1 Math and Course 2 Exams/ Regents Math A Exam
Regents Global Studies [e]	Regents Global Studies Exam
Regents U.S. History [f]	Regents U.S. History Exam
RCT Science	2 Regents Science Exams
	Regents LOTE Exam [g]

- [a] Students are required to have completed two units of study in a Language Other Than English by the end of their 9th grade year. A unit of study refers to seat time (generally 180 minutes per week) and not credit.
- [b] Students acquiring 5 units of credits in one of the following may be exempt from the Language Other Than English requirement: Art, Music, Business, or Career and Technical Education.
- [c] School districts may choose to accept a passing score of 55 or above to satisfy the requirements for a local diploma. Furthermore, students on an IEP who score below a 55 are entitled to take the RCT Reading and Writing exams. If the scores on the RCT exam is 65 or above, the student thereby satisfies the English Language Arts examination requirement for a local diploma.

- [d] School districts may choose to accept a passing score of 55 or above to satisfy the requirements for a local diploma. Furthermore, students on an IEP who score below a 55 are entitled to take the RCT Math Exam. If the scores on the RCT exam is 65 or above, the student thereby satisfies the Math examination requirement for a local diploma.
- [e] School districts may choose to accept a passing score of 55 or above to satisfy the requirements for a local diploma. Furthermore, students on an IEP who score below a 55 are entitled to take the RCT Global Studies exam. If the score on the RCT exam is 65 or above, the student thereby satisfies the Global Studies examination requirement for a local diploma.
- [f] School district may choose to accept a passing score of 55 or above to satisfy the requirements for a local diploma. Furthermore, students on an IEP who score below a 55 are entitled to take the US History exam. If the score on the RCT exam is 65 or above, the student thereby satisfies the US History examination requirement for a local diploma.
- [g] Students acquiring 5 units of credits in one of the following may be exempt from the Language Other Than English requirement: Art, Music, Business, or Career and Technical Education.

Major Sequences

Students obtaining either a local diploma or a Regents Diploma must complete a sequence requirement in addition to the required credits and exams noted above as follows:

1. Two 3 unit sequences in Art, Business, Math, Science, the Language Other Than English, Family and Consumer Science, Music, Career and Technical Education --OR--
2. One 3 unit sequence in the areas noted above AND one 5 unit sequence in English or Social Studies --OR--
3. One 5 unit sequence in Art, Business, Language Other Than English, Math, Science, Music, or Career and Technical Education.

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English	4	English	4
Social Studies	4	Social Studies	4
Math	2	Math	2
Science	2	Science	2
LOTE	[a]	LOTE [b]	3
Art/Music	1	Art/Music	1
Health	.5	Health	.5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Sequence/Electives	5	Sequence/Electives	2.5
TOTAL	20.5	TOTAL	20.5

Required Exams [c]	Required Exams [All exams require a score of 65 or above]
English Comprehensive Exam	English Comprehensive Exam
Regents Course 1 Math Exam/Regents Math A Exam	Regents Course 1 Math and Course 2 Exams/ Regents Math A Exam
Regents Global Studies Exam	Regents Global Studies Exam
Regents U.S. History Exam	Regents U.S. History Exam
Regents Science Exam	2 Regents Science Exams
	Regents LOTE [d]

- [a] Students are required to have completed two units of study in a Language Other Than English by the end of their 9th grade year. A unit of study refers to seat time (generally 180 minutes per week) and not credit.
- [b] Students acquiring 5 units of credits in one of the following may be exempt from the Language Other Than English requirement: Art, Music, Business, or Career and Technical Education.
- [c] School districts may choose to accept a passing score of 55 or above to satisfy the requirements for a local diploma. Furthermore, students on an IEP who score below a 55 are entitled to take the RCT exams in each designated curriculum area. If the scores on the RCT exams are 65 or above, the student thereby satisfies the examination requirements for a local diploma.
- [d] Students acquiring 5 units of credits in one of the following may be exempt from the Language Other Than English requirement: Art, Music, Business, or Career and Technical Education.

Major Sequences

Students obtaining either a local diploma or a Regents Diploma must complete a sequence requirement in addition to the required credits and exams noted above, as follows:

1. Two 3 unit sequences in Art, Business, Math, Science, the Language Other Than English, Family and Consumer Science, Music, Career and Technical Education --OR--
2. One 3 unit sequence in the areas noted above AND one 5 unit sequence in English or Social Studies --OR--
3. One 5 unit sequence in Art, Business, Language Other Than English, Math, Science, Music, or Career and Technical Education.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Graduating Class of 2004

Local Diploma		Regents Diploma	
Required Courses	Credits	Required Courses	Credits
English	4	English	4
Social Studies	4	Social Studies	4
Math	2	Math	2
Science	2	Science	2
LOTE	[a]	LOTE [b]	3
Art/Music	1	Art/Music	1
Health	.5	Health	.5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Sequence/Electives	5	Sequence/Electives	2.5
TOTAL	20.5	TOTAL	20.5

REQUIRED EXAMS [c]	REQUIRED EXAMS [All exams require a score of 65 or above]
English Comprehensive Exam (65 passing score)	English Comprehensive Exam
Regents Math A Exam	Regents Math A Exam
Regents Global Studies Exam (65 passing score)	Regents Global Studies Exam
Regents U.S. History Exam (65 passing score)	Regents U.S. History Exam
Regents Science Exam	2 Regents Science Exams
	Regents LOTE Exam [d]

- [a] Students are required to have completed two units of study in a Language Other Than English (LOTE) by the end of their 9th grade year. A unit of study refers to seat time (average 180 minutes per week) and not credit.
- [b] Students acquiring 5 units of credits in one of the following may be exempt from the Language Other Than English requirement: Art, Music, Business, or Career and Technical Education.
- [c] Except where noted, school districts may choose to accept a passing score of 55 or above to satisfy the requirements for a local diploma. Furthermore, students on an IEP who score below a 55 are entitled to take the RCT exams in each designated curriculum area. If the scores on the RCT exams are 65 or above, the student thereby satisfies the examination requirements for a local diploma.

- [d] Students acquiring 5 units of credits in one of the following may be exempt from the Language Other Than English requirement: Art, Music, Business, or Career and Technical Education.

Major Sequences

Students obtaining either a local diploma or a Regents Diploma must complete a sequence requirement in addition to the required credits and exams noted above, as follows:

1. Two 3 unit sequences in Art, Business, Math, Science, Language Other Than English, Family & Consumer Science, Music, Career and Technical Education--OR--
2. One 3 unit sequence in the areas noted above AND one 5 unit sequence in English or Social Studies--OR--
3. One 5 unit sequence in Art, Business, Language Other Than English, Math, Science, Music, or Career and Technical Education.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Graduating Class of 2005 and Thereafter

Regents Diploma

Regents w/Advanced
Designation Diploma

Required Courses	Credits	Required Courses	Credits
English	4	English	4
Social Studies	4	Social Studies	4
Math [a]	3	Math	3
Science [a]	3	Science	3
LOTE	1 [b]	LOTE [c]	3
Art/Music	1	Art/Music	1
Health	.5	Health	.5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Sequence/Electives	3.5	Sequence/Electives	1.5
TOTAL	22	TOTAL	22

Required Exams
 [All exams require a score of 65 or above]

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 [All exams require a score of 65 or above]

English Comprehensive Exam	English Comprehensive Exam
Regents Math A Exam	Regents Math A and Math B Exam
Regents Global Studies Exam	Regents Global Studies Exam
Regents U.S. History Exam	Regents U.S. History Exam
Regents Science Exam	2 Regents Science Exams
	Regents LOTE Exam [c]

- [a] An integrated course in mathematics/science/technology may be used to satisfy the requirement for a third unit credit in mathematics or science.
- [b] Students are required to have completed two units of study in a Language Other Than English (LOTE) by the end of their 9th grade year. One unit of credit is earned either by passing the state LOTE proficiency exam or earning a unit of commencement level credit in a LOTE.
- [c] Students acquiring 5 units of credit in one of the following may be exempt from the Language Other Than English requirement: Art, Music, Business, or Career and Technical Education.

Students must also have completed successful sequences in science, math, a second language, music, art or occupational education subjects, as prescribed by Commissioner's Regulations.

Under certain prescribed conditions, students may earn a maximum of six and one-half units of credit for either a Regents or local diploma without completing the above units of study for such units of credit.

1. **IEP Diploma.** Students who have been designated as having a disability must have completed the requirements to receive an IEP diploma or local certificate as specified in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and approved by the Committee on Special Education (CSE).

An official school diploma will only be issued based upon the completion of the Regents or local diploma requirement.

A high school diploma will represent termination of the district's responsibility to provide additional educational training opportunities as part of the regular day program. Any student earning an IEP diploma or Local Certificate will be informed in writing of his or her right to attend the public schools of the district until one of the following occurs:

1. The student earns a high school diploma.
2. The student attains the age of 21 prior to September first of a school year.

Ref: 8 NYCRR §§100.1-100.7; 100.9
Matter of O'Neill, 29 EDR 297 (1990)

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