

# **Overview and Update High School Diploma Requirements**

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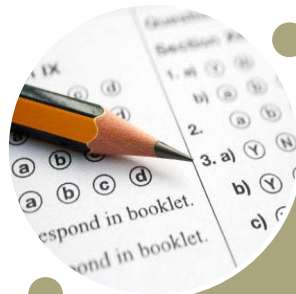
# Overview of Topics

- Credit Requirements and Earning Credits
- Pathways and the Dual Role of CDOS Requirements
- Assessment Requirements
  - Regents
  - Local
  - Superintendent's Determination
- Appeals
- Social Studies Transition

# Requirements



New York State High School Diploma

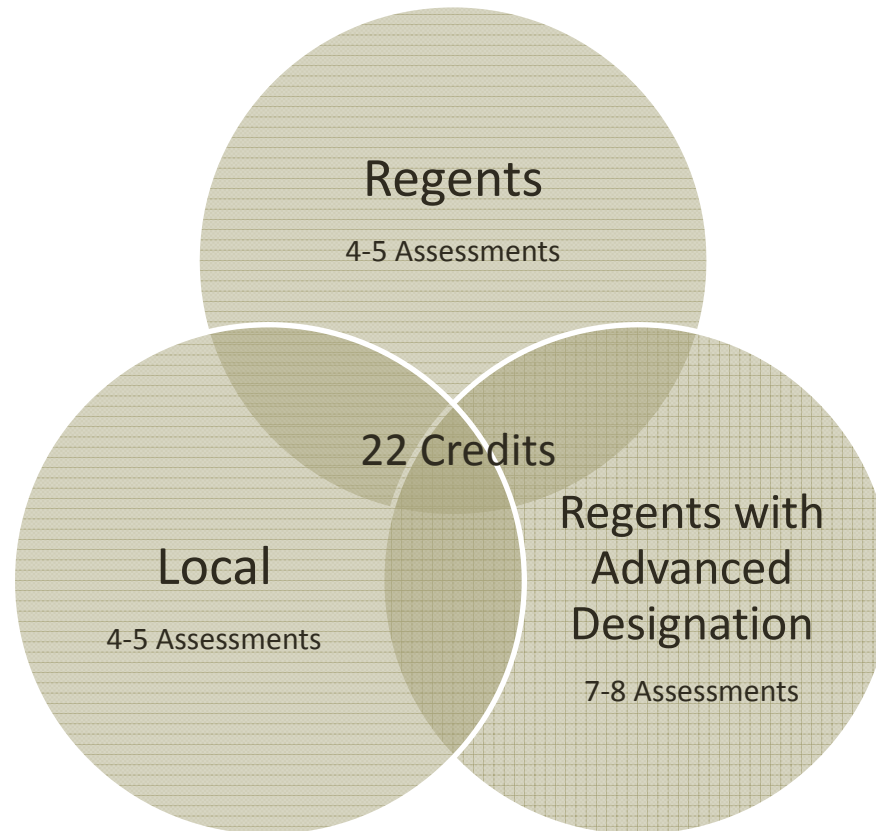


5-8 Assessments accomplished by successfully passing Regents exams, Department approved alternatives or pathway exams



22 Credits accomplished by successfully completing course work

# Diploma Types



# Earning Credit

- **Unit of credit is earned by:** the mastery of the learning outcomes set forth in a New York State-developed or locally developed syllabus for a given high school subject, after a student has had the opportunity to complete a unit of study in the given subject matter area; or
- **Credit by Exam:** A student earns a passing score of at least 85 on a Regents exam without the completion of a unit of study, completes either an oral examination or a special project.

Credit by exam

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#examCredit>

# Distribution of Credits

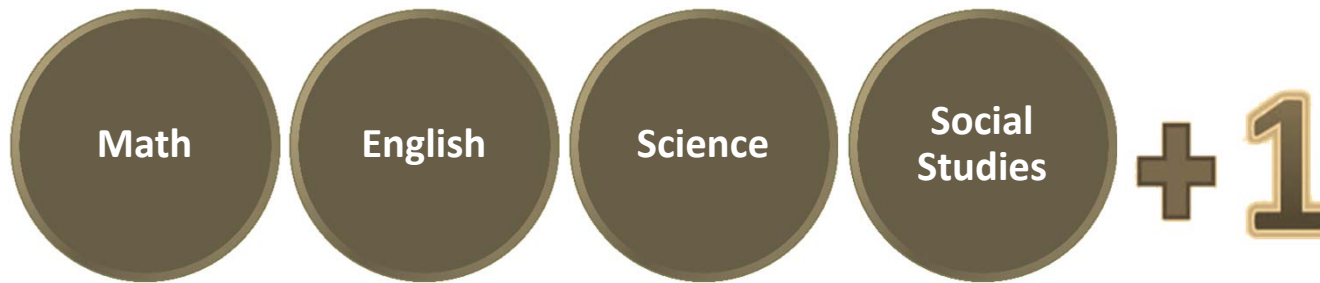
	Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
Content Area	Minimum Number of Credits
English	4
Social Studies Distributed as Follows: U.S. History (1) Participation in Government (1/2) Economics (1/2) Other (2) (students entering grade 9 in 2016 must earn 2 credits in Global History and Geography)	4
Science Distributed as Follows: Life Science (1) Physical Science (1) Life Science or Physical Science (1)	3
Mathematics	3
Languages Other than English (LOTE)	1*
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education	2
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
Total	22

\*Students with disabilities may be exempt from the LOTE required credit if so indicated on their IEP

# Assessment Requirements

# Pathways 4+1

All students must pass  
4 Required Regents Examinations:  
One in each discipline



Pathways

CDOS

CTE

STEM

Humanities

Arts

LOTE



How do students meet the  
Pathway Requirements toward  
a Regents or Local Diploma?

# Meeting the assessment requirements for a STEM Pathway

STEM

- Any additional Math or Science Regents exam or any Math or Science exam from the list of Department Approved Alternatives, after a student has completed a course in the subject.

# Meeting the assessment requirements for a Humanities Pathway

Humanities

- Any additional Social Studies Regents Exam or any Social Studies or English exam from the list of Department Approved Alternatives after a student has completed a course in the subject.

# Meeting the Assessment Requirements for an Arts Pathway

Arts

- Any assessment from the list of Department Approved Arts Pathway Assessments after a student has been prepared in the associated content

# Meeting the assessment requirements for a LOTE Pathway

Biliteracy  
(LOTE)

- This pathway is not currently available. Examinations are under review and will be posted on the Multiple Pathway page once approved.

# Meeting the Program and Assessment Requirements for a CTE Pathway

CTE

- After a student has successfully completed a Department approved CTE Program s/he passes an approved CTE Pathway Assessment found at the link below. The student must successfully complete **BOTH** the program and the assessment. Not all CTE technical assessments are approved as CTE Pathway Assessments

Multiple Pathways Resources

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>


# Meeting the Program or Assessment Requirements for a CDOS Pathway

CDOS

- Students who complete all the components of the CDOS commencement credential option 1 (program) or option 2 (assessment) may use that credential to meet the +1 pathway requirement toward a local or Regents diploma.  
Note: CDOS may also be earned as a standalone credential for those student unable to meet the other requirements of a Regents or local diploma

# Dual Role of CDOS

## CDOS as a Pathway to Local or Regents Diploma

- Passing Regents Examinations in
    - ELA
    - Math
    - Science
    - Social Studies
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- All the CDOS Credential Requirements

## CDOS as a Standalone Credential

- Students attempt, but do not successfully complete all the Regents or local diploma requirements but do complete all the CDOS credential requirements



# CDOS Commencement Credential Requirements – 2 Options

## CDOS Commencement Credential – Option 1

- Available to all students except students assessed using the New York State Alternate Assessment seeking the Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential. Available as a stand alone credential or added to a Local or Regents diploma.
- Criteria:
  - Career Plan
  - Employability Profile
  - Demonstrated achievement of CDOS Standards
  - 216 hours of CTE coursework and/or work-based learning experiences (of which at least 54 hours must be in work-based learning experiences)

## CDOS Commencement Credential – Option 2

- Available to all students except students assessed using the New York State Alternate Assessment seeking the Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential. Available as a stand alone credential or added to a Local or Regents diploma.
- Criteria - meeting the requirements for one of the nationally recognized work readiness credentials
  - National Work Readiness Credential;
  - SkillsUSA Work Force Ready Employability Assessment;
  - National Career Readiness Certificate WorkKeys - (ACT);
  - Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems Workforce Skills Certification System.

# What is the Difference Between a Regents and Local Diploma?

The answer depends on two factors:

- To which subgroup does a student belong
  - Student with a Disability
  - English Language Learner
  - General Education
- What scores did the student attain on the required examinations for graduation.

# Assessment Requirements – Regents Diploma

Regents Exam or passing score on a Department Approved Alternative	Regents Diploma for all students		Regents Diploma via Appeal for all students	
	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	65	1	1 exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district and all other required exams with a 65 or greater
Math	1	65	1	
Science	1	65	1	
Social Studies	1	65	1	
Pathway	1 (or CDOS)	65 if Regents Exam	1 (or CDOS)	
Compensatory Safety Net	Non Applicable		Non Applicable	

Department Approved Alternatives to Regents Exams can be found at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>

# Local Diploma – 4 Ways

## (1) All Students - Appeal

	Local Diploma via Appeal for <u>All Students</u>	
Regents Exam or passing score on a Dept. App. Alt	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	2 exams with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district and all other required exams with a 65 or greater
Math	1	
Science	1	
Social Studies	1	
Pathway	1 or CDOS	
Compensatory Safety Net	Non Applicable	

## (2) English Language Learner - Appeal

	Local Diploma via Appeal for English Language Learners	
Regents Exam or passing score on a Dept. App. Alt	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	ELA with a score of 55-59 for which an appeal has been granted and all other required exams with a score of 65 or greater <b>OR</b> 1 exam with a score of 60-64 and ELA with a score of 55-64 for which appeals have been granted by the district and all other required exams with a score of 65 or greater
Math	1	
Science	1	
Social Studies	1	
Pathway	1 or CDOS	
Compensatory Safety Net	Non Applicable	

### (3) Students with a Disability

## Low Pass Safety Nets

	Local Diploma for Students with a Disability via low pass safety nets	
Regents Exam or passing score on a Dept. App. Alt	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	55*
Math	1	55*
Science	1	55* ^
Social Studies	1	55* ^
Pathway	1 or CDOS	55* ^ ( if Regents exam)
Compensatory Safety Net	Scores of 45-54 on any required Regents exam (except ELA and Mathematics) can be compensated by a score of 65 or above on another required Regents exam including ELA and Mathematics.	

\*Students with a disability seeking the local diploma through the low pass safety-net may appeal scores of 52-54 on up to two Regents Examinations.

^ Students with a disability who are unable to obtain a passing score on these examinations may seek a local diploma by Superintendent's Determination. See: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm>

# (4) Superintendents Determination of a Local Diploma

Added as an option at the June 2016 BOR meeting amended October 2016

- Eligibility:
  - Student with a current IEP
  - Passed ELA and Math Regent exams with a score of 55 or has successfully appealed a score of 52-54
  - has participated in the other Regents exams (science and social studies), but has not passed one or more of these as required for graduation
  - demonstrated competency in the subject area where the student was not able to demonstrate his/her proficiency of the State's learning standards through the Regents exam
  - Earned all required credits and passed, in accordance with district policy, all courses required for graduation
- Applicable to June 2016 grads and thereafter  
Info. and forms: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm>

# Superintendent Determination

- The Superintendent may only conduct review after receipt of a written request from an eligible student's parent or guardian.
- The definition of superintendent for purposes for this regulation only shall include the principal or head of school of charter schools and non-public schools, as applicable.
- The student and the parent of the student must receive written notice of the superintendent's determination with the copy of the completed form.



# Superintendent Determination

- Where the superintendent determines the student :
  - has met the requirements for graduation, the district must provide prior written notice that the student is not eligible to receive a free appropriate public education after graduation with a local diploma
  - has not met the requirements for graduation, the written notice shall inform the student and parents that the student has the right to attend school until receipt of a local or Regents diploma or until the end of the school year in which the student turns age 21, whichever shall occur first;

# Superintendent Determination

- For students of transition age, the development of transition goals and services at a CSE meeting must include a discussion, with the student and parents, of:
  - the graduation requirements that apply to the student;
  - the student's progress toward receiving a diploma;
  - the courses the student has passed and the number of credits the student has earned as required for graduation;
  - the assessments required for graduation that the student has taken and passed; and
  - the appeal, safety net and superintendent determination pathway options that may be available to the student to meet the graduation assessment requirements.

# Appeal Process

# Appeal Criteria

Students seeking an appeal must meet the following criteria:

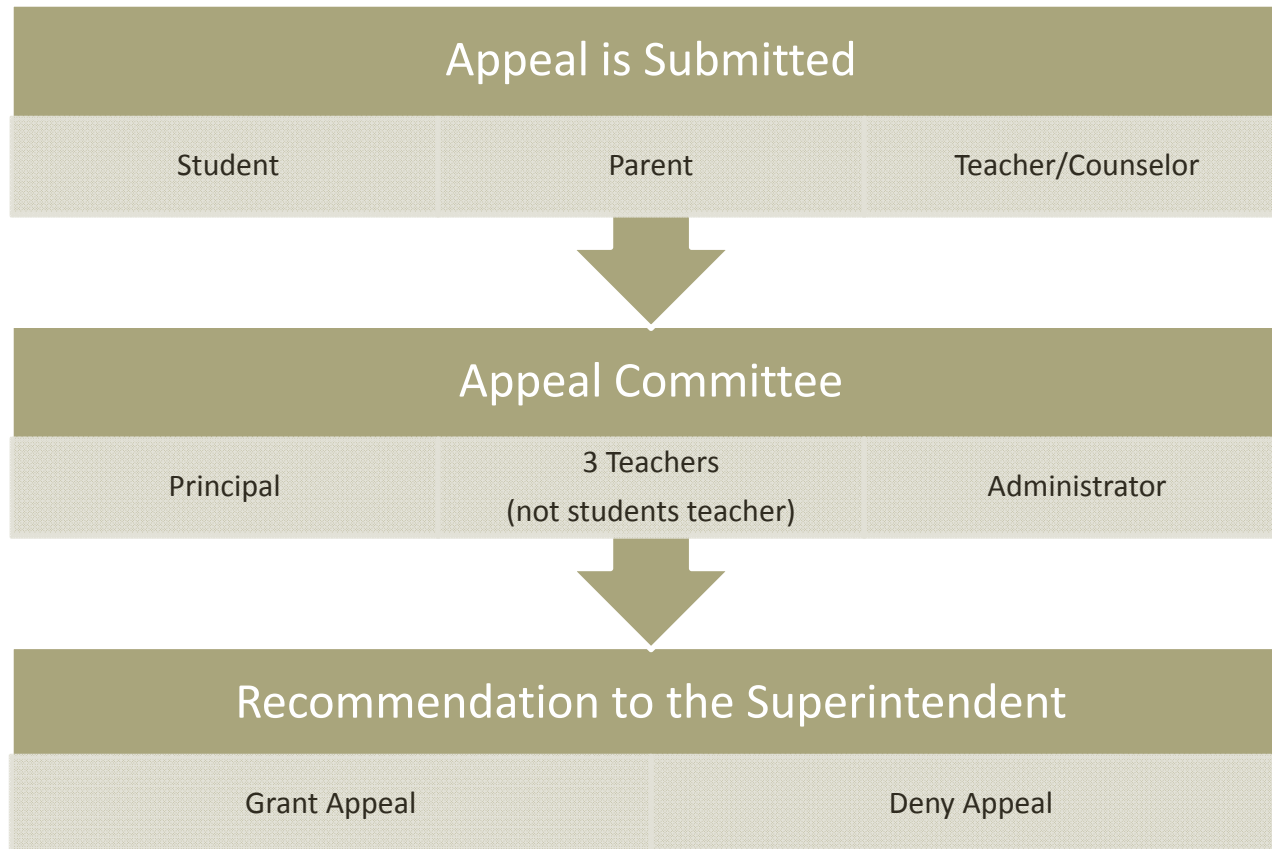
- Have taken the Regents examination under appeal at least two times;
- Have at least one score on the Regents examination under appeal within the point range appropriate for the appeal.
  - All student appeal score band (60-64) Students with disabilities seeking the local diploma - score band 52-54
  - English language learner seeking an appeal on ELA only - score band 55-59
- Have taken advantage of academic help provided by the school in the subject tested by the Regents examination under appeal;
- Have passed the course for which the appeal is being sought
- Be recommended for an exemption to the graduation requirement by the student's teacher or Department chairperson in the subject of the Regents examination under appeal.

Note:

English Language Learners seeking an appeal for a score of 55-59 on the ELA Regents Exam are only eligible for an appeal in this area if they entered the United States in grade 9 or after and were classified as an ELL when they took the test the second time.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/CurrentAppealForm.pdf>

# Appeal Committee and Review



# Transfer Students

Students who transfer to a NY State School for the first time in:

- Grade 11 – May be exempt from the Global History and Geography exam. Must pass ELA, Math, Science, US History = 4 Exams These students may also be exempt from the required 2 units of Global instruction and substitute other social studies courses to meet the 4 required credits in Social Studies
- Grade 12 – May be exempt from Global History and Geography and Science. Must pass ELA, Math, US History = 3 Exams

# Social Studies Transition Exam

- Impacts students entering grade 9 in September 2016
- Impacts Global History and Geography exams administered in June 2018-January 2020
- What will be assessed on the Transition Exam?:
  - Existing Core Curriculum (not new Frameworks)
  - Course Year 2 (Grade 10) Only (1750-Present)
  - Retains the structure of the current Global Exam.
  - Uses questions written for the existing Global Regents bank, but only covers content from 1750 – the present, consistent with the configuration of the new Global II Exam

Transition Memo: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/ss/hs/ghg-faqtransitiontimeline.pdf>

Regents Item: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/616p12a6.pdf>

**Timeline for Transition Examination and New Framework-Based Examination  
Regents Examination in Global History and Geography**

<b>Year</b>	<b>January Administration</b>	<b>June Administration</b>	<b>August Administration</b>
2017		Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10)	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10)
2018	Current Exam Global History and Geography (Grades 9 &10) (Last Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) (First Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10)
2019	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10) (First Administration)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)
2020	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	Transition Exam Global History and Geography (Grade 10) (Last Administration) ----- New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)
2021	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)	New Framework Exam Global History and Geography II (Grade 10)



# Helpful Links

Diploma Requirements Chart	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/CurrentDiplomaRequirements.pdf">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/CurrentDiplomaRequirements.pdf</a>
Diploma Requirements Page	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/intro.html">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/intro.html</a>
Multiple Pathways Page	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/</a>
Multiple Pathways Q&A	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/docs/multiple-pathways-pathways-qa-2015-04-08.pdf">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/docs/multiple-pathways-pathways-qa-2015-04-08.pdf</a>
Superintendent Determination	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm</a>
Transfer Credit	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#transCredit">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#transCredit</a>
Appeal To Graduate with a Lower Score	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/appeal-form.pdf">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/appeal-form.pdf</a>
Department Approved Alternative Exams	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf</a>
LOTE Guidance	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/lote/documents/lote-qa.pdf">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/lote/documents/lote-qa.pdf</a>

# Where to Get Additional Information

**General Ed and Diploma Requirements Web Page:**

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/intro.html>

**NYSED Office of Curriculum and Instruction**

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/>

Information Email Box: [emscurric@nysed.gov](mailto:emscurric@nysed.gov)

**Graduation Requirements Information E-mail Box**

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**Curriculum and Instruction Content Area Associates**

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/aboutus.html>

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