

Credit Requirements

Local, Regents, and Advanced Regents Diplomas		Toward College & Career Readiness	
Students must meet the exam requirements listed on the reverse side and, in addition, must earn the credits below in order to receive a local, Regents, or advanced Regents diploma. The credit requirements are identical for all diploma types, except for the advanced Regents diploma where indicated below.		The courses and credits to the left are required for students to graduate with a diploma, but additional courses and experiences may be necessary for a student to be truly ready for success in college and careers. The courses and experiences listed below help prepare students for the transition from high school to college or the workplace.	
Minimum Requirements ¹		Courses that Support College & Career Readiness	
English Language Arts (ELA)	8	Math: 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Algebra I ✓ Geometry ✓ Algebra II 	Advanced Courses Advanced Placement (AP) courses International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
Social Studies <i>Distributed as follows:</i> Global History (4) U.S. History (2) Participation in Government (1) Economics (1)	8	Science: 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least three of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Living Environment ✓ Chemistry ✓ Physics ✓ An AP science course 	Courses for college credit such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ College Now ✓ CUNY Early College
Math Including at least 2 credits of advanced math (e.g. Geometry or Algebra II)	6	Alternative Exiting Credentials	
Science (including labs) <i>Distributed as follows:</i> Life Science (2) Physical Science (2) Life or Physical Science (2)	6	There are currently two credentials available: the CDOS commencement credential and the Skills and Achievement commencement credential, described further below. Alternative exiting credentials are not equivalent to a high school diploma . Students who receive these credentials are eligible to continue attending school until they earn a high school diploma or until the end of the full school year in which they turn 21 (whichever occurs first). These credentials may only be awarded after at least 12 years of education, excluding kindergarten. For more information on these credentials, students should ask their school.	
Language Other Than English (LOTE) ²	2 (6 for advanced Regents) ³	Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential	Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	2	Recognizes students' preparation for entry-level work through mastery of the CDOS learning standards. Students may receive this credential upon completion of a career plan, employability profile, and 216 hours of career preparation experiences, including at least 54 hours of school-supported work-based learning. This credential may be awarded as the sole exiting credential, as an endorsement to a diploma, or as a +1 option (see the reverse side for more information).	Recognizes students' skills and achievements in academic, career development, and other foundations needed for post-school living, learning, and working. This credential may only be awarded to students with severe cognitive disabilities who participate in the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA).
Physical Education Every year, distributed in specific patterns	4		
Health	1		
Electives	7 (3 for advanced Regents)		
Total	44		

¹ The number of credits required for State-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) sequences varies depending on the specific program of study. Students may be required to earn more than 44 total credits in order to graduate with a CTE endorsement. Students in CTE programs should ask their school about these requirements.

² A student whose IEP indicates a disability that adversely affects his or her ability to learn a language may be exempted from the LOTE requirement but must still earn 44 total credits.

³ Students completing an Arts or CTE endorsement with the advanced Regents diploma are required to complete only 2 credits of LOTE. See reverse for more information about these endorsements.

Exam Requirements

Diploma Type	Local (eligible students only) ⁴	Regents	Advanced Regents	Toward College & Career Readiness
<p>Students must meet the credit requirements listed on the reverse side and, in addition, must earn passing scores on the exams below in order to receive a local, Regents, or advanced Regents diploma. The local diploma is only available to students who are Safety Net-eligible or have been granted specific appeals.⁴ The required score and the exams that must be completed vary based on the type of diploma a student is pursuing.</p>				<p>The exams listed to the left are required for students to graduate with a diploma, but earning higher scores on these exams, taking additional exams, and achieving diploma endorsements can support students in successfully transitioning to college or the workplace. Earning any of the scores below on reading, writing, and math will help students to avoid remediation at CUNY.</p>
Regents Exam⁵				Achievements that Support College & Career Readiness
Minimum Requirements				
English Language Arts (ELA)	55+	65+	65+	<p>Reading and Writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English Regents exam score of 75+ ✓ SAT Critical Reading, I Verbal, or Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 480+ ✓ ACT English score of 20+ ✓ Passing score on CUNY Assessment Tests
<p>Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. History OR • Global History & Geography 	55+ on one social studies exam	65+ on one social studies exam	65+ on one social studies exam	<p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Any Math Regents exam score of 80+ AND a passing grade in Algebra II /Trigonometry or a higher level math course ✓ Common Core-aligned Algebra I or Geometry Regents exam score of 70+ or Algebra II/Trigonometry exam score of 65+ ✓ Math SAT score of 500+ or SAT Math Section (March 2016 and later) score of 530+ ✓ ACT Math score of 21+ ✓ Passing score on CUNY Assessment Tests
<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I, • Geometry, OR • Algebra II 	55+ on one math exam	65+ on one math exam	65+ on all three math exams	<p>Other Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Earn a score of 3+ on any Advanced Placement (AP) exam ✓ Earn a score of 4+ on any International Baccalaureate (IB) exam ✓ Pass a course that earns college credit with a “C” or higher ✓ Earn an Advanced Regents diploma ✓ Earn a CTE diploma endorsement and/or pass an industry-recognized technical assessment for licensure and/or certification ✓ Earn an Arts diploma endorsement
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Environment, • Earth Science, • Chemistry, OR • Physics 	55+ on one science exam	65+ on one science exam	65+ on Living Environment AND one other science exam	
Language Other Than English (LOTE)	Not Required	Not Required	65+ on one NYC LOTE exam ⁶	
+1 option⁵	55+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 option	65+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 option	65+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 option	
				Diploma Endorsements
				<p>Students may earn diploma endorsements recognizing the successful completion of additional courses and exams. Students should ask their school if they are eligible for any of the following endorsements: Arts endorsement, Seal of Biliteracy, the CDOS endorsement, CTE endorsement, Honors Designation, Mastery in Math, Mastery in Science, and the Service Seal.</p>
<p>⁴ Some students, including students with disabilities, may have additional options for fulfilling graduation requirements. These students may be eligible for the local diploma, which allows students to graduate with lower exam scores. Students and families should discuss their options with their schools.</p> <p>⁵ Other assessments and learning experiences approved by the New York State Education Department may fulfill the +1 option or replace a Regents exam. Students should ask their schools about the availability of these options, including the Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) +1 option. Students using the CDOS +1 option must complete a career plan, employability profile, and 216 hours of career preparation experiences, which must include at least 54 hours of school-supported work-based learning.</p> <p>⁶ A student completing an Arts or CTE endorsement with the advanced Regents diploma is not required to take the LOTE exam. Likewise, a student with a disability whose IEP indicates that disability negatively affects the student’s ability to learn a language is not required to take the LOTE exam in order to receive an advanced Regents diploma.</p>				

Credit Requirements

	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
Minimum Requirements¹		
English Language Arts (ELA)	8	8
Math Including at least 2 credits of advanced math (e.g., Geometry or Algebra II)	6	6
Social Studies <i>Distributed as follows:</i> Global History (4) U.S. History (2) Participation in Government (1) Economics (1)	8	8
Science (including labs) <i>Distributed as follows:</i> Life Science (2) Physical Science (2) Life Science or Physical Science (2)	6	6
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	2	6 ²
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	2	2
Physical Education Every year, distributed in specific patterns	4	4
Health	1	1
Electives	7	3
Total	44	44

¹ The number of credits required for State-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) sequences varies depending on the specific program of study. Students may be required to earn more than 44 total credits in order to graduate with a CTE endorsement. Students in CTE programs should ask their school about these requirements.

² Students completing Arts or CTE endorsements to the Advanced Regents diploma are required to complete only 2 credits of LOTE. See reverse for more information about these endorsements.

Toward College and Career Readiness

Students must earn the credits listed to the left in order to receive a Regents or Advanced Regents diploma. Completing the additional courses listed below can support students in successfully transitioning to college or the workplace.

Courses That Support College and Career Readiness

Subject-Specific Course Sequences

Math: 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least the following courses:

- ✓ Algebra I
- ✓ Geometry
- ✓ Algebra II

Science: 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least three of the following courses:

- ✓ Living Environment
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Physics
- ✓ An AP science course

Advanced Courses

Advanced Placement (AP) courses

International Baccalaureate (IB) courses

Courses for college credit such as:

- ✓ College Now
- ✓ CUNY Early College

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For students entering 9th grade in 2016

Examination Requirements

	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
Regents Exam ³	Minimum Requirements	
English Language Arts (ELA)	65+	65+
Math	65+ on one math exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I, Geometry, OR Algebra II 	65+ on three math exams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I, Geometry, AND Algebra II
Social Studies	65+ on one social studies exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History OR Global History & Geography 	65+ on one social studies exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History OR Global History & Geography
Science	65+ on one science exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry, OR Physics 	65+ on Living Environment AND one other science exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Science, Chemistry, OR Physics
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	Not required	65+ on one NYC LOTE exam ⁴
+1 Option ³	65+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 option	65+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 option

³ Other assessments and learning experiences approved by the New York State Education Department may fulfill the +1 option or replace a required exam. Students should ask their schools about the availability of these options, including the Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) +1 Option. Students using the CDOS +1 option must complete a career plan, employability profile, and 216 hours of career preparation experiences, which must include at least 54 hours of work-based learning.

⁴ Students completing an Arts or CTE endorsement to the Advanced Regents diploma and students whose IEPs indicate a disability that affects their ability to learn a language are not required to take the LOTE exam.

NOTE: Students with disabilities have additional options for fulfilling exam requirements. Students should ask their schools about whether these options apply to them.

Diploma Endorsements

Students may earn diploma endorsements recognizing the successful completion of additional courses and exams. Students should ask their schools if they are eligible for any of the following endorsements: Arts, CTE, Honors Designation, Mastery in Math, Mastery in Science, and Service.

Toward College and Career Readiness

Students must earn passing scores on the exams listed to the left in order to receive a Regents or Advanced Regents diploma. Earning higher scores on these exams, taking additional exams, and achieving diploma endorsements can support students in successfully transitioning to college or the workplace.

Achievements that Support College and Career Readiness

Earn any of these scores to avoid remediation at CUNY:

Reading and Writing

- ✓ English Regents exam score of 75+
- ✓ SAT Critical Reading score of 480+
- ✓ ACT English score of 20+
- ✓ Passing score on CUNY Assessment Tests

Math

- ✓ Any Math Regents exam score of 80+ AND a passing grade in Algebra II/Trigonometry or a higher level math course
- ✓ Common Core-aligned Algebra I or Geometry Regents exam score of 70+ AND a passing grade in Algebra II or a higher level math course
- ✓ Math SAT score of 500+
- ✓ ACT Math score of 21+
- ✓ Passing score on CUNY Assessment Tests

Other Achievements

- ✓ Earn a score of 3+ on any Advanced Placement (AP) exam
- ✓ Earn a score of 4+ on any International Baccalaureate (IB) exam
- ✓ Pass a course that earns college credit with a “C” or higher
- ✓ Earn an Advanced Regents diploma
- ✓ Earn a CTE diploma endorsement and/or pass an industry-recognized technical assessment for licensure and/or certification
- ✓ Earn an Arts diploma endorsement

Credit Requirements

	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS¹	
English Language Arts (ELA)	8	8
Math Including at least 2 credits of advanced math (e.g., Geometry or Algebra II)	6	6
Social Studies <i>Distributed as follows:</i> Global History (4) U.S. History (2) Participation in Government (1) Economics (1)	8	8
Science (including labs) <i>Distributed as follows:</i> Life Science (2) Physical Science (2) Life Science or Physical Science (2)	6	6
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	2	6 ²
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	2	2
Physical Education Every year, distributed in specific patterns	4	4
Health	1	1
Electives	7	3
Total	44	44

Toward College and Career Readiness

Students must earn the credits listed to the left in order to receive a Regents or Advanced Regents diploma. Completing the additional courses listed below can support students in successfully transitioning to college or the workplace.

Courses that Support College and Career Readiness

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC COURSE SEQUENCES

- Math:** 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least the following:
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry
 - Algebra II
- Science:** 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least three of the following:
 - Living Environment
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
 - An AP science course

ADVANCED COURSES

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
- Courses for college credit such as College Now or CUNY Early College

¹ The number of credits required for State-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) sequences varies depending on the specific program of study. Students may therefore be required to earn more than 44 total credits in order to graduate with a CTE endorsement. Students in CTE programs should ask their schools about these requirements.

² Students completing Arts or CTE endorsements to the Advanced Regents diploma are required to complete only 2 credits of LOTE. See reverse for more information about these endorsements.

Examination Requirements

	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
REGENTS EXAM³	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	
English Language Arts (ELA)	65+	65+
Math	65+ on one math exam: • Algebra I, • Geometry, OR • Algebra II	65+ on three math exams: • Algebra I, • Geometry, AND • Algebra II
Social Studies	65+ on one social studies exam: • US History OR • Global History & Geography	65+ on one social studies exam: • US History OR • Global History & Geography
Science	65+ on one science exam: • Living Environment, • Earth Science, • Chemistry, OR • Physics	65+ on Living Environment AND one other science exam: • Earth Science, • Chemistry, OR • Physics
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	Not required	65+ on one NYC LOTE exam ⁴
+1 Option	65+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 assessment	65+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 assessment
<p>³ Other assessments approved by the New York State Education Department may fulfill the +1 exam option as well as replace a required exam. Students should ask their schools about the availability of these assessment options.</p> <p>⁴ Students completing an Arts or CTE endorsement to the Advanced Regents diploma and students whose IEPs indicate a disability that affects their ability to learn a language are not required to take the LOTE exam.</p> <p>NOTE: Students with disabilities have additional options for fulfilling exam requirements. Students should ask their schools about whether these options apply to them.</p>		

Toward College and Career Readiness
Students must earn passing scores on the exams listed to the left in order to receive a Regents or Advanced Regents diploma. Earning higher scores on these exams, taking additional exams, and achieving diploma endorsements can support students in successfully transitioning to college or the workplace.
Achievements that Support College and Career Readiness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn any of these scores to enter a four-year CUNY college and/or avoid remediation at CUNY Community Colleges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Regents exam score of 75+ SAT Critical Reading score of 480+ ACT English score of 20+ CUNY Assessment Test in Reading score of 70+ and Writing Test score of 56+ Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Math Regents exam score of 80+ AND a passing grade in Algebra II/Trig or a higher level math course Common Core-aligned Algebra I Regents exam score of 70+ AND a passing grade in Algebra II/Trig or a higher level math course Math SAT score of 500+ ACT Math score of 21+ CUNY Assessment Test in Math I score of 45+ CUNY Assessment Test in Math II score of 40+ Earn a score of 3+ on any Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Earn a score of 4+ on any International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam Pass a course that earns college credit with a "C" or higher Earn an Advanced Regents diploma Earn a CTE diploma endorsement and/or pass an industry-recognized technical assessment for licensure and/or certification Earn an Arts diploma endorsement

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
For students entering 9th grade in 2015

DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS

Students may earn diploma endorsements recognizing the successful completion of additional courses and exams.

Arts Endorsement	CTE Endorsement	Honors Designation	Mastery in Math	Mastery in Science	Service Endorsement
Students must complete 10 credits in one art form (visual arts, music, dance, or theater) and pass the corresponding arts assessment. The total number of credits may exceed 44.	Students in approved CTE programs must meet alternative credit and assessment requirements. The total number of credits varies by sequence and may exceed 44.	Students must earn an average of 90 or higher on the required Regents exams for the diploma they are earning.	Students must score 85 or higher on each of the three math Regents exams and complete the requirements for the Advanced Regents diploma.	Students must score 85 or higher on each of three science Regents exams and complete the requirements for the Advanced Regents diploma.	Students must complete 100 hours of community service in high school, either independently, through service-learning, or as part of a school-led service program.

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	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
	MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS	
English	8	8
Social Studies <i>Distributed as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global History (4) U.S. History (2) Participation in Government (1) Economics (1) 	8	8
Science (including lab) <i>Distributed as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Science (2) Physical Science (2) Life Science or Physical Science (2) 	6	6
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including at least 2 credits of advanced math (e.g., Geometry or Algebra II). 	6	6
Language Other Than English (LOTE)	2	6 ¹
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and /or Theater	2	2
Physical Education (Every Year)	4	4
Health	1	1
Electives	7	3
Total	44	44

Look Ahead

In addition to earning a high school diploma, students can prepare for college and careers by successfully completing:

Subject-Specific Sequences

Science: Eight (8) Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least three of the following: Living Environment, Chemistry, Physics, or AP Science

Mathematics: Eight (8) Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least the following: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II

Advanced Courses

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Courses for college credit such as College Now or CUNY Early College
- International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
- NYCDOE-certified College Preparatory Courses²

¹ Students completing Arts or CTE endorsements to the Advanced Regents diploma are required to complete only 2 credits of LOTE and are not required to take the LOTE exam. See reverse for more information about these endorsements.

² To learn more about NYCDOE-certified College Preparatory Courses, visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/report/default.htm>.

Examination Requirements

	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma	Look Ahead
REGENTS EXAM	MINIMUM SCORES		In addition to earning a high school diploma, students can demonstrate college and career readiness through the following achievements:
Common Core English Language Arts (ELA) [†]	Passing score [^]	Passing score [^]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn a score of 3+ on any Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Pass a course that earns college credit with a "C" or higher Earn an Advanced Regents diploma Earn a CTE diploma endorsement and/or pass an industry recognized technical assessment for licensure and/or certification Earn an Arts diploma endorsement Earn a score of 4+ on any International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam
Common Core Math [†]	Passing score [^] on one math exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I, Geometry, OR Algebra II 	Passing score [^] on all three math exams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I, Geometry, AND Algebra II 	
Global History and Geography	65 +	65 +	
U.S. History and Government	65 +	65 +	
Science	65+ on <u>one</u> science exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry, OR Physics 	65+ on <u>two</u> science exams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Environment, AND Earth Science, Chemistry, OR Physics 	
NYC Language Other Than English (LOTE) Exam	Not required	65 +	
			Common Core Regents Exams <p>[†]Starting in 2013-14, New York State is aligning the ELA and math Regents exams to Common Core standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who enter grade 9 in 2013-14 or thereafter must pass the Common Core aligned ELA Regents exam. Students who begin studying high school math (typically Algebra) in 2013-14 or thereafter must pass the Common Core aligned math Regents exam(s). <p>Through January 2015 only, students may take both the Common Core and non-Common Core math Regents exams; the higher score may be used to fulfill graduation requirements.</p> <p>For more information about Common Core standards, see http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/ForFamilies/default.htm.</p> <p>[^]Passing scores and college readiness indicators for these Regents exams will be determined after June 2014. See http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/.</p>

Diploma Endorsements: Students may earn diploma designations recognizing the successful completion of additional courses and exams.

- Arts endorsement:** Students must complete 10 credits in one art form (visual arts, music, dance, or theater) and pass the corresponding arts assessment. Students earning an arts endorsement to the Advanced Regents diploma are required to earn 2 LOTE credits and are not required to pass the LOTE exam.
- CTE endorsement:** Students in approved CTE programs must meet alternative credit and assessment requirements. The number of total credits varies by sequence and may exceed 44. Students earning a CTE endorsement to the Advanced Regents diploma are required to earn 2 LOTE credits and are not required to pass the LOTE exam.
- Honors designation:** Students must earn an average of 90 or higher on the required Regents exams for their diploma type. As the Common Core Regents exams are introduced, the New York State Education Department may determine new score requirements for this endorsement.
- Mastery in Math (Advanced Regents diploma only):** Students must score 85 or higher on each of the three math Regents exams. The New York State Education Department may determine new score requirements for this endorsement for the Common Core Regents exams.
- Mastery in Science (Advanced Regents diploma only):** Students must score 85 or higher on each of three science Regents exams.

NOTE: Students with disabilities have additional options for fulfilling exam requirements. See <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/>.