

Graduation Requirements

There are three components to meeting graduation requirements. The first is completion of specific courses, the second is the acquisition of credits, and the third is the passing of State examinations. Students must earn a minimum of 22 credits to receive a diploma. When making an educational plan for a student, the goal is to have each student reach his or her highest possible academic potential. In providing for a diversified curriculum for students we address the varying degrees of individual interests and abilities.

It is strongly recommended that students who plan to attend a four-year college or university after graduation meet the requirements for a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. Students must choose one of the three options for meeting those requirements: LOTE sequence; Music/Art sequence; Career/Technical Education sequence. The required units of credit and the required examinations that need to be passed to earn a Regents Diploma or Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation are listed below. In some options, (i.e. LOTE sequence and Regents Diploma) students will need to select additional electives to fulfill the minimum of 22 credits to graduate. Those electives may be taken in any curricular area.

Required Content Courses	CREDIT REQUIREMENTS			
	Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation: Students will choose one of these three options:			Regents Diploma
	LOTE Sequence Minimum Units of Credit Needed:	Music/Art Sequence Minimum Units of Credit Needed:	Career/Technical Education Sequence Minimum Units of Credit Needed:	Minimum Units of Credit Needed:
English	4	4	4	4
Social Studies	4	4	4	4
Math	3	3	3	3
Science	3	3	3	3
LOTE	3	1	1	1
Art/Music	1	5	1	1
Health	.5	.5	.5	.5
Physical Education	2	2	2	2
Career/Technical Ed. (Business, Technology, Family & Consumer Science, EMCC)	0	0	5	0

Language Other Than English (LOTE): To earn the one required credit for graduation students must complete two years of study in a language other than English by the end of their freshman year and pass the required exam. To earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation using the LOTE sequence, students are required to earn 3 credits in a Language Other Than English and pass the Comprehensive Level III LOTE Exam.

Required Exams for:	Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation:	Regents Diploma:
English	Comprehensive English Regents	Comprehensive English Regents
Social Studies	Global History and Geography Regents U.S. History and Government Regents	Global History and Geography Regents U.S. History and Government Regents
Math	Algebra I Regents Geometry Regents Algebra II/Trig Regents	Algebra I Regents OR Geometry Regents OR Algebra II/Trig Regents
Science	The Living Environment Regents and one of the Physical Settings (either Earth Science, Chemistry, or Physics)	One Science Regents
LOTE	Local Level I R-H Final Exam Comprehensive Level III LOTE Exam	Proficiency Exam in Grade 8 OR Local Level I R-H Final Exam

Note: Students who entered grade 9 before September 2011 who qualify for the New York State Safety Net (special education, declassified, and 504 Plan students), may pass the Regents exam with a score between 55% and 64%. Those who score below 55% on a Regents exam may take the corresponding RCT exam.