



DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS & PATHWAYS FOR SWDS

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Assessment Requirements Changes as a Result of Pathways

Before Pathways (prior to June 2015)

Required Examinations: 1 Math, 1 Science, English Language Arts, Global History and Geography, US History

Current Pathways

All Students must pass one Regents examination in each discipline for a total of (4) Exams:

- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- English Language Arts

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Choose (1) Pathway Assessment in:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM); or
- Humanities; or
- Arts; or
- Bilingual (LOTE); or
- Career & Technical Education (CTE); or
- Meet the requirements of the CDOS Credential **(NEW as of March 2016)**

What are the Pathway Options?

CTE	{	• Any of the approved technical assessments after a student has successfully completed a Department approved CTE Program
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.
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.
Arts	{	• Any assessment from the list of Department Approved Arts Pathway Assessments
Bilingual (LOTE)	{	• Examinations currently under review
CDOS	{	• Complete all the requirements for the CDOS Credential

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

Local Diploma for 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 English Language Arts (ELA)	# 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 who are unable to obtain a passing score on these examinations may seek a local diploma by Superintendent <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm>

Superintendents Determination of a Local Diploma

NEW: Added as an option at the June 2016 BOR meeting

- ☐ 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>

Safety Net Examples

Meeting the Compensatory Safety Net Provision for Students with Disabilities

Two Questions:

- 1.) Are the student's ELA and Mathematics Regents Examination scores at 55 or above?
- 2.) For every required Regents Examination score between 45 and 54, is there a compensating score of 65 or above?

If the answer to BOTH OF THE ABOVE questions is yes, then the student has met the assessment requirements for a local diploma.

Compensatory Safety Net Example #1

Student Test Scores

Integrated Algebra - 58
Global History and Geo - 47
Living Environment - 69
US History - 62
ELA - 64

Does this student meet the assessment requirements for a local diploma?

Yes: This student meets the Compensatory Safety Net option by using the score of 69 on Living Environment to compensate for the Global History score of 47.

Compensatory Safety Net Example #2

Student Test Scores

Integrated Algebra - 48
Global History and Geo - 57
Living Environment - 56
US History - 70
ELA - 58

Does this student meet the assessment requirements for a local diploma?

NO. This student does not meet the compensatory safety net option because in all cases students must attain at least 55 on ELA and Math. This student scored a 48 on Integrated Algebra and, therefore, does not meet the requirement.

Compensatory Safety Net Example #3

Student Test Scores	
Integrated Algebra	- 70
Global History and Geo	- 47
Living Environment	- 49
US History	-58
ELA	- 68

Does this student meet the assessment requirements for a local diploma?

Yes: This student meets the Compensatory Safety Net option by using the score of 70 on Integrated Algebra to compensate for the 47 on Global and the score of 68 on ELA to compensate for the 49 on Living Environment.

Compensatory Safety Net Example #4

Student Test Scores	
Integrated Algebra	- 81
Global History and Geo	- 46
Living Environment	- 64
US History	-51
ELA	- 60
Earth Science	- 57

Does this student meet the assessment requirements for a local diploma?

Yes: This student does meet the Compensatory Safety Net requirement. Although the student has 2 scores between 45 and 54 (Global and US) and only one compensating score over 65. S/he can use the passing score on Earth Science as a +1 pathway option. The Integrated Algebra Regents score of 81 compensates for the US History score of 51. This is an example of using Pathways 4+1 with the compensatory safety net.

Compensatory Safety Net, 4+1 Pathway + an Appeal

Student Test Scores	
Integrated Algebra	- 70
Earth Science	- 52
Living Environment	- 49
US History	-58
ELA	- 64

Does this student meet the assessment requirements for a local diploma?

Perhaps ☹
This student is using a 4+1 pathway option in Science. She has taken two Regents examinations in science. She can compensate the 49 on Living Environment with the 70 on Algebra. She may also be eligible to appeal the 52 on Earth Science if she meets the eligibility requirements.

Other Credentials

Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

- Available to students with a disability who are assessed using the NY State Alternate Assessment. Criteria include:
 - Attended school or received a substantially equivalent education elsewhere for at least 12 years (excluding kindergarten) or;
 - Completed the school year in which s/ he has attained the age of 21.

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.

Superintendent's Determination of Graduation with a Local Diploma

The student:


- has a current IEP and is receiving special education programs and/or related services.
- did not meet the graduation requirements through the low pass (55-64) safety net option or the compensatory option
- must have earned the required course credits and have passed, in accordance with district policy, all courses required for graduation, including the Regents courses to prepare for the corresponding required Regents exam areas (ELA, math, social studies, and science)
- must have received a minimum score of 55 on both the Regents ELA and math exams or a successful appeal of a score between 52 and 54
- participated (evidence) in the other exams required for graduation, but has not passed one or more of these as required for graduation.



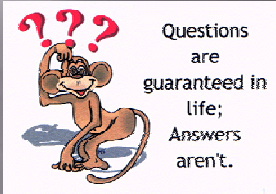
Superintendent's Determination of Graduation with a Local Diploma

In a subject area where the student was not able to demonstrate his/her proficiency of the State's learning standards through the assessment required for graduation, there must be evidence that the student has otherwise demonstrated graduation level proficiency in the subject area.

[Superintendent Determination of Graduation with a Local Diploma form.](#)



Thank you!



NEW YORK STATE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO GRADE 9 STUDENTS FIRST ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2016

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

	Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
	MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS
English	4
Social Studies <i>Distributed as Follows:</i> U.S. History (1) Global History and Geography (2) Participation in Government (1/2) Economics (1/2)	4
Science <i>Distributed as Follows:</i> Life Science (1) Physical Science (1) Life Science or Physical Science	3
Mathematics	3
Languages Other than English (LOTE)	1 ⁽¹⁾
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education (participation each semester)	2
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
Total	22

⁽¹⁾Students with a disability may be excused from the requirement for 1 unit of credit in LOTE if so indicated on the IEP but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate

Notes:

1.) Pathways:

- A student must either complete all the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/2016-memos/cdos-graduation-pathway-option.html>; or
 - Pass an additional math Regents examination in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
 - Pass an additional science Regents examination in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
 - Pass an additional social studies Regents examination in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
 - Pass an additional English assessment in a different course selected from the Department Approved Alternative list; or
 - Pass a Department approved CTE pathway assessment, following successful completion of an approved CTE program; or
 - Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts; or
 - Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in a Language other than English (LOTE)
- See Multiple Pathways at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>
See Department Approved Alternatives at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>

Appeals:

Appeals are subject to local district approval. More information on the appeal to graduate with a lower score on a Regents examination can be found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/Documents/CurrentAppealForm.pdf>

3.) Special Endorsements:

Honors: A student earns a computed average of at least 90 on the Regents examinations applicable to either a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation. No more than 2 Department approved alternatives can be substituted for Regents examinations and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination is not included in the calculation.

Mastery in Math and/or Science: A student meets all the requirements for a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation AND earns at score of 85 or better on 3 math Regents examinations and/or 3 science Regents examinations.

Technical Endorsement: A student meets the requirements for either a local diploma, a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation AND successfully completes a Department approved CTE program including the 3 part technical assessment

4.) Transition to the Common Core Regents Assessments:

ELA: Students who enter grade 9 in 2013 and thereafter must pass the Regents examination in ELA Common Core in order to meet the diploma requirements.

Mathematics: In 2013 and thereafter any student, regardless of grade level or cohort who begins their first commencement level course in mathematics must be provided with instruction aligned with the NYS P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics and take the corresponding Common Core Regents examination. More information can be found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/commoncore/transitionccregents1113rev.pdf>

5.) Students with disabilities who entered grade 9 prior to September 2011:

Students with disabilities who enter grade 9 prior to the 11-12 school year who fail one or more Regents examinations may take the corresponding Regents Competency Test (RCT) in order to meet the assessment requirements. This option may not be used in conjunction with the Compensatory Safety Net Option.

6.) Languages other than English (LOTE) exempt students:

Students with a disability may be excused from the requirement from the required units of credit in LOTE if so indicated on the IEP but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate. A LOTE exempt student who seeks a Regents diploma with advanced designation, does NOT have to complete the 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE in lieu of LOTE in order to meet the assessment requirements for the Advanced Diploma.

Examination Requirements

REGENTS EXAM or passing score on a Department Approved Alternative	Regents Diploma for all students		Regents Diploma via Appeal for all students		Local Diploma via Appeal for all students		Local Diploma for Students with a Disability		Local Diploma via Appeal for English Language Learners	
	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	65	1	4 exams with a minimum score of 65 and 1 exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district	1	3 exams with a minimum score of 65 and 2 exams with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district	1	55*	1	Either 4 exams with a minimum score of 65 and ELA with a score of 55-59 for which an appeal has been granted by the district OR 3 exams with a minimum score of 65, and 1 exam with a score of 60-64 and ELA with a score of 55-59 for which an appeal has been granted for both by the district
Math	1	65	1		1		1	55*		
Science	1	65	1		1		1	55**^		
Social Studies	1	65	1		1		1	55**^		
Pathway (See note 1 on reverse side)	1 or CDOS	65 if Regents Exam	1 or CDOS		1 or CDOS		55**^ if Regents exam	1 or CDOS		
Compensatory Safety Net	Non Applicable		Non Applicable		Non Applicable		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.		Non Applicable	
Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation										
Depending on the pathway a student chooses, the Regents diploma with advanced designation assessment requirements may be met in a multiple ways. Students seeking the Regents diploma with advanced designation may choose from the following assessment options:										
Traditional Combination	ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, 2 science, (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments. In addition the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE.									
Pathway Combination (other than STEM)	ELA, 1 social studies, 3 Math, 2 Science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science), 1 Pathway (other than Science or math) or complete the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 or 8 Assessments In addition the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE									
STEM (Mathematics) Pathway Combination:	ELA, 1 social studies, 4 math, 2 Science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments In addition the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam or a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE									
STEM (Science) Pathway Combination:	ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 3 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments In addition the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE Exam OR a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE									

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^In the event a student with a disability is unable to attain a passing score on this examination the student may seek a Superintendents' Determination of a local diploma. See <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm>