

Graduation Requirements

The Board of Education awards a diploma based upon the successful completion of an approved course of study. Credits required include:

English	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Physical Education	2.0
World Language	1.0
Fine or Performing Arts	1.0
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
Total Credits	22.0

- A student must earn a minimum of 22 high school credits in order to receive a diploma.
- Physical education is required at each grade level and counts as 0.50 credit each year of high school.
- Each student is expected to carry a minimum of 5 courses each semester plus physical education.
- A student, who pursues an accelerated course of study, which enables him or her to complete high school level work prior to entering ninth grade, will be granted high school credit.

Regents Examinations

The New York State Education Department requires that students successfully pass the following Regents examinations in order to graduate from high school with a Regents diploma:

Common Core English	(11 th grade)
Common Core Algebra	(8 th or 9 th grade)
Common Core Geometry	(9 th or 10 th grade)
Global History and Geography	(10 th grade)
Science (Earth Science)	(8 th or 9 th grade)
United States History	(11 th grade)

- Students in the graduating class of 2012 and beyond must score a minimum of 65 on all of the 5 required Regents exams.

- **Multiple Pathways to Graduation:** In January of 2015, the Board of Regents approved regulations establishing multiple, comparably rigorous assessment pathways to graduation for all students. Under the new “4+1” pathway assessment option, students must take and pass four required Regents exams or department approved alternative assessments (one in each of the following subjects: English, math, science, and social studies) and a comparably rigorous assessment for the fifth required exam to graduate. The fifth assessment required for graduation may include one additional Regents examination in a different course in mathematics or science.
- Some students with an **Individualized Education Plan (IEP)** are eligible to satisfy graduation requirements **for a local diploma** by earning a grade of 55 or higher on the five required Regents exams; OR
 - The student scores 45-54 on one or more of the five required regents exams other than English or math, but scores 65 or higher on one or more of the other required exams, thus compensating for the lower scores; **provided that**
 - Each exam for which the student earned a score of 45-54 must be compensated by a score of 65 or higher on a separate exam, **and**
 - The student has earned a passing grade that meets or exceeds the school standard for passing the course in the subject of the exam for which the score of 45-54 was received, **and**
 - The student has a satisfactory attendance rate for the school year in which the student took the exam and scored 45-54

Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS)

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, students will be able to earn a New York State (NYS) Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential. This credential will recognize each individualized student’s preparation and skill for post-school employment. Information about this option may be obtained in consultation with your child’s school counselor.

Additional Social Studies Requirements

All students must complete a ½ credit in Economics and a ½ credit in Participation in Government during senior year.