

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.