



The Mission of the Oxford Academy and Central School District is to develop self-directed learners who are able to make intelligent choices and contribute positively to society.

A decorative graphic featuring several graduation caps (mortarboards) in black and white. Some caps have yellow stars or checkmarks next to them. There are also plus signs, equals signs, and vertical dashed lines scattered around the caps. The text "NEW YORK STATE" is written in a simple, spaced-out font across the middle of the graphic.

NEW YORK STATE

HIGH SCHOOL EXIT OPTIONS

Parent Information

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GRADUATING DIPLOMA

options



NON-DIPLOMA CREDENTIAL

options

Regents Diploma

Who is eligible?

- ✿ All student populations (except NYSAA) are eligible. There are four types of Regents diplomas for students to pursue.
 - ✿ Regents
 - ✿ Regents with Appeal
 - ✿ Regents with Honors
 - ✿ Regents with Advanced Designation

Local Diploma

Who is eligible?

- ✿ All students, through the appeal process, are eligible to earn a local diploma. Students may appeal up to two Regents exams with scores of 60-64.
- ✿ Students with disabilities (IEP) or those with a Section 504 accommodation plan may pursue this option using safety nets.

Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential

Who is eligible?

- ✿ Students with severe disabilities who are assessed using New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) are able to pursue this credential.

What is the purpose?

- ✿ Documents strengths and skills

Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credential

Who is eligible?

- ✿ All students other than those who are assessed using New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) can receive this credential.

What is the purpose?

- ✿ Recognizes a student's preparation for entry-level employment



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

visit

<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/general-education-and-diploma-requirements>

NYS Board of Regents

The New York State Board of Regents is committed to providing multiple pathways for students to earn a regular high school diploma. The Board of Regents has approved regulations to establish multiple, comparably rigorous assessment pathways to graduation for all students and seeks to foster educational equity for all New York State schools and children.

This document outlines the multiple high school exit options that currently exist for New York State students. High school seniors are in a unique position as a result of the pandemic. Their last year and a half of high school has looked different than any of us could have imagined. It also shows the effect of Regents exam waivers and gives examples of what exit options will look like with pandemic-related waivers in place.

For pandemic-related changes to the high school exit options, look for this icon.



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TYPES OF DIPLOMAS

Local Diploma

- ✿ 22 units of credits
- ✿ Used appeals, safety nets to meet assessment requirements
OR
- ✿ Superintendent determination of a Local Diploma for students with IEPs.

- ✿ Waived exams are removed from calculation and cannot be used for the purposes of a compensatory safety net.

Regents Diploma

- ✿ 22 units of credits
- ✿ Earned passing scores (65+)* on all required assessments (4+1)

- ✿ Waived exams are considered scores of 65 for purposes of making diploma determinations.

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

- ✿ 22 units of credits
- ✿ Earned passing scores (65+) on all required assessments (7+1)
 - ✿ Additional exams required:
 - ✿ +2 Math
 - ✿ +1 Science
- ✿ Complete a course sequence
- ✿ Any exam waived as a result of pandemic-related cancellations is not included in calculation.

*A student can appeal one Regents exam score within 5 points of passing and still receive a Regents Diploma.

REGENTS DIPLOMAS

Regents Diploma Options

Regents

- ✿ 5 required assessments with a score of 65 or better
- ✿ Regents (through appeal)
Two assessment appeal options:
 - ✿ 4 required Regents with 65 or better and 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 that an appeal is granted for
OR
 - ✿ 3 required Regents with 65 or better and 1 Regents with appeal of 60-64 and Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential

Regents with Honors

- ✿ 5 required assessments with computed average of 90 or better
OR
- ✿ 4 required Regents exams at 90 or above and Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential

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



Subject Area	Min. Credits
English	4
Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ U.S. History (1) ⊗ Global History & Geography (2) ⊗ Participation in Government (½) ⊗ Economics (½) 	4
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Life Science (1) ⊗ Physical Science (1) ⊗ Life Science or Physical Science (1) 	3
Mathematics	3
Languages other than English (LOTE)	1**
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education (participation each semester)	2
Health	½
Electives	3½
Total Credits Needed:	22



Exams exempted as a result of COVID-19 still count as part of a graduation pathway.

In addition, a student must earn an additional 2 units of credit in LOTE and pass a locally developed check point LOTE exam or earn a 5 unit sequence in the arts or CTE. These credits can be included in the 22 required credits.

Regents with Advanced Designation Requirements

Traditional

- ⊗ Passing scores* on: ELA, U.S. History, Global Studies, 3 math, 2 science (1 life & 1 physical) = 8 assessments

Non-Stem Pathway Combination

- ⊗ Passing scores* on: ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 2 science (1 life & 1 physical) and 1 pathway exam **OR** meeting the requirements for CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 or 8 assessments

STEM Math Path

- ⊗ Passing scores* on: ELA, 1 social studies, 4 math, 2 science (1 life & 1 physical) = 8 assessments

STEM Science Path

- ⊗ Passing scores* on: ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 3 science (1 life & 1 physical) = 8 assessments

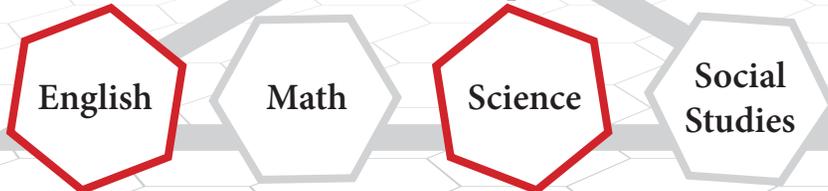
*Passing score: 65 or above

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ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS: MULTIPLE (4+1) PATHWAYS

4

All students must pass 4 required Regents exams
(one in each discipline)



+1 Pathways



If students are unable to earn a passing score or 65 on Regents exams, they may be eligible for:

- ⊗ Appeals (*all students*)
- ⊗ Safety Nets (*students with disabilities*)
- ⊗ Superintendent Determination (*students with IEPs*)

LOCAL DIPLOMAS & STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Superintendent Determination

Who is eligible?

- ✿ Students with disabilities with an IEP; no 504.

Eligibility

- 1 Student has a current IEP and is receiving special education services
- 2 Student was not able to meet the graduation assessment requirements using any other option
- 3 Student has earned the corresponding 22 course credits
- 4 Student has taken and earned a 55-64 on ELA and math OR has had an appeal granted for a score 52-54 on those two assessments or earned the CDOS Commencement Credential to compensate for math and ELA*
- 5 Student has participated in all of the required Regents exams or their equivalent and not passed one or more of those exams

**January 2018: As of December 2017, any student who has earned a CDOS Commencement Credential may use that credential in determinations to award graduation credit for the Math and ELA exam requirement.*

Superintendent must determine, based upon written parent request, if the student has met graduation-level proficiency in the assessment area(s) is in question.

Any exam waived as a result of pandemic-related cancellation cannot be used for the purposes of a compensatory safety net.



Local Diploma

Who is eligible?

- ✿ English language learners only

Option 1 Requirements:

- 1 4 Regents exams with a score of 65+
- 2 ELA Regents exam with a score of 55-59 with appeal granted on ELA only (1 math, 1 science, 1 ELA (appealed) + 1 Pathway Assessment)

Option 2 Requirements:

- 1 3 Regents exams with a score of 65+
- 2 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 with appeal granted on the score that is below 65
- 3 ELA Regents with a 55-59 with appeal granted on the score below 65

Option 3 Requirements:

- 1 2 Regents exams with a score of 65+
- 2 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 with appeal granted on the score that is below 65
- 3 ELA Regents with a 55-59 with appeal granted on the score below 65
- 4 CDOS Commencement Credential

Local Diploma through Appeal

Who is eligible?

- ✿ All students

Option 1 Requirements:

- 1 3 Regents exams with a score of 65+
- 2 2 Regents exams with a score of 60-64 with appeals granted on two scores that are below 65 (1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, 1 ELA + 1 Pathway Assessment)

Option 2 Requirements:

- 1 2 Regents exams with a score of 65+
- 2 2 Regents exams with a score of 60-64 with appeals granted on two scores that are below 65
- 3 Earning the CDOS Commencement Credential (1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, 1 ELA + CDOS Commencement Credential)

Local Diploma

Through:

1. Low Pass Safety Net
2. Option A or B: Low Pass Safety Net and Appeal
3. Compensatory Safety Net

Who is eligible?

- ⚙️ SWD with IEP, 504 students (if included on plan)

1. Low Pass Safety Net requirements

- ① 5 Regents exams or equivalent with a score of 55 or higher (1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, 1 ELA + 1 Pathway Assessment or CDOS Commencement Credential)

2. Option A: Low Pass Safety Net and Appeal 1 requirements

- ① 3 Regents exams with a 55+
- ② 2 Regents exams with a 52-54 with appeals granted on two scores that are below 55 (1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, 1 ELA + 1 Pathway Assessment)

Option B: Low Pass Safety Net and Appeal 2 requirements

- ① 2 Regents exams with a score of 55+
- ② 2 Regents exams with a score of 52-54 with appeals granted on two scores that are below 55
- ③ Earning the CDOS Commencement Credential (1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, 1 ELA + CDOS Commencement Credential)

3. Compensatory Safety Net requirements

- ⚙️ Scores between 45-54 on up to two of the 5 required Regents exams, other than the ELA or math exams, but scores 65 or higher on 1 or more of the required Regents exams, in which case the lower score(s) can be compensated by the higher score(s). (A score of 55 or higher or the successful appeal of a score between 52-54, is required for 1 math Regents exam and the ELA Regents exam.)



DIPLOMA SEALS & ENDORSEMENTS

Local Diploma

Technical Endorsement
CDOS Endorsement

Regents Diploma

Technical Endorsement
Seal of Biliteracy
Honors Endorsement
CDOS Endorsement

Regents with Advanced Designation

Technical Endorsement
Seal of Biliteracy
Honors Endorsement
Mastery in Mathematics and/or Science
CDOS Endorsement

NON-DIPLOMAS CREDENTIAL

CDOS Endorsement or Credential Requirements

All students can earn a CDOS endorsement. Students with disabilities, other than those being assessed using the NYS Alternative Assessment, may receive a stand-alone, non-diploma CDOS credential.

Option 1

Students must have:

- ☼ Experienced meaningful access to the general education curriculum
- ☼ Demonstrated attainment of commencement level CDOS Learning Standards
- ☼ Completed the equivalent of 2 units of study (216 hours) in Career & Technical Education coursework (at least 54 of the 216 hours MUST be from documented work-based learning experiences)
- ☼ Completed a Career Plan (beginning in 9th grade and updated annually)
- ☼ At least 1 Employability Profile

Option 2

Students must:

- ☼ Meet the criteria for a NYSED approved, national work readiness credential

Students are exempt from the work hour requirements for earning a CDOS credential provided that the student has otherwise demonstrated knowledge and skills relating to the CDOS learning standards.



Skills Credential Requirements

Available only to students being assessed using the NYS Alternative Assessment (NYSAA)

Students Must Have:

Attended 12 years of school, excluding kindergarten

OR

Attended until the end of the school year when he/she turns 21 years old

AND

Be NYSAA assessed

Exit with a Student Exit Summary, which details the student's levels of achievement, including academic as well as CDOS standards

