

Graduation Requirements

There are three components to meeting the NYS graduation requirements:

1. Complete **specific required courses**
2. Earn a minimum of **22 credits**
3. Pass **5 state (regents) examinations**

When making educational plans for students, the goal is to have students reach their 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:

- World Language sequence (Spanish)
- Art sequence
- Career/Technical Education sequence (Business, Technology – Project Lead the Way (PLTW) or WEMOCO classes)

The required units of credit and the required examinations that need to be passed to earn a diploma are listed below. In some options, (i.e. World Language 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 based on student choice.

REQUIRED CONTENT COURSES	CREDIT REQUIREMENTS			
	Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation <small>Students will choose one of three options. Minimum Units of Credit Needed</small>			Regents Diploma
	World Language Sequence	Art Sequence	Career/Technical Education Sequence	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
World Language	3	1	1	1
Art/Music	1	5	1	1
Health	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	2	2	2	2
Career/Technical Ed. (Business, Technology, WEMOCO)	0.5	0.5	5	0.5
Electives	1	0	0	3

World Language requirement - To earn the minimum one required credit for graduation, students must complete two years of study in a World Language by the end of the 8th grade year and pass the required exam. To earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation using the World Language sequence, students are required to earn 3 credits in a World Language and pass the Regional – Comp Level III LOTE Exam.

5 Regents exam scores of 65 or higher are required for BOTH Regents with Advanced Designation and Regents Diplomas. Pathways to Graduation: “4+1” Option - Permits a student to take four Regents exams and a comparably rigorous technical, arts, or other assessment for the fifth examination required for graduation. Students must pass 1 exam in each area – English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies – a total of 4, AND 1 additional exam in Social Studies, Math or Science.

Required Exams for:	Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation	Regents Diploma
English	ELA Regents	ELA Regents
Social Studies	Global History and Geography II New Framework Regents US History and Government Regents	Global History and Geography II New Framework Regents US History and Government Regents
Math	Algebra I Regents Geometry Regents Algebra II Regents	One Math Regents
Science	Living Environment Regents One Physical Setting Regents (Earth Science, Chemistry or Physics)	One Science Regents
World Languages	Regional Proficiency Exam (Checkpoint A) Regional - Comprehensive Level III LOTE Exam (Checkpoint B)	Regional Proficiency Exam in Grade 8 OR Regional Level I LOTE Exam

Note: Students 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 and above a 45 on a Regents exam may still graduate if they have a corresponding Math or English exam with a score of 65 or higher; each exam at or above 65 qualifies the student for the one exam credit for grades between 45-54.

Additional Notations for Regents diplomas

- **Honors** – must achieve a computed average of 90 or better on all required Regents exams for specific diploma type.
- **Mastery in Math** – must achieve scores of 85 or better on each of 3 Regents examinations in mathematics.
- **Mastery in Science** – must achieve scores of 85 or better on each of 3 Regents examinations in science.
- **Career and Technical Education Endorsement** – Achieves a passing score on State assessments as listed above for specific diploma types and successfully completes the 3 part technical assessment designated for the particular approved career and technical education program which the student has completed.
- **Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential** – student has completed a career plan; demonstrates attainment of the commencement level Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) learning standards in the areas of career exploration and development, integrated learning and universal foundation skills; satisfactorily completes the equivalent of 2 units of study (216 hours) in Career and Technical Education coursework and work-based learning minimum of 54 hours of work-based learning); and has at least 1 completed employability profile; **OR** student meets criteria for a national work readiness credential.