

requirements; however, schools may not withhold diplomas from students who have completed the minimum New York State and City graduation requirements.

Diploma Type	Eligibility	Credits Requirements	Assessment Requirements
Advanced Regents	All students	Earn 44 required credits , including at least six credits in World Languages	Pass with scores of 65 or higher or receive Regents waivers, Special Appeals, or exemptions on nine specific assessments
Regents	All students Students with one successful Low Score appeal on a Regents exam	Earn 44 required credits	Pass with scores of 65 or higher or receive Regents waivers, Special Appeals, or exemptions on five specific assessments
Local	All Safety Net-eligible students: - Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) - Students with Section 504 Plans that specify Safety Net eligibility - Students with disabilities who were declassified while in grades 8–12 whose last IEP specified Safety Net eligibility Students with specific Regents appeals, including students who are not Safety Net-eligible: - Students with two successful Low Score appeals on Regents exams, including students without disabilities - Students with a successful New Arrival ELA appeal	Earn 44 required credits	Pass with scores of 55 or higher or receive Regents waivers, Special Appeals, or exemptions on five specific assessments; or utilize any of the Safety Net or Regents appeals flexibilities to graduate with lower scores, including: Appeals Compensatory Score option Superintendent's Determination of Graduation for students with current IEPs (Many of these options may be combined with one another. See the Appendix of this guide and the Safety Net Flexibilities section for details.)

Students can also earn endorsements or designations to their diplomas for specializing in particular subjects or earning certain Regents exam scores; these are outlined further in the [Diploma Endorsements](#) section of this guide.

Students who are unable to earn diplomas may earn a non-diploma commencement credential. The requirements are outlined further in the [Commencement Credentials](#) section of this guide.

Minimum Credit Requirements

Students must earn at least 44 credits in specific subjects to graduate with a local, Regents, or advanced Regents diploma. See the Course Credits section of this guide for subject-level policies and flexibilities.

Subject Distribution Area	Local & Regents Diplomas	Advanced Regents Diploma
English Language Arts (ELA)	8	8
Social Studies		
Global History	4	4
U.S. History	2	2
Participation in Government	1	1
Economics	1	1
Math		
Including at least 2 credits of math aligned to standards above Algebra 1, such as Geometry or Algebra II	6	6
Science (including labs and Investigations)		
Life Science	2	2
Physical Science	2	2
Life Science or Physical Science	2	2
World Languages³	2	6
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	2	2
Physical Education (PE)		
In every year, distributed in specific patterns	4	4
Health	1	1
Electives	7	3
Total	44 credits	44 credits

Minimum Assessment Requirements ⁴— Updated August 2025

Students must pass at least five assessments (Regents exams or NYSED-approved alternatives) to graduate. This includes one assessment in English language arts (ELA), math, social studies, and science, and a +1 pathway option. Students fulfill the requirement in a variety of ways. Students may use NYSED-approved alternatives (indicated with 'WX' marks) to fulfill the +1 option or replace a required Regents exam, as described in the [NYSED-approved alternatives](#) and [Performance-Based Assessment Tasks](#) sections of this guide. Also, students completing

³ Students who successfully complete a 10-credit sequence in the Arts or CTE are not required to complete six credits of World Languages in order to earn an advanced Regents diploma; they must still earn two World Languages credits and 44 total course credits to graduate.

⁴ Students should be encouraged to work toward higher scores to demonstrate college and career readiness.