

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

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 be required to earn more than 44 total credits in order to graduate with a CTE endorsement. Students in CTE programs should ask their school 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.

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 courses:

- ✓ Algebra I
- ✓ Geometry
- ✓ Algebra II

Science: 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least three of the following courses:

- ✓ 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
- ✓ CUNY Early College

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
For students entering 9th grade in 2016

Examination Requirements

	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
Regents Exam³	Minimum Requirements	
English Language Arts (ELA)	65+	65+
Math	65+ on one math exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I, Geometry, OR Algebra II 	65+ on three math exams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I, Geometry, AND Algebra II
Social Studies	65+ on one social studies exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History OR Global History & Geography 	65+ on one social studies exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History OR Global History & Geography
Science	65+ on one science exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry, OR Physics 	65+ on Living Environment AND one other science exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Science, Chemistry, OR Physics
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	Not required	65+ on one NYC LOTE exam ⁴
+1 Option ³	65+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 option	65+ on any additional Regents exam or State-approved +1 option

³ Other assessments and learning experiences approved by the New York State Education Department may fulfill the +1 option or replace a required exam. Students should ask their schools about the availability of these options, including the Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) +1 Option. Students using the CDOS +1 option must complete a career plan, employability profile, and 216 hours of career preparation experiences, which must include at least 54 hours of work-based learning.

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.

NOTE: Students with disabilities have additional options for fulfilling exam requirements. Students should ask their schools about whether these options apply to them.

Diploma Endorsements

Students may earn diploma endorsements recognizing the successful completion of additional courses and exams. Students should ask their schools if they are eligible for any of the following endorsements: Arts, CTE, Honors Designation, Mastery in Math, Mastery in Science, and Service.

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

Earn any of these scores to avoid remediation at CUNY:

Reading and Writing

- ✓ English Regents exam score of 75+
- ✓ SAT Critical Reading score of 480+
- ✓ ACT English score of 20+
- ✓ Passing score on CUNY Assessment Tests

Math

- ✓ Any Math Regents exam score of 80+ AND a passing grade in Algebra II/Trigonometry or a higher level math course
- ✓ Common Core-aligned Algebra I or Geometry Regents exam score of 70+ AND a passing grade in Algebra II or a higher level math course
- ✓ Math SAT score of 500+
- ✓ ACT Math score of 21+
- ✓ Passing score on CUNY Assessment Tests

Other Achievements

- ✓ 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