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## SUBJECT: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education minimum standards and the New York State Regents minimum standards are required for graduation from high school.

All school programs have one main purpose even though they provide a variety of experience to students. This purpose is to help all students develop and acquire the skills, abilities, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to work toward high school graduation. Eligibility of a student for High School or a New York State Regents Diploma will be determined by the high school principal on the basis of the official high school record. Students who meet the requirements may be issued a diploma.

<u>REQUIRED SUBJECTS</u>	<u>LOCAL DIPLOMA</u>	<u>REGENTS DIPLOMA</u>
English	4 Units	4 Units
Social Studies	4 Units	4 Units
Mathematics	2 Units	2 Units
Science	2 Units	2 Units
Second Language	-	3 Units
Health	1/2 Unit	1/2 Unit
Art/Music	1 Unit	1 Unit
Physical Education	2 Units	2 Units
Required Sequence Alternatives and/or Electives	5 Units -----	2 Units -----
TOTAL	20 1/2 Units	20 1/2 Units

PLUS - A passing mark of 65% in the New York State Regents Competency Test in reading, writing, mathematics, global studies, American history and science which will be administered prior to graduation.

For early graduation and possible waiver of physical education credits, refer to Policy #7221.

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## **SUBJECT: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd.)**

- a) All students must complete TWO Sequences of THREE units or ONE Sequence of FIVE units.
- b) An additional requirement of three years of a language qualifies students for a Regents Diploma. If five units of instruction in one language are acquired, such a language sequence may be used as one of two required sequences.

### Required Sequence Alternatives

In addition to the required credits, students pursuing either a local diploma or a Regents Diploma must complete a sequence requirement in one of the following ways:

- a) One three-unit sequence in each of two of the following areas inclusive of the respective subject units required for graduation:

#### Local

Mathematics  
Science  
Second Language  
Occupational Education  
Art  
Music

#### Regents

Mathematics  
Science  
Second Language  
Occupational Education  
Art  
Music

- b) One five-unit sequence in one of the following areas inclusive of the respective subject units required for graduation:

#### Local

Mathematics  
Science  
Second Language  
Occupational Education  
Art  
Music

#### Regents

Mathematics  
Science  
Second Language  
Occupational Education  
Art  
Music

OR

- c) One five-unit sequence in either English or Social Studies

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## **SUBJECT: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd.)**

One three-unit sequence in one of the following areas inclusive of the respective subjects units required for graduation:

### Local

Mathematics  
Science  
Second Language  
Occupational Education  
Art  
Music

### Regents

Mathematics  
Science  
Second Language  
Occupational Education  
Art  
Music

To qualify for a Regents Diploma, students must pass Comprehensive Regents examinations in both English and Social Studies. Students must also pass Regents examinations in all Regents courses that are part of a required subject sequence (including second Language).

Students seeking a Regents Diploma who pursue a 5 unit sequence in art, music, or occupational education may be exempted from the second language requirements. Students must substitute another three-unit sequence in place of the second language requirement.

Each approved occupational education sequence should include a minimum of one unit or credit in Introduction to Occupations.

### **American Sign Language as a Second Language**

Effective July, 1993, students shall have the option to include American Sign Language (ASL) as a course of study in order to fulfill their second language requirement as defined by Commissioner's Regulations.

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations  
(NYCRR) Sections 100.1(i) and 100.5

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