

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2013 and beyond - new requirements

Beginning with the class of 2013, students will be offered a Regents or an Advanced Regents diploma. Local diplomas will be offered only to students with disabilities as required in the student's IEP. Some students with disabilities will be offered an IEP diploma.

All high school students will have to take a minimum of 22 credits, which includes three years of math and science. All students will also have to take a minimum of one year of high school foreign language or pass a foreign language competency exam.

In addition, all students will be required to participate in community service in order to qualify for graduation from high school, as follows.

- Class of 2013 - minimum 10 hours of community service
- Class of 2014 - minimum 20 hours of community service
- Class of 2015 - minimum 30 hours of community service
- Class of 2016 and beyond – minimum 40 hours of community service

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony and receive a Regents diploma, the Building Principal must certify that the student has met one of the following requirements:

1. The student has completed the requirement for a Regents diploma, including 22 units of school credit and the passing of specified Regents examinations (minimum of 5). The units of credit must include the following:

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of social studies (including 1 unit of American history, 1/2 unit of government and 1/2 unit of economics)
- 2 units of science
- 2 units of mathematics
- 1 unit of art and/or music
- 1/2 credit of health/human development education
- 2 units of physical education
- 3 1/2 units of electives

Students must also have completed successful sequences in science, math, a second language, music, art or occupational education subjects, as prescribed by Commissioner's Regulations. With certain exceptions, students must have completed one sequence of three units of credit in a second language in order to earn a Regents diploma.

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Students must also complete the community service requirement.

2. The student has completed the requirement for an Advanced Regents diploma, including 22 units of school credit and the passing of specified Regents examination (minimum of 8). The units of credit must include the following:

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of social studies (including 1 unit of American history, 1/2 unit of government and 1/2 unit of economics)
- 3 units of science
- 3 units of mathematics
- 1 unit of art and/or music
- 1/2 credit of health/human development education
- 2 units of physical education
- 1 1/2 units of electives

Students must also have completed successful sequences in science, math, a second language, music, art or occupational education subjects, as prescribed by Commissioner's Regulations. With certain exceptions, students must have completed one sequence of three units of credit in a second language in order to earn a Regents diploma.

Students must also complete the community service requirement.

Students with Disabilities

IEP Diploma Students who have been designated as having a disability must have completed the requirements to receive an IEP diploma or local certificate as specified in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and approved by the Committee on Special Education (CSE).

Ref: 8 NYCRR §§100.1-100.7; 100.9
Matter of O'Neill, 29 EDR 297 (1990)

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