**Regents Diploma**

Students first entering grade nine in 2001 and thereafter shall meet the commencement level New York State learning standards by successfully completing twenty-two units of credit and five New York State assessments as described:

- English, four units of credit, and the Regents comprehensive examination in English or an approved alternative
- Social studies, four units of credit and the Regents examination in United States history and government or an approved alternative and the Regents examination in global studies history and geography or an approved alternative
- Mathematics, three units of credit and the Regents examinations in Math A or an approved alternative
- Science, three units of credit and any one of the Regents examinations in science or an approved alternative

After passing the required New York State assessment or approved alternative in mathematics, science, social studies, and English language arts, the remaining units of credit required in the core academic areas may be met through CTE specialized courses.

**A Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation**

A Regents diploma with advanced designation is awarded to students who meet additional requirements:

- one additional Regents examination in mathematics, for a total of two, as determined by the Commissioner or approved alternatives;
- one additional Regents examination in science, for a total of two, with at least one in life science and at least one in physical science;
- two additional units in language other than English, for a total of three units, and the Regents comprehensive assessment in that language; and
- students completing a five unit sequence in CTE or a five unit sequence in the arts are not required to complete the additional two units of the language other than English. They must still meet the requirements for the total number of units of credit.

**Career and Technical Education Substitution for Foreign Language**

To earn a Regents diploma with an advanced designation a student must complete an additional two units in a language other than English (a total of three units) and must pass the Regents comprehensive examination in that language. Students completing a five-unit sequence in CTE or the arts (visual arts, music, dance, and theatre) are not required to complete the additional two units of the language other than English to receive advanced designation. However, they must meet the requirements for the total number of units of credit. For information concerning language other than English, including American Sign Language, go to [www.emsc.nysed.gov/deputy/documents/corecurr.html](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/deputy/documents/corecurr.html)
### Diploma Requirements

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- Four credits required, including one unit in United States history and government and one-half unit each in participation in government and economics.
- Students may meet the learning standards in technology, either through a course in technology education or through an integrated course combining technology with mathematics and/or science. A commencement level course in technology education may be used as the third unit of credit in science or mathematics, but not both.
- The arts are defined as dance, music, theater, and visual arts.
- To earn the advanced designation, the student must complete a Regents sequence in one of the following:
  - A language other than English (three units)
  - CTE (five credits)
  - The arts (five credits)
- Students are required to have two units of credit in physical education for graduation.
For students with disabilities who first enter grade nine from the 2001-02 school year through the 2009-10 school year and who do not pass one or more required Regents examinations for graduation but pass Regents Competency Tests or Department approved alternatives in those subjects, a local diploma may be issued by the local school district. This provision shall apply only to:

- Students with disabilities identified through a Committee on Special Education (CSE). Specific language regarding the availability of the safety net does not have to be indicated on the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Students with disabilities identified through the Section 504 Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) if recommended and documented by the MDT on the student’s Accommodation Plan.
- Students with disabilities declassified while in grades 8-12 if recommended and documented by the CSE on the student's IEP.

Unit of Credit

A student entering grade nine in 2001 and thereafter must complete 22 prescribed units of credit to receive a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation. A unit of credit requires:

“...the mastery of the learning standards set forth in a New York State-developed or locally developed syllabus for a given high school subject, after a student has the opportunity to complete a unit of study in the given subject matter area...”

[C.R.R.100.1(1)(b)(1)]