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## Graduation Requirements Worksheet

### Step 1: Does the student meet the credit requirements?

44 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION			
English	(8 cr)	Math	Adv. (Geometry or Algebra II, etc.) (6 cr)
Global History	(4 cr)	Life Science	(2 cr)
US History	(2 cr)	Physical Science	(2 cr)
Economics	(1 cr)	Life or Physical Science	(2 cr)
Government	(1 cr)	Lab (no credits; write in name of lab)	
Second Language*	(2 cr)	Health	(1 cr)
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theatre	(2 cr)	Physical Education	(4 cr or 8 sems)
Elective Courses	(7 cr)		

\*Students with disabilities may be exempt from this requirement if noted in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

### Step 2: Did the student receive a 65 or above on 4 Regents +1 additional state test or CDOS Credit?\*

Subject Area	Exam or Credential Name	Score	Score	Score
ELA				
History				
Science				
Math				
+1 Additional				
+1 Additional				
+1 Additional				
CDOS				

\*\*Some schools use Performance-based assessments (PBATs) to substitute for specific Regents exams.

#### NOTE:

If you planned to take or re-take a Regents exam, work toward a CDOS, or take a Language Other Than English (LOTE) exam during COVID-19, you may be eligible to graduate without taking the exam. To learn more about these COVID-19 exemptions, go to:

[www.advocatesforchildren.org/sites/default/files/library/Grad Requirement Changes COVID 19.pdf](http://www.advocatesforchildren.org/sites/default/files/library/Grad Requirement Changes COVID 19.pdf)

**If the student completed requirements in Steps 1 & 2 → Regents Diploma**

**What if...**

**(1) The student did not earn 44 credits?** Students **must** complete credit requirements to get a diploma.

**(2) The student did not receive 65+ on all required exams?** There are additional pathways for the student to graduate with a diploma.

Check the boxes to determine if the student gets a diploma. Make sure you review each option!

**Option 1: Did the student receive a 60-64 on 1 or 2 exams?**      **Yes**      **No**

If yes, student can appeal score(s). If student's appeal is successful **AND**:

- 65+ on all other exams (or exams + CDOS)
- passed the class(es) corresponding to failing exam(s)

If checked all of the above and successfully appealed one exam → Regents Diploma

If checked all of the above and successfully appealed two exams → Local Diploma

**Option 2: Is the student an English Language Learner (ELL) who arrived in the United States between 9th and 12th grade and received a 55-59 on ELA exam?**

**Yes**      **No**

If yes, student can **appeal their ELA score**. If student's appeal is successful **AND**:

- 65+ on all other exams (or exams + CDOS; may appeal 1 other exam with score of 60-64)
- took the ELA exam at least twice
- passed the class(es) corresponding to failing exam(s)

If checked all of the above → Local Diploma

**Option 3: Is the student a student with a disability (SWD) who received 55+ on all exams?**

**Yes**      **No**

If yes, student is eligible for a Local Diploma

**Option 4: Is the student a SWD who received 52-54 on 1 or 2 exams?**      **Yes**      **No**

If yes, student can appeal score(s). If student's appeal is successful **AND**:

- 55+ on all other exams (or exams + CDOS)
- took failing exam(s) at least twice
- passed class(es) corresponding to failing score(s)

If checked all of the above → Local Diploma

**Option 5: Is the student a SWD who received a 45-54 on science or history exams?**

**Yes                      No**

If yes, did the student receive:

- 65+ on any other Regents exam
  - ✓ High score can be an ELA or math exam
- 55+ on all other exams (exams + CDOS)

If checked all of the above → Local Diploma

**\*\*Student cannot use this option for 45-54 on ELA or math exams\*\***

**Option 6: Is the student a SWD who received 55+ on ELA and math exams?**

**Yes                      No**

If yes, did the student receive:

- Below 55 on 3 exams**  
OR
- Below 55 on 2 exams and no CDOS credit**

If checked one of the above → Eligible to request a Superintendent's Determination for a Local Diploma

**\*\*Can use this option if successfully appeal ELA/math exams from Option 4\*\***

**Option 7: The student is a SWD who received CDOS credit but did not receive 55+ on ELA and math exams → Eligible to request a Superintendent's Determination for a Local Diploma.**

The student's parent, not the school, requests a Superintendent's Determination. For a sample form, visit <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/documents/parent-request-for-superintendent-determination-sample-form.pdf>.

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1-866-427-6033 (toll free)**

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