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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 + I additional state test or CDOS Credit?*

Subject Area	Exam or Credential Name	Score	Score	Score
ELA				
History				
Science				
Math				
+I Additional				
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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 between June 2020 and January 2022, you may be eligible to graduate without taking the exam. To learn more about these COVID-19 exemptions, see: www.advocatesforchildren.org/sites/default/files/library/Grad_Requirement_Changes_COVID_19.pdf

The U.S. History Regents exam was also cancelled in June 2022, though not due to COVID-19. If you were supposed to take that Regents exam, you are eligible for a Regents exemption.

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 50-64 on 1 or more exams between June 2022 and August 2023? **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 or more exams → Regents Diploma

Option 2: Did the student receive a 60-64 on 1 or 2 exams before June 2022?

Yes **No**

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

- 65+ on all other exams (or exams + CDOS)
- took the exam(s) *at least twice*
- passed the class(es) corresponding to failing exam(s)
- got after-school help in the subject area(s)
- got a recommendation from subject teacher or department head

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 3: 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 the ELA exam before June 2022? **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)
- got after-school help in the subject area(s)
- got a recommendation from subject teacher or department head

If checked all of the above → Local Diploma

Option 4: Is the student a student with a disability (SWD) who received 55+ on all exams before June 2022? Yes No

If yes, **AND:**

- passed the class(es) corresponding to failing exam(s)

If yes, student is eligible for a Local Diploma

Option 5: Is the student a SWD who received 52-54 on 1 or 2 exams before June 2022? 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)
- got after-school help in the subject area(s)
- got a recommendation from subject teacher or department head

If checked all of the above → Local Diploma

Option 6: Is the student a SWD who received a 45-54 on science or history exams before June 2022, or a 45-49 between June 2022 and August 2023? Yes No

If yes, did the student:

- pass class(es) corresponding to failing score(s)
- score 65+ on any other Regents exam
 - ✓ High score can be an ELA or math exam
- score 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 7: 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 5****

Option 8: Is the student a SWD who received CDOS credit but did not receive 55+ on ELA and math exams before June 2022, or 50+ between June 2022 and August 2023?

Yes **No**

If yes, did the student:

- pass class(es) corresponding to failing score(s)

If yes → 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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