

Diploma Requirements and Pathways for Students with Disabilities

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New York State Diploma Options



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- Local Diploma Through Superintendent's Determination (SWD with an IEP)
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- Local Diploma, Regents Diploma or Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with a Career and Technical Endorsement

Changes to Assessment Requirements

Before Pathways (prior to June 2015)

The five required Regents Examinations included one Math, one Science, English Language Arts, Global History and US History

Current Pathways

All Students must pass one Regents examination in each discipline for a total of (4) Exams including Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts

as well as

Choose one Pathway Assessment in

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) or
 - Humanities or
 - Arts or
 - Biliteracy (LOTE) or
- Career and technical Education or
- Meet the Requirements for the CDOS Credential (as of March 2016)

What are the Pathway Options?

- **CTE:** Any of the approved technical assessments after a student has successfully completed a Department approved CTE Program
- **STEM:** Any additional Math or Science Regents exam or any Math or Science exam from the list of Department Approved Alternatives, after a student has completed a course in the subject.
- **Humanities:** Any additional Social Studies Regents Exam or any Social Studies or English exam from the list of Department Approved Alternatives after a student has completed a course in the subject
- **Arts:** Any assessment from the list of Department Approved Arts Pathway Assessments
- **Biliteracy (LOTE):** Examinations currently under review
- **CDOS:** Complete all the requirements for the CDOS Credential

Multiple Pathways Resources

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways>

Regents Diploma Assessment Requirements

Regents

5 required Regents exams(1) with a score of 65 or better as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and 1 Pathway Assessment(2); or

4 required Regents exams(1) with a score of 65 or better as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential

[http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regents diploma](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regents_diploma)

Regents Diploma Assessment Requirements

Regents Through Appeal

4 required Regents exams(1) with a score of 65 or better and 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 social studies, ELA and 1 Pathway Assessment(2) ; or

3 required Regents exams(1) with a score of 65 or better and 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal is granted by the local district per Commissioner's Regulation 100.5(d)(7) as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 social studies, ELA and meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential Note: Non Regents Pathway exams are not subject to the Appeal Process

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore>

Regents Diploma Assessment Requirements

Regents with Advanced Designation

Students may meet the assessment requirements in order to earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation by passing any one of the following combinations of Regents examinations and/or Department approved alternatives if applicable:

- a. Traditional Combination: ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, 2 science, 1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments
- b. Pathway(2) Combination (other than STEM): ELA, 1 social studies, 3 mathematics, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science), and either 1 Pathway (other than science or mathematics) or meet the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 or 8 Assessments
- c. STEM (Mathematics) Pathway(2) Combination: ELA, 1 social studies 4 mathematics, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments
- d. STEM (Science) Pathway(2) Combination: ELA, 1 social studies, 3 mathematics, 3 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments In addition a student must pass either a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE* examination or complete a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD>

Assessment Requirements for the Local Diploma

Regents Exam or passing score on a Department Approved Alternative	Local Diploma via Appeal for <u>All Students</u>		Local Diploma for Students with a Disability via low pass safety nets		Local Diploma via Appeal for English Language Learners	
	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	3 exams with a minimum score of 65 and 2 exams with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district	1	55*	1	Either 4 exams with a minimum score of 65 and ELA with a score of 55-59, OR 3 exams with a minimum score of 65, and 1 exam with a score of 60-64 and ELA with a score of 55-64 for which appeals have been granted by the district
Math	1		1	55*	1	
Science	1		1	55*	1	
Social Studies	1		1	55*	1	
Pathway	1 or CDOS		1 or CDOS	55* if Regents exam	1	
Compensatory Safety Net	Non Applicable		Scores of 45-54 on any required Regents exam (except ELA and Mathematics) can be compensated by a score of 65 or above on another required Regents exam including ELA and Mathematics.		Non Applicable	

Local Diploma for SWD

*Students with a disability seeking the local diploma through the low pass safety-net may appeal scores of 52-54 on up to two Regents Examinations.

^ Students who are unable to obtain a passing score on these examinations may seek a local diploma by Superintendent

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/>

[_publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm)

	Local Diploma for Students with a Disability via low pass safety nets	
Regents Exam or passing score on a Dept. App. Alt	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	55*
Math	1	55*
Science	1	55* ^
Social Studies	1	55* ^
Pathway	1 or CDOS	55* ^ (if Regents exam)
Compensatory Safety Net	Scores of 45-54 on any required Regents exam (except ELA and Mathematics) can be compensated by a score of 65 or above on another required Regents exam including ELA and Mathematics.	

Superintendents Determination of a Local Diploma

NEW: Added as an option at the June 2016 BOR meeting
Eligibility

- ✓ Student with a current IEP
- ✓ Passed ELA and Math Regent exams with a score of 55 or has successfully appealed a score of 52-54
- ✓ Has participated in the other Regents exams (science and social studies), but has not passed one or more of these as required for graduation
- ✓ Demonstrated competency in the subject area where the student was not able to demonstrate his/her proficiency of the State's learning standards through the Regents exam
- ✓ Earned all required credits and passed, in accordance with district policy, all courses required for graduation

Applicable to June 2016 grads and thereafter

Info. and forms: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/superintendent-determination-of-graduation-with-a-local-diploma.htm>

Meeting the Compensatory Safety Net Provision for Students with Disabilities

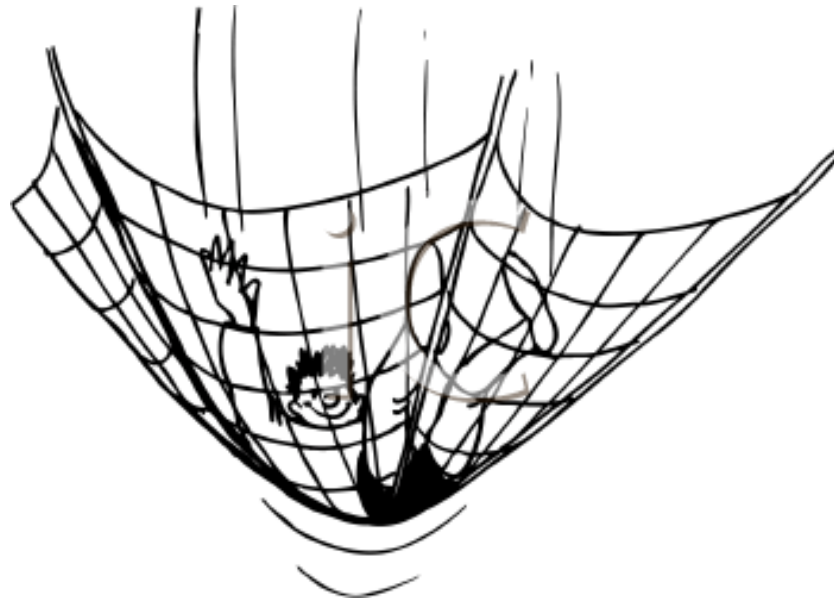
**Are the student's ELA and Mathematics Regents
Examination scores at 55 or above?**

**For every required Regents Examination score between
45 and 54, is there a compensating score of 65 or above?**

If the answer to BOTH OF THE ABOVE questions is yes, then the student has met the assessment requirements for a local diploma.



Safety Net Examples



Compensatory Safety Net Example

Student Test Scores

Integrated Algebra – 58

Global History and Geo – 47

Living Environment – 69

US History -62

ELA – 64

Does this student meet the assessment requirements for a local diploma?

Yes: This student meets the Compensatory Safety Net option by using the score of 69 on Living Environment to compensate for the Global History score of 47.

Compensatory Safety Net Example

Student Test Scores

Integrated Algebra – 48

Global History and Geo – 57

Living Environment - 56

US History -70

ELA – 58

**Does this student meet the assessment requirements
for a local diploma?**

NO. This student does not meet the compensatory safety net option because in all cases students must attain at least 55 on ELA and Math. This student scored a 48 on Integrated Algebra and, therefore, does not meet the requirement.

Compensatory Safety Net Example

Student Test Scores

Integrated Algebra – 70

Global History and Geo – 47

Living Environment – 49

US History -58

ELA – 68

**Does this student meet the assessment requirements
for a local diploma?**

Yes: This student meets the Compensatory Safety Net option by using the score of 70 on Integrated Algebra to compensate for the 47 on Global and the score of 68 on ELA to compensate for the 49 on Living Environment.

Non-Diploma High School Exiting Credentials

Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential

- Who is Eligible?
All students other than those who are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSSA)
- Criteria
Completes a career plan; demonstrates attainment of the commencement level Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) learning standards in the area of career exploration and development, integrated learning and universal foundation skills; satisfactorily completes the equivalent of 2 units of study (216 hours) in Career and Technical Education coursework and work-based learning (including at least 54 hours of work-based learning); and has at least 1 completed employability profile; OR

Student meets criteria for a national work readiness credential

Note: Credential may be a supplement to a Local or Regents diploma, or, if the student is unable to meet diploma standards, the credential may be awarded as the student's exiting credential provided the student has attended school for not less than 12 years, excluding Kindergarten.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/CDOScredentialmemo-613.htm>

Non-Diploma High School Exiting Credentials

Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

- Who is Eligible?

Students with severe disabilities that are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

- Criteria?

All students with severe disabilities who attend school for not less than 12 years, excluding Kindergarten exit with this credential which must be accompanied by documentation of the student's skills and strengths and levels of independence in academic, career development and foundation skills needed for post-school living, learning and working.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/SACCMemo.htm>

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1006.html>

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<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/intro.html>

<https://www.engageny.org/resource/common-core-resources-parents-students-disabilities>