

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

It is the policy of the Board of Education to recognize the completion of the district's program of study with graduation. Graduation is contingent upon the student's fulfillment of local and state requirements.

Requirements for Graduation

1. NYS Testing Requirements: To receive a high school diploma, students must demonstrate competence in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Global History and Geography and U.S. History and Government. Students satisfy these competencies by:
 - a. Passing Regents examinations in English, Mathematics, Science, Global History and Geography, and U.S. History and Government.
 - b. Students seeking a **Regents Diploma** must earn a minimum 65 on five Regents exams; English, Global History and Geography, U.S. History and Government, Math A or B, and Science. For an **Advanced Regents Diploma** students must score a minimum 65 on eight Regents exams; English, Global History and Geography, U.S. History and Government, Math A, Math B, two Sciences, and French or Spanish.

Students entering grade nine through the Fall of 2004 may meet testing requirements in these five Regents exams with a score 55 – 64. Scores of 55 – 64 will meet graduation testing requirements toward a **Local Diploma**.

Students with disabilities, classified by the Committee on Special Education, may satisfy these testing requirements by passing Regents Competency Tests (RCT's). Such students must however attempt all five Regents exams (English, Global History and Geography, U.S. History and Government, Math and Science). This provision will remain in effect as a safety net for students with disabilities for students entering grade 9 through 2009.

Students with learning disabilities may earn an IEP (Individualized Education Program) diploma according to a program set forth by the Committee on Special Education.

2. Diploma Requirements:

<u>Required Subjects</u>	<u>Local Diploma</u>	<u>Regents Diploma</u>	<u>Advanced Regents Diploma</u>
English	4 units	4 units	4 units
Social Studies	4 units	4 units	4 units
Mathematics	3 units	3 units	3 units+
Science	3 units	3 units	3 units++
Foreign Language	1 unit	1 unit	3 units^
Health	½ unit	½ unit	½ unit
Art or Music	1 unit	1 unit	1 unit
Physical Education	2 units	2 units	2 units
Electives	varies	varies	varies
Total	22 units	22 units	22 units

+ Must pass Math A Regents and Math B Regents examinations

++ Must pass two Science Regents examinations

^ Must pass a Foreign Language Comprehensive Regents examination; A five-unit Art sequence or a five-unit Occupational Education sequence may be substituted for the Foreign Language requirement

- a. In addition to the sequence and credit requirements listed above, students must complete a sequence in one of the following areas:

Foreign Language	Family and Consumer Science
Technology	Business
Art	English (5 units)
Social Studies (5 units)	

In addition to course and sequence requirements, students must earn a total of 22 units of credit.

3. AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CERMONY

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

- The student has completed the requirements for the Local Diploma.
- The student has completed the requirements for the Regents Diploma.
- The student has completed the requirements for the Advanced Regents Diploma.
- The student has completed the requirements for an IEP Diploma, as specified in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and approved by the Committee on Special Education (CSE). This applies only to special Education students as designated by the Committee on Special Education.

A high school diploma will represent termination of the district's responsibility to provide additional educational training opportunities as part of the regular day program. Any student earning an IEP diploma will be informed in writing of his or her right to attend the public schools of the district until one of the following occurs:

- a. The student earns a high school diploma.
- b. The student attains the age of 21 prior to September 1st of a school year.

Physical Education: All students must participate in physical education for each year of high school, unless a written statement is provided by a physician, clearly setting forth limitations for student participation. This statement will be made part of the student's record, and students may be assigned other alternatives, such as written research papers.

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