

New York State Graduation Requirements

Additional Options

To earn a New York State (NYS) diploma, students must meet credit and exam requirements. [New York State Graduation Requirements](#) and [Understanding Current New York State Diploma Requirements](#) outlines these requirements. This resource explains additional graduation options for students. These options include both diploma and non-diploma options.

Appeals

All students may appeal a lower score on a Regents exam if they meet the following conditions

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 2x | Student took the Regents exam under app at least two times. |
| | Student has at least one score within the point range for the appeal. |
| | Student received academic help provided by the school in the related subject. |
| | Student passed the related course |
| | Student is recommended for the appeal by a teacher or Department chairperson in the related subject. |

The district or school awarding a student's diploma grants the appeal. More information can be found on the [Appeals, Safety Nets, and Superintendent Determination](#) webpage.

Students who cannot meet the diploma requirements may exit high school with the CDOS Commencement Credential. Such students must complete the requirements for the [CDOS Commencement Credential](#). A standalone CDOS Commencement Credential is not equal to a diploma. This option is not available for students with disabilities who are eligible for a Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential.

Options for English Language Learners

Appeal Option (Local Diploma)
Some English Language Learners may use a

Options for All Students

Options for Students with Disabilities

Low Pass Safety Net (Local Diploma)

The low pass safety net option allows a student with a disability to meet the testing requirements for a local diploma. Eligible students must score between 55 and 64 on one or more of the required Regents exams.

Appeal Option (Local Diploma)

Students using the low pass safety net option also have the option to appeal up to two Regents exam scores. These scores must be between 52-54. The students must also meet the eligibility criteria for appeals.

Compensatory Safety Net (Local Diploma)

The compensatory safety net option allows students with disabilities to compensate a score between 45-54 on a required Regents exam (except for ELA mathematics) with a score of 65 or higher on another required Regents exam.

LOTE Credit Exemption

Students with disabilities may be excused from the requirement for 1 credit in LOTE indicated on their IEP. They must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate. Students who are declassified in grades 9-12 whose last IEP included a LOTE exemption are also eligible. A LOTE exempt student who seeks a Regents diploma with advanced designation does NOT have to complete the 5-unit sequence in the Arts or LOTE to meet the exam requirements for the advanced diploma.

Superintendent Determination (Local Diploma)

Students with disabilities who are unable to meet the exam requirements for a local diploma may use the superintendent determination option. Students must meet the eligibility conditions.