

New York State Graduation Requirements

To earn a NYS diploma, students must meet credit and exam requirements. These requirements are separate and distinct and do not have to happen simultaneously.

Note: School districts may create diploma requirements in addition to those required by the NYS Education Department (NYSED).

This table shows the number of credits required for each subject. It's important to note in most subjects, students must earn a minimum of 2.94 credits.

Table 1: Credits Required for Each Subject

Subject	Credits Required
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
History	3
Physical Education	1
Art	1
Foreign Language	2
Health	1
Music	1
Other	1



Multiple pathways allow students choice in the exams they pass to earn a diploma. To complete a pathway, students must:

Arts Pathway	Earn a passing score on a Department-approved pathway exam in the Arts to earn the Arts pathway
CDOS (Career Development and Occupation Studies) Pathway	Complete 216 hours of CTE coursework that includes a minimum of 54 hours of Work Based Learning and complete a career plan and an Employability profile, <u>or</u> pass a Department-approved CDOS pathway exam
CTE (Career and Technical Education) Pathway	Successfully complete a Department-approved CTE program, including 3-5 CTE courses and earn a passing score on the 3-part technical exam
Humanities Pathway	Earn a passing score on one additional Regents exam or Department-approved alternative in English or social studies
World Languages Pathway	Earn a passing score on a Department-approved pathway exam in a world language
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Pathway	Earn a passing score on one additio BT0 g04 0 0 11.