

# NYC HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AND CREDENTIALS



- Your child has the right to attend school until the end of the school year in which s/he turns 21 or obtains a high school diploma.
- Your child can stay in school even if s/he receives a credential.
- Schools have compulsory attendance. Students must attend until the end of the school year in which the student turns 17.

## TYPES OF DIPLOMAS



### REGENTS DIPLOMA

- 44 credits\* (see page 3 for breakdown)
- Score 65% or higher on five Regents Exams (ELA, Math, Science, Global History, U.S. History)

### ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA

- 44 credits\* (see page 3 for breakdown)
- Score 65% or higher on five Regents Exams (ELA, Math, Science, Global History, U.S. History)
- Score 65% or higher on additional Regents Exams (Foreign Language and additional Math and Science)

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## LOCAL DIPLOMA

*This is only available to students with IEPs and some 504 plans.*

- 44 credits\* (see page 3 for breakdown)
- Safety net for Regents:
  - Low Pass Option
  - Portfolio Option
  - Compensatory Option
  - 4+1 Option

### Low Pass Option:

Score 55% or higher on:

- ELA
- Math
- Science
- Global History
- U.S. History

### Compensatory Option:

- Score 55% or higher on ELA and Math.
- Scores between 45% and 54% on other three required regents can be compensated with 65% or higher on another required regents.

*A score of 65% or higher cannot be used to compensate for more than one exam.*

### Portfolio Option:

- Students who have failed one to three of any regents (except for ELA and Math) can apply for this option with a portfolio of class-based work as evidence and proof of content knowledge
- Staff and student put together the portfolio and submit it to the principal or guidance counselor
- Superintendent reviews and accepts or denies
- Student will receive a Local Diploma

### Eligibility for Portfolio Option:

A student with an IEP is eligible if s/he:

- Scored 55% or higher on the ELA and Math regents
- Passed all of the required classes and earned credits
  - This includes the course that aligns with the regents they failed
- Does not meet the low pass or compensatory criteria
- Has attempted regents exams at least once

### 4+1 Option:

Students who have passed 44 credits (in specific subjects) and failed one regents exam can apply for the +1 option with:

- A department-approved alternative assessment, in place of the failed regent, such as:
  - SAT Subject Tests
  - IB/AB exams
- An earned New York State (NYS) CDOS Commencement Credential.

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## Local Diplomas are accepted at:

- Some private colleges
- Community colleges
- CUNY colleges
- SUNY colleges
  - Students who receive a Local Diploma and are admitted to a CUNY or SUNY school will take the placement test to determine academic levels.
  - If they fail one or more subjects (Math, Reading, Writing), they will be placed in support-based remedial classes in order to ensure that they are prepared for college level classes.

## 44 CREDIT BREAKDOWN\*:

- Social Studies - **8** total
  - Global (4)
  - U.S. History (2)
  - Government (1)
  - Economics (1)
- ELA - **8**
- Math - **6**
- Science - **6**
- Health - **1**
- Physical Education - **4**
- Spanish (or a language other than English) - **6**
- Visual Arts, Music, Dance, or Theater - **2**
- Electives of child's choice - **3**

## EXAMPLES OF COMPENSATORY OPTION SCORES:

**EXAMPLE 1:** A student has received the following exam scores:

- ELA Regents **55**
- Integrated Algebra Regents **55**
- Global History Regents **45**
- U.S. History Regents **55**
- Living Environment Regents **65**

ELA and math must be 55 or higher

### Student qualifies for the local diploma:

- The 45 in Global History is compensated by the 65 in Living Environment.
- All other exams have scores of 55 or higher.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A student has received the following exam scores:

- ELA Regents **55**
- Integrated Algebra Regents **70**
- Global History Regents **45**
- U.S. History Regents **52**
- Living Environment Regents **65**

ELA and math must be 55 or higher

### Student qualifies for the local diploma:

- The 45 in Global History is compensated by the 65 in Living Environment.
- The 52 in U.S. History is compensated by the 70 in Integrated Algebra.
- All other exams have scores of 55 or higher.

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## HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA

- Name changed from General Educational Development (GED) to Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)
- Five subject areas: Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies
- Aligned with Common Core
- Accommodations available
  - The TASC test is very challenging. Students are tested on every high school subject in one or two days. To receive accommodations for the exam, students must apply separately. To apply for accommodations, speak with your guidance counselor or call INCLUDEnyc.

## CREDENTIALS

NY State has two credential options for students with disabilities. These credentials were created to replace the Individualized Education Program (IEP) diploma which is **not offered to students anymore**. They are not diplomas and cannot be used to apply to college, the military, and some vocational training programs that require a Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) (formerly GED) or high school diploma.

### Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)

- Includes student Exit Summary that states the following:
  - Student's skills, strengths, and interests
  - Student's academic levels (alternate assessment scores)
  - Student's level of achievement of the Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS) standards

#### SACC Requirements:

- Students must have attended school for 12 years or until age 21
- Students with alternate assessment on their IEPs

**For more information,** visit <https://goo.gl/Ps5oDX>

### Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS)

- Indicates career readiness for entry-level jobs
- Career Plan, Employability Profile, and Student Exit Summary
- Can supplement a regents or local diploma

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## CREDENTIALS (cont.)

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### **CDOS Requirements:**

- Students must have attended school for 12 years or until age 21
- 216 hours of Career and Technical Education (CTE) coursework
  - This includes 54 hours of work-based learning
- Maintained the national work readiness credential requirements (assessment-based certification)
- School must have curriculum-based evidence that the student has demonstrated achievement of knowledge of CDOS Learning Standards
  - Career development
  - Integrated learning
  - Universal foundation skills

**For more information,** visit <https://goo.gl/Fiqp2w>

**For more information on diploma options, contact INCLUDEnyc's Help Line at (212) 677-4660.**