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## Graduation Requirements Worksheet

### Step 1: Does the student meet the credit requirements?

44 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION			
English	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (8 cr)	Math	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Adv. (Geometry or Algebra II, etc.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (6 cr)
Global History	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (4 cr)	Life Science	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (2 cr)
US History	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (2 cr)	Physical Science	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (2 cr)
Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> (1 cr)	Life or Physical Science	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (2 cr)
Government	<input type="checkbox"/> (1 cr)	Lab (no credits; write in name of lab)	
Second Language*	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (2 cr)	Health	<input type="checkbox"/> (1 cr)
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (2 cr)	Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (4 cr or 8 sems)
Elective Courses <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (7 cr)			

\*Students with disabilities may be exempt from this requirement if noted in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

### Step 2: Did the student receive a 65 or above on 4 Regents + I additional state test or CDOS Credit?\*

Subject Area	Exam or Credential Name	Score	Score	Score
ELA				
History				
Science				
Math				
+I Additional				
+I Additional				
+I Additional				
CDOS				

\*\*Some schools use Performance-based assessments (PBATs) to substitute for specific Regents exams.

**If the student completed requirements in Steps 1 & 2 → Regents Diploma**

## What if...

**(1) The student did not earn 44 credits?** Students **must** complete credit requirements to get a diploma.

**(2) The student did not receive 65+ on all required exams?** There are additional pathways for the student to graduate with a diploma.

Check the boxes to determine if the student gets a diploma. Make sure you review each option!

**Option 1: Did the student receive a 60-64 on 1 or 2 exams?**  Yes  No

If yes, student can appeal score(s). If student's appeal is successful **AND**:

- 65+ on all other exams (or exams + CDOS)
- passed the class(es) corresponding to failing exam(s)

If checked all of the above and successfully appealed one exam → Regents Diploma

If checked all of the above and successfully appealed two exams → Local Diploma

**Option 2: Is the student an English Language Learner (ELL) who arrived in the United States between 9th and 12th grade and received a 55-59 on ELA exam?**

Yes  No

If yes, student can **appeal their ELA score**. If student's appeal is successful **AND**:

- 65+ on all other exams (or exams + CDOS; may appeal 1 other exam with score of 60-64)
- took the ELA exam at least twice
- passed the class(es) corresponding to failing exam(s)

If checked all of the above → Local Diploma

**Option 3: Is the student a student with a disability (SWD) who received 55+ on all exams?**

Yes  No

If yes, student is eligible for a Local Diploma

**Option 4: Is the student a SWD who received 52-54 on 1 or 2 exams?**  Yes  No

If yes, student can appeal score(s). If student's appeal is successful **AND**:

- 55+ on all other exams (or exams + CDOS)
- took failing exam(s) at least twice
- passed class(es) corresponding to failing score(s)

If checked all of the above → Local Diploma

**Option 5: Is the student a SWD who received a 45-54 on science or history exams?**

Yes       No

If yes, did the student receive:

- 65+ on any other Regents exam
  - ✓ High score can be an ELA or math exam
- 55+ on all other exams (exams + CDOS)

If checked all of the above → Local Diploma

**\*\*Student cannot use this option for 45-54 on ELA or math exams\*\***

**Option 6: Is the student a SWD who received 55+ on ELA and math exams?**

Yes       No

If yes, did the student receive:

- Below 55 on 3 exams**  
OR
- Below 55 on 2 exams and no CDOS credit**

If checked one of the above → Eligible to request a Superintendent's Determination for a Local Diploma

**\*\*Can use this option if successfully appeal ELA/math exams from Option 4\*\***

**Option 7: The student is a SWD who received CDOS credit but did not receive 55+ on ELA and math exams → Eligible to request a Superintendent's Determination for a Local Diploma.**

The student's parent, not the school, requests a Superintendent's Determination. For a sample form, visit <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/documents/parent-request-for-superintendent-determination-sample-form.pdf>.

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1-866-427-6033 (toll free)

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