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Graduation Requirements Worksheet

Step 1: Does the student meet the credit requirements?

22 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"/> (4 cr)	Math	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. (Geometry or Algebra II, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (3 cr)
Global History	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (2 cr)	Life Science	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (1 cr)
US History	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Science	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (1 cr)
Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> (½ cr)	Life or Physical Science	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (1 cr)
Government	<input type="checkbox"/> (½ cr)	Lab (no credits; write in name of lab)	
Second Language*	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (1 cr)	Health	<input type="checkbox"/> (½ cr)
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (1 cr)	Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (2 cr)
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"/> (3 ½ 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 +1 additional state test or CDOS Credit?**

Subject Area	Exam or Credential Name	Score	Score	Score
ELA				
History				
Science				
Math				
+1 Additional				
+1 Additional				
+1 Additional				
CDOS				

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

NOTE:

If you planned to take or re-take a Regents exam, work toward a CDOS, or take a Language Other Than English (LOTE) exam during COVID-19, you may be eligible to graduate without taking the exam. To learn more about these COVID-19 exemptions, go to:

www.advocatesforchildren.org/sites/default/files/library/Grad_Requirement_Changes_COVID_19.pdf

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

What if...

(1) The student did not earn 22 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 ⑦ 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 ⑦ 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 ⑦ 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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Please call the Jill Chaifetz Education Helpline
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1-866-427-6033 (toll free)

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