

Update

Existing Diploma Requirements Regents/Local	
<b>Credits - 22:</b>	<b>Assessments – 5</b>
4 ELA	ELA
3 Mathematics	1 Math
3 Science,	1 Science
4 Social Studies	Global History and Geography
½ Health	US History and Government
1 Arts	
1 Language other than English (LOTE)	Note: There are <b>Department Approved Alternatives</b> to some of the Regents Exams found at:
2 Physical Education	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf">http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/ /list.pdf</a>
3 ½ Electives	

Other Credentials That Are Not  
Considered a Diploma

## Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential for Students with Disabilities

Available to	Requirements
<p><b>Students beginning with the 2013-14 school year who:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Have a severe disability</li> <li>•Attended school or received a substantially equivalent education elsewhere for at least 12 years (excluding kindergarten) or;</li> <li>•Completed the school year in which s/he has attained the age of 21.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Credit:</b> None specified  <b>Assessment:</b> New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)</p> <p>The Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential must be accompanied by documentation of the student's skills and strengths and levels of independence in academic, career development and foundation skills needed for post-school living, learning and working</p>

Guidance on the Skills and

## CDOS Commencement Credential Resources

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## What are the Pathway Assessments in CTE?

Currently, the following 13 assessments have been recommended for approval as CTE pathway assessments: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2014/September2014/Pathways.pdf>

- The ProStart National Certificate of Achievement
- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Student Certification
- A+ Certification (CompTIA)
- Network+ Certification (CompTIA)
- National Institute of Metal Working (NIMS) Skills Certification
- PrintED
- Student Electronics Technician (SET)
- Carpentry Level 1 Certification
- Assessment of Skills and Knowledge for Business (A\*S\*K)
- Advertising and Design (NOCTI)
- Accounting – Basic (NOCTI)
- Agricultural Mechanics (NOCTI)
- Hospitality Management – Food and Beverage (NOCTI)

## What are the approved pathway assessments in the Arts and Bilingual/Biliteracy (LOTE)?

Pathway assessments in the Arts and LOTE have not yet been approved by the Department. As soon as assessments have been identified they will be released. Locally developed Checkpoint B examinations in LOTE are not approved pathway assessments.

## What are the approved pathway assessments in Humanities?

Pathway assessments in the Humanities include an additional social studies Regents Exam, any English or social studies assessment from the list of Department Approved Alternatives Examinations found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>

What are the approved pathway assessments in STEM?

Any additional science or mathematics  
Regents Exam  
Any science or mathematics

## Other Regents Actions Affecting the Diploma Requirements

### ELA Flexibility

At the October meeting, the BOR approved emergency regulations allowing, at district discretion, the **students who entered grade 9 prior to 2013, who are instructed in Common Core ELA**, to take the Comprehensive ELA Regents (2005) in addition to the Common Core ELA Regents Exam. The higher of the two scores may be used for transcript purposes and will be used for accountability purposes.

This flexibility has been in place but is now...

This flexibility

## Additional Administration of Integrated Algebra

There will be an additional administration of the Integrated Algebra Regents Examination in June 2015.

At the November meeting, the BOR approved emergency regulations providing that students who are instructed in Common Core Algebra I may, at district discretion, take the Integrated Algebra Regents in addition to the Common Core Algebra I.

Nov. Regents Item <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2014/November2014/1114p12a1.pdf>

Available to:

- Students who began instruction in Common Core Algebra prior to September 2014 (Extended or "Stretch" Courses)
- Any students who (in the past) completed a course of study in Integrated Algebra (Core Curriculum 2005)

## Graduation Requirements for English Language Learners

At the October meeting the Board adopted by emergency action an amendment to CR 100.5(d) related to the appeals process to graduate with a lower score on a Regents exam.

Currently under certain circumstances all students can appeal scores of 62-64 on any required Regents exam. The revised regulation allows students who are identified as **English Language Learners** to **appeal a score of 55-61 on the ELA Regents Exam** and, if granted, receive a **local diploma**.

### Eligibility Conditions

Student must be classified as an English Language Learner and have:

- entered the US in grades 9-12 in 2010 or thereafter; and
- taken the test at least twice; and
- scored between 55 and 61 on at least one attempt; and
- received AIS in ELA; and
- an attendance rate of 95%; and
- a passing average in the corresponding course; and
- a recommendation by teacher or department chairperson.

October Regents Item

## Proposed Amendment Related to the USDE Waiver for Double Testing in Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics

If approved by the Board of Regents in January 2015, school districts would be allowed for another year (this June 2015), to administer **only** the mathematics Regents Examinations to accelerated 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students without also having to administer the grade 7 and 8 grade level math assessment.