

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| LOCAL DIPLOMA        |      | REGENTS DIPLOMA      |      | ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA |      |
|----------------------|------|----------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| REQUIRED COURSES     |      | REQUIRED COURSES     |      | REQUIRED COURSES         |      |
| English              | 4    | English              | 4    | English                  | 4    |
| Social Studies       | 4    | Social Studies       | 4    | Social Studies           | 4    |
| Math**               | 3    | Math**               | 3    | Math                     | 3    |
| Science**            | 3    | Science**            | 3    | Science                  | 3    |
| (a) Foreign Language | 1    | (a) Foreign Language | 1    | Foreign Language         | 3    |
| Art/Music            | 1    | Art/Music            | 1    | Art/Music                | 1    |
| Health               | 0.5  | Health               | 0.5  | Health                   | 0.5  |
| Physical Education   | 2    | Physical Education   | 2    | Physical Education       | 2    |
| Electives            | 3.5  | Electives            | 3.5  | Electives                | 1.5  |
| Totals               | 22.0 |                      | 22.0 |                          | 22.0 |

| Required Exams<br>(Passing Score of <b>55</b> and<br>above)** | Required Exams<br>(Passing Score of <b>65</b> and<br>above)** | Required Exams<br>(Passing Score of <b>65</b> and<br>above)** |
|---|---|---|
| English Language Arts   | English Language Arts   | English Language Arts   |
| Math A Regents  | Math A Regents  | Math A and B Regents  |
| Global History Regents  | Global History Regents  | Global History Regents  |
| U.S. History Regents  | U.S. History Regents  | U.S. History Regents  |
| Science Regents   | Science Regents   | Two Science Regents   |
|   |   | Foreign Language Regents                                      |

\* Students are required to have completed one unit of credit in a foreign language by the end of their freshman year or pass the New York State Proficiency Exam.

\*\* An integrated course in mathematics/science/technology may be used as the third required unit of credit in mathematics or science.

\*\*\* The entering Freshman Class of 2005 and thereafter will be required to attain a passing score of 65 and above.

(a) Students acquiring 5 units of credit in Art, Music, Business, Technology or Vocational Education may be exempt from the language other than English requirement.

The State learning standards in technology may be met either through a course in technology education or through an integrated course combining technology with mathematics and/or science.. A commencement-level course in technology education may be used as the third unit of credit in science or mathematics but not both.

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New York State requires that every student complete a minimum of 22 units of credit in order to earn a high school diploma. In most cases, we find it prudent to complete four years in each of the five core subject areas (math, science, English, social studies and language). New York State requires a minimum of the following courses for graduation:

|                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| English                     | 4 Credits                          |
| Social Studies              | 4 Credits                          |
| Math                        | 3 Credits                          |
| Science                     | 3 Credits **                       |
| Language other than English | 1 Credit*                          |
| Art/Music                   | 1 Credit                           |
| Physical Education          | 2 Credits                          |
| Electives                   | As required to total<br>22 Credits |

\*A total of 3 credits must be completed in order to complete an Advanced Diploma. It should be noted that Regents graduation requirements in language other than English (one year) is lower than many college/university requirements.

\*\* At least one course must be in life sciences and at least one in physical sciences.