

# New York State Graduation Requirements

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To earn a NYS diploma, students must meet credit and exam requirements. These requirements are separate and distinct and do not have to happen simultaneously.

Note: School districts may create diploma requirements in addition to those required by the NYS Education Department (NYSED).

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This table shows the number of credits required for each subject. It's important to note in most subjects, students must earn a minimum of 2.94 credits.

Table with 10 columns: Subject, Credits, Exam, etc. The text is partially obscured and appears to be a header for a table that is not fully visible.



Multiple pathways allow students choice in the exams they pass to earn a diploma. To complete a pathway, students must:

<b>Arts Pathway</b>	Earn a passing score on a Department-approved pathway exam in the Arts to earn the Arts pathway
<b>CDOS (Career Development and Occupation Studies) Pathway</b>	Complete 216 hours of CTE coursework that includes a minimum of 54 hours of Work Based Learning and complete a career plan and an Employability profile, <u>or</u> pass a Department-approved CDOS pathway exam
<b>CTE (Career and Technical Education) Pathway</b>	Successfully complete a Department-approved CTE program, including 3-5 CTE courses and earn a passing score on the 3-part technical exam
<b>Humanities Pathway</b>	Earn a passing score on one additional Regents exam or Department-approved alternative in English or social studies
<b>World Languages Pathway</b>	Earn a passing score on a Department-approved pathway exam in a world language
<b>STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Pathway</b>	Earn a passing score on one additio BT0 g04 0 0 11.