

INSTRUCTIONACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTGraduation Requirements

The Board of Education will determine the graduation requirements for the school district in accordance with any specific Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The superintendent of schools shall promulgate regulations setting forth both local and Regents diploma requirements.

Presentation: 12/6/89

First  
Vote: 12/20/89

Second  
Vote: 1/3/90

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet all the requirements set forth by New York State, including passing all Regents Examinations or Competency Tests, and requirements of the West Genesee School District to successfully graduate from high school. Students must earn a minimum of 22 units of credit in designated courses; these requirements are outlined below.

### New York State Diploma Requirements

(Minimum passing score of 65% required)

Subject	Regents Diploma w/ Advanced Designation (*Honors)		Regents Diploma (*Honors)	
	Credit	Examination Requirements	Credit	Examination Requirements
English	4	ELA	4	ELA
Social Studies	4	U.S. History Global History	4	U.S. History Global History
Mathematics	3	3 Mathematics • Algebra 1 • Geometry • Algebra 2 & Trigonometry or Algebra II	3	1 Mathematics • Algebra 1 • Geometry • Algebra 2 & Trigonometry or Algebra II
Science	3	2 Sciences • Living Environment • Physical Setting	3	1 Science • Living Environment • Physical Setting
Art or Music	1		1	
Health	0.5		0.5	
World Languages	3 ***	Level III Examination	1	
Physical Education	2		2	
Electives	1.5		3.5	
<b>Total Credits Required:</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>	

#### SPECIAL ENDORSEMENTS:

**\*Honors Diploma:** The words "with Honors" may be added to the endorsement of a Regents diploma with Advanced Designation or to a Regents Diploma if a student has earned an accumulative average of at least 90% on the examinations indicated.

#### Mastery in Math and/or Science:

Students who first entered grade nine in September 2009 and thereafter, who complete all course work and testing requirements for the Regents diploma with advanced designation and who pass three commencement level Regents examinations in mathematics and/or three commencement level Regents examinations in science, with a score of 85 or better, will earn an annotation on the diploma that denotes mastery in mathematics and/or science, as applicable.

**Technical Endorsement:** A student meets the requirement for either a local diploma, a Regents diploma, or a Regents diploma with advanced designation AND successfully completes a Department approved CTE program including the 3 part technical assessment.

**Non-Diploma Exiting Credentials:** For students with disabilities who meet the requirements and objectives as outlined in his/her IEP and whose disability precludes them from earning a Regents or Local diploma.

- **Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential** (not a diploma) is for students with disabilities who are not assessed using the New York State Alternative Assessment.
- **Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential** (not a diploma) is for students with disabilities who are assessed using the New York State Alternative Assessment.

Please contact your School Counselor for more information about individual student graduation paths. Additional NYS diploma requirements can be found at <http://www.P12.nysed.gov/cia/gradreq/2015GradReqPublisherVersion.pdf>

*Seniors who are eligible to complete all requirements for graduation by August may participate in the June ceremony.  
January graduates are invited to attend commencement the following June.*