

THE RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK

4770

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order for a student to graduate from Rye High School, the student must have been enrolled in and attended Rye High School during his/her senior year and have successfully completed one of the following diploma requirements:

1. Regents Diploma

The student has completed the requirements for a Regents Diploma, including 23.5 school credits and received a score of at least 65 on specified Regents examinations. The credits must include the following:

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of social studies (including 1 credit of American history, ½ credit of government and ½ credit of economics)
- 3 credits of science
- 3 credits of mathematics
- 1 credit of LOTE *
- 1 credit of visual art and/or music and/or theatre arts
- ½ credit of health education
- 2 credits of physical education
- ½ credit community service
- ½ credit Managing Your Future
- ½ credit Composition
- credits of additional electives

* Students may earn the Language Other Than English (LOTE) credit by completing two units of study and passing the locally developed assessment at the end of eighth grade. Students identified as having a disability may be exempt from the LOTE requirement if directed by the student's Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

Students entering grade 9 in Sept. 2008 and thereafter must attain a score of 65 or above on all Regents exams in:

- Mathematics
- Science
- Global Studies
- English
- U.S. History

Under certain prescribed conditions, students may earn a maximum of six and one-half credits for either a Regents or local diploma without completing the above units of study.

2. **Local Diploma**

Local diploma options are available for any student who:

- has entered ninth grade before September 2008; and
- scores within three points of the passing score of 65 on two or more Regents examinations;
- meets the appeals process specified in CR 100.5(d)(7); and
- otherwise has met the requirements of a Regents diploma.

Additionally, local diploma options are available to:

- A student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) who scores 55-64 on any of the required Regents examinations; or
- A student with an IEP who fails one or more Regents Examinations and who passes the corresponding Regents Competency Test (RCT).

3. **IEP Diploma**

Students who have been designated as having an IEP must have completed the requirements to receive the local diploma or IEP diploma as specified in the IEP and approved by the Committee on Special Education.

An official high school diploma will only be issued upon the completion of the Regents or local diploma requirements specified herein.

The awarding of a high school diploma will terminate of the District's responsibility to provide additional educational training opportunities as part of the regular day program. Any student earning an IEP diploma will be informed in writing of his or her right to attend the public schools of the District until one of the following occurs:

1. The student earns a high school diploma
2. The student attains the age of 21 prior to September 1st of a school year

*Reference: 8 NYCRR §§100.1 – 100.7; 100.9
Matter of O'Neill, 29 EDR 297 (1990)*

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