

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from high school, a student must meet all the requirements set forth by New York State, including the passing of all Regents Examinations or Competency Tests, and requirements of the West Genesee School District. Students must earn a minimum of 22 units of credit including physical education.

New York State Requirements (Minimum passing score of 65% required)

Subject	*Regents 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 or Integrated Algebra • Geometry • Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	3	1 Mathematics • Algebra 1 or Integrated Algebra • Geometry • Algebra 2 & Trigonometry
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	
LOTE (Language Other Than English)	*** 3	Level III Regional Examination	1	
Physical Education	2		2	
Electives	1.5		3.5	
Total Credits Required:	22		22	

*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.

**Honors Diplomas: 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.

***Under certain circumstances, students may substitute five credits in Career and Technology Education (CTE) and/or Occupational Education, Art or Music classes to waive the LOTE sequence requirement. While a minimum of 1.0 LOTE credit is required to graduate, continuing with a Language other than English is strongly recommended for college bound students.

Note: In individual cases, a Local Diploma may be available.

Fine Art Requirement: New York State requires that all students complete 1.0 Fine Arts credit for graduation. Students may select this credit from the following courses: Dance, Studio in Art, Design and Drawing for Production or a music performance course.

Physical Education Requirement: All students must earn a 0.5 credit in physical education during each year of high school for a total of 2.0 credits. This course is a New York State requirement and must be completed for graduation from West Genesee High School.

Career and Technical Education Endorsement: Students have an opportunity to earn a CTE seal of endorsement on their diploma through the State Education Department. To qualify, students must complete a 5.0 credit series of approved courses in one of the following areas: Business Computer Applications, Computer Technology, Engineering Technology or Finance. See department entries for additional information.

Non-diploma Exiting Credentials: May be awarded to a Special Education student who meets the requirements and objectives as outlined in his/her IEP and whose disability precludes them from earning a Regents or Local diploma. A student who earns a Credential may continue to attend school to work towards a high school diploma until age 21.

*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.*