

**BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Graduation Requirements (Pt. 100)**

**STUDENTS FIRST ENTERING GRADE 9 IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 AND THEREAFTER (see notations on page 2)**

<b>REQUIRED COURSES</b>	<b>LOCAL DIPLOMA</b> <i>(see important notations on page 2)</i>	<b>REGENTS DIPLOMA</b>	<b>REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION</b>
	<b>units of credit</b>	<b>units of credit</b>	<b>units of credit</b>
English Language Arts	4	4	4
Social Studies	4	4	4
Mathematics	3*	3*	3
Science	3*	3*	3
LOTE/Second Language	1	1	3**
Art/Music	1	1	1
Health	.50	.50	.50
Physical Education	2	2	2
Electives	3.5	3.5	1.5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>

\* An integrated course in Mathematics, Science, or Technology may be used to satisfy the third credit in Math or Science for a Local or Regents Diploma. Please see a School Counselor for specific details.

\*\* In lieu of the three required credits of LOTE, a student may substitute a 5 credit sequence in Art, Fine Arts, Business, Technology or Career Education.

\*\*\* See NYSED Math Requirements Attachment for possible combinations for diploma types.

<b>REQUIRED STATE REGENTS EXAMINATIONS</b>  <i>(OR APPROVED ALTERNATIVE EXAMINATIONS)</i>	<b>LOCAL DIPLOMA</b>  <i>(SEE NOTES BELOW)</i>	<b>REGENTS DIPLOMA</b>  <i>(ALL EXAMINATIONS MUST BE PASSED WITH A MINIMUM 65%)</i>	<b>REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION</b>  <i>(ALL EXAMINATIONS MUST BE PASSED WITH A MINIMUM 85%)</i>
Science	X	X	X
Mathematics	X	X	X
Global History	X	X	X
English Language Arts	X	X	X
U.S. History	X	X	X
2nd Science Regents			X
2nd Math Regents			X
3rd Math Regents ***			X***
LOTE Comprehensive			X

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### **Please Note the following Local Diploma Examination passing scores:**

- Students who entered Grade 9 in 2007 and received Special Education services through identification by the Committee on Special Education, may receive a Local Diploma by scoring 55% - 64% on the five required exams.
- Students who entered Grade 9 in 2007 must pass any 4 of the 5 regents examinations with a 65% or higher and the other 1 with a score of 55% - 64%.
- Students who entered Grade 9 in 2008 must pass 5 required exams with a 65% or higher.
- Students who entered Grade 9 in 2009 must pass 5 required exams with a 65% or higher.
- Students who entered Grade 9 in 2008 and prior to the September 2011-12 school year, are only eligible to receive a Local Diploma if they receive Special Education services through identification by the Committee on Special Education. These students are eligible to take a Regents Competency Test (RCT) to satisfy State Exam Requirements in each of the five Subject Areas.

### **HONORS DESIGNATION** (on diploma):

- A student may receive a Regents Diploma with Honors if the **average** of his or her scores on the five required and passed exams equals a 90 or higher.
- A student may receive a Regents with Advanced Designation Diploma with Honors if the **average** of his or her scores on the eight or nine required and passed exams equals a 90 or higher.
- No alteration of these regulations is permissible except as a result of NYSED action.

### **ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- For most recent updates to the regulations regarding acceptable units of credit, Regents examinations, diploma types, and alternative assessments, refer to part 100.5 regulations.
- Regents diploma, or Regents diploma with an advanced designation, with an **affixed technical endorsement** is awarded upon completion of an approved career and technical education program.
- Students who first enter 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, with a score of 85 or better, three commencement level Regents examinations in mathematics and/or three commencement level Regents examinations in science, will earn a Regents diploma with advanced designation with an **annotation on the diploma that denotes mastery in mathematics and/or science, as applicable.**

