

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>REQUIRED SUBJECTS</u>	<u>LOCAL DIPLOMA</u>	<u>REGENTS DIPLOMA</u>	<u>ADV. REGENTS</u>
English	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units
Social Studies	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units
Mathematics	3 Units	3 Units	3 Units
Science	3 Units	3 Units	3 Units
Second Language*	1 Unit	1 Unit	3 Units
Health/Parenting**	1 Unit	1 Unit	1 Unit
Art and/or Music	1 Unit	1 Unit	1 Unit
Sequences/Electives	3.5 Units	3.5 Units	3.5 Units
Physical Education	<u>2 Units</u>	<u>2 Units</u>	<u>2 Units</u>
	22.5 Units	22.5 Units	22.5 Units

\*Students are required to have completed one unit of credit in a Foreign Language by the end of their freshman year.

\*\*Health is currently a (1) unit course and includes the state parenting mandate.

An integrated course in Mathematics, Science, and Technology may be used as the third required unit of credit in Mathematics or Science.

\*\*\* Students acquiring 5 units in occupational studies or arts may be exempt from the 3-unit requirement in second language. Those students must have 1 unit in a second language, which can be earned by passing a proficiency examination or by passing a high school course.

Six different diplomas are available to members of the Classes of 2005 through 2008.

1. **Local Diploma:** (Entering Grade 9 in 2004-2008) Last eligible class is the Class of 2011. Will be awarded to students who meet all graduation requirements AND pass a minimum of 5 required Regents Exams scoring between 55 and 64 and earn 22.5 units of credit.
2. **Regents Diploma:** Will be awarded to students who meet all graduation requirements AND pass a minimum of five Regents Exams with a score of 65 or better and earn 24.5 units of credit.

<u>Regents Exams</u>	<u>Exam Typically Taken</u>
Science	June of 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Global Studies	June of 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Integrated Algebra	June of 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
English	June of 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
US History	June of 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
3. **Regents Diploma with Honors:** Will be awarded to students who meet all the required graduation requirements for a Regents Diploma AND earn an average score of 90 or higher on their Regents Exams.

4. **Advanced Regents Diploma:** Will be awarded to students who meet all graduation requirements and pass seven or eight Regents Exams with a score of 65 or better and earn 24.5 units of credit.

**Regents Exams**

Living Environment  
Physical Setting  
Global Studies  
Integrated Algebra  
Geometry  
Adv. Algebra/Trig  
English  
US History  
Foreign Language

**Exam Typically Taken**

June of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June of 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June of 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June of 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June of 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June of 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June of 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June of 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June of 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

5. **Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors:** Will be awarded to students who meet all graduation requirements for an Advanced Regents Diploma AND earn an average score of 90 or higher on their Regents Exam.
6. **IEP(Individual Education Plan) Diploma:** Will be awarded to students who attain the state's learning standards appropriate to the students' disabilities. They can only be awarded to students who have been identified as having a disability by the district's Committee on Special Education. Please note, Sharon Springs faculty and staff are committed to helping all students earn a Regents Diploma, including those with disabilities.

**The RCT Safety Net is in effect for students entering Grade 9 in the 2009 – 2010 school year. Students entering Grade 9 in 2010 – 2011+ will no longer have the local diploma option.**

These requirements conform to Part 100 at the Commissioner's Regulations regarding graduation.

(Due to AIS requirements and advanced student course scheduling some students may not be able to meet the school requirements and therefore, the administration may elect to waive the school policy and only require the state mandated 22 Units.)