Senior Info
Fall 2021

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As of September 2019

Earning a Diploma in NYC

In New York City public schools, students can earn three types of diplomas: a local diploma, a Regents diploma, or an advanced Regents diploma. All of these diplomas are valid high school diplomas and can be used to demonstrate graduation or enroll in programs after high school, like college and the military. To earn a diploma, students must earn specific course credits (see table to the right) and pass specific Regents exams (see table on the reserve side).

Minimum Credit Requirements

All students must earn 44 total credits across specific subject areas in order to graduate. Subject-area requirements vary by the type of diploma and may also vary if a student earns an endorsement. Ask your school counselor for more information about credit requirements.

Diploma Endorsements

Students may also earn endorsements to their diplomas. Endorsements recognize the successful completion of additional courses and exams in particular subject areas. Ask your school about the requirements for the following endorsements: Arts, Seal of Biliteracy, Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS), Career and Technical Education (CTE), Honors Designation, Mastery in Math, Mastery in Science, and the Service Seal.

Commencement Credentials

Students can earn two types of commencement credentials, which are not diplomas: the CDOS commencement credential and the Skills and Achievement commencement credential. Students who receive commencement credentials may continue to attend school until they earn a high school diploma or until the end of the school year in which they turn 21 (whichever occurs first). Ask your school counselor for more information about commencement credentials.

Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Credential

This credential recognizes students' preparation for entry-level work through mastery of the CDOS learning standards. Students complete a career plan, employability profile, and 216 hours of career preparation experiences, including at least 54 hours of school-supported work-based learning. The CDOS may be awarded as a sole exiting credential, earned as an endorsement to a diploma, or used to fulfill the +1 option.

Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential

This credential recognizes students' skills and achievements in academic, career development, and other foundations needed for post-school living, learning, and working. This credential may only be awarded to students with severe cognitive disabilities who participate in the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA).

Subject Area	Minimum Credit Requirements	
English Language Arts (ELA)	8	
Social Studies		
Global History	4	
U.S. History	2	
Participation in Government	1	
Economics	1	
Math		
Including at least 2 credits of advanced math, such as Geometry or Algebra II	6	
Science (including labs)		
Life Science	2	
Physical Science	2	
Additional Life or Physical Science	2	
Language Other Than English (LOTE)	2 for local and Regents diplomas	6 for advanced Regents diploma
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	2	
Physical Education		
Consistently throughout high school	4	
Health	1	
Electives	7 for local and Regents diplomas	3 for advanced Regents diploma
Total Credits	44	

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All students must pass at least five Regents exams or State-approved alternatives to Regents exams in order to graduate. Subject-area requirements for exams vary by diploma type and endorsement (see table on the right). All students can earn a Regents or advanced Regents diploma. Some students, including students with disabilities, can graduate with a local diploma by earning different exam scores. Speak to your school counselor to learn more about Regents exams, State-approved alternatives, and these other exam flexibilities for students who meet specific eligibility requirements:

- Appeals to graduate with low scores on Regents exams
- Safety Net flexibilities for students with disabilities
- Exam waivers for transfer students
- Performance-Based Assessment Tasks (PBATs) for students at State-approved schools

Toward College & Career Readiness

Coursework, exam scores, and activities outside the classroom can support students in working towards their goals for after high school.

Coursework

Students can prepare for college-level work by taking higher-level courses in high school. These courses may include:

- 8-credit course sequence in math, including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II
- 8-credit course sequence in science, including Living Environment, Chemistry, and Physics
- Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Honors courses
- Courses for college credit, such as College Now or CUNY Early College

Exams

High exam scores can help students avoid taking remedial classes in college. For CUNY, students may meet the college readiness requirement based on certain test scores. See the CUNY Testing FAQs (http://bit.ly/CUNYReady) to learn more.

Reading and Writing	Math
• English Regents score of 75+ • SAT I Verbal score of 480+ • SAT Critical Reading score of 480+ • SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 480+ • ACT English score of 20+	• Common Core-aligned Algebra I or Geometry Regents exam score of 70+ or Algebra II/Trigonometry exam score of 65+ • Any math Regents exam score of 80+ *and* a passing grade in Algebra II/Trigonometry or a higher-level math course • Math SAT score of 500+ or SAT Math Section (March 2016 and later) score of 530+ • ACT Math score of 21+

Regents Exam	Local diploma (eligible students only)	Regents diploma	Advanced Regents diploma
English Language Arts (ELA)	55+	65+	65+
Social Studies • U.S. History • Global History & Geography	55+ on one social studies exam	65+ on one social studies exam	65+ on one social studies exam
Math • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II	55+ on one math exam	65+ on one math exam	65+ on all three math exams
Science • Living Environment • Earth Science • Chemistry • Physics	55+ on one science exam	65+ on one science exam	65+ on Living Environment *and* one other science exam
Language Other Than English (LOTE)	*Not Required*	*Not Required*	65+ on one LOTE exam
+1 option • Any additional Regents exam • State-approved +1 option	*Requirements vary*	*Requirements vary*	*Requirements vary*
Total Exams	5	5	9

Important Information : Tech Help

Help with Pupil Path: LEvans52@schools.nyc.gov

Help with Student (DOE) emails: https://www.midwoodhighschool.org/apps/news/article/1495240

Request for Laptops FOR ALL STUDENTS: https://www.midwoodhighschool.org/apps/news/article/1505458

School calendar https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/2021-2022-school-year-calendar

Important Information: Fall Dates

- January Regents Exams are Tuesday **January 25 - Friday January 28**
- *You might be scheduled for a January Regent exam if you did not earn a waiver or previously pass the exam.*
- MP1 Report card : **Nov. 3**
- MP2 Report card: **Dec. 14**
- MP3 Report card (and grades that go on Perm Record): **Feb 2**
- Open School for the Fall is **Nov. 10 (evening) & 12 (afternoon)**.
- If you need to change any grades to a CR from Spring 2020-Spring 2021 please contact your counselor ASAP!!!

College Office Folder - Due 11/18

- All college choices, including, CUNY, SUNY and Private/Out of State Public, must be listed in Naviance under “Colleges I’m Applying to”
- In order for your College Folder to be complete, you must complete the following:
  - Student Profile Sheet (Under Tasks on Naviance)
  - Student Brag Sheet (Under Tasks on Naviance)
  - Request 2 long letters from teachers in Naviance
  - 3 Teacher Short Recommendation forms (only if a counselor letter is required)
  - Family Brag Form (optional - on Naviance and website)
- Deadline: **Thursday, November 18th**

College Applications

- At this point, you should all be actively working on your college applications.
- For CUNY: visit www.cuny.edu
- For SUNY/Private/Select Out-of-State Public Schools: visit www.commonapp.org
- If a college does not appear on the Common App list, then go to the official website to apply.

Transcripts

YOU MUST LIST ALL COLLEGES YOU ARE APPLYING TO ON NAVIANCE.

HOW TO:

1. From **Naviance Student**, navigate to **Colleges > Colleges I'm applying to**.

2. Click the **Add button** **(Pink Plus)** in the upper right

3. Use the **drop-down** arrow and select which **college the student is applying** to from the menu. *Begin typing the school to see potential matches.*

4. Use the **drop-down** arrow and select the **App Type** (regular, rolling, etc.) from the menu options.

5. Use the **drop-down** arrow and select how you will submit their application or select the checkbox to indicate it has already been submitted.

6. From this point, select **Add Application**

7. Once you select **Add Application**, the *college is added to* ***Colleges I'm Applying To*** and we will send the transcript.

Your official transcript will be sent to the colleges that you are applying to by the College Office.

Matching Your Common App w/ Naviance

You must log into your Common App account & complete the FERPA agreement by using the following steps:
1. The student should log into their Common App account at www.commonapp.org
2. From the Common App account click My Colleges. (Add at least one college on Common App).
3. Click Recommenders and FERPA.
4. Click “Complete Release Authorization”
5. Check the box that you have read and understood the FERPA Release Authorization explanation above.
6. Click Continue.
7. Complete and sign the FERPA agreement, then click Save.

Once you have completed this process, you can now match your accounts in Naviance Student.
1. From Naviance Student, navigate to Colleges > Colleges I'm Applying To.
2. If the accounts are not matched, a message will display at the top of the window, along with a Match Accounts button.
3. Click Match Accounts.
* The student must ensure they are using the same e-mail address on the matching screen that was used to log into their CommonApp account.

Fee Waivers

If you feel that your financial circumstances might qualify you for a college application fee waiver:

1. Student must submit the Family Income Form first: https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict

2. For COMMON APP colleges: You can request a fee waiver in the Common App fee waiver section in the profile section of the Common App. We will be asked to affirm your request for a fee waiver based on your family income form.

3. Request a CUNY fee waiver using this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScc0f9wktnI5ODzQd1L6CLXdAWfwfAiEd8te3AtvNNik8ZnUg/viewform . Once the form is submitted we will be asked to affirm your request for a fee waiver based on your family income form. If approved, you will receive a code via ?? within 1-2 days.

4. For an SAT fee waiver: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScO-kZ7eB9Qb6HTmsMEHdjaX0vw_qaS_JK2a1bINGv4ZNYXLA/viewform

Letters of Recommendation

- You need 2 LONG letters of recommendation
  - You must ask your teacher first before requesting the letter in **Naviance**
  - You must request the letter in Naviance (Common App Schools)
  - These 2 letters go directly to your colleges
  - If you are sending letters of recommendation to CUNY schools then you must put your teacher's email in the recommender section on the application

- 3 SHORT letters of recommendation are only required if a counselor letter is needed by your college choices
  - You must ask your teacher first before sending him/her the form
  - You must provide them with the short recommendation form (found on our website): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScariP7AZmcdYmBYf1zLPPHbq-BNfPrBhjqptOyuURM8cDmAQ/viewform
  - These 3 letters stay in your college folder and are used by the college counselors
  - These are due November 18th, but will be accepted after this deadline

Requesting 2 Long Letters of Recommendations in Naviance

You log into Naviance.

You go to the **College Home** Tab.

Scroll down to where it says **Apply to Colleges**.

You will then see a link that says **Letters of Recommendation**. Click that.

You will then click on **Add Request**.

It will then give you a drop down with all the teachers names.

Find the name of the teacher who is writing your long letter of recommendation.

Click the circle where it says **General Request**.....

Then you can include a personal note to the teacher. I would suggest saying thank you.

Then you click Submit Request.

****BE SURE TO SPEAK TO THE TEACHER IN PERSON FIRST BEFORE SENDING THE REQUEST IN NAVIANCE****

FAFSA

https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Upcoming Financial Aid Workshop: **Wednesday, October 27 at 6:00 pm**

A Financial Aid expert will be giving a detailed presentation.

Don't miss this important meeting! Learn about FAFSA, TAP, CSS Profile, and the intricacies of the overall financial aid process. We will be using Microsoft Teams

Link to the Financial Aid Workshop:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDFhYzNjZTEtOGI0OC00NzYzLWEyOGQtOGUyN2ZjNjg2MTA0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2218492cb7-ef45-4561-8571-0c42e5f7ac07%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a0e3fa77-67ad-45c8-8dc9-a19743a73562%22%7d

Come with questions! Hope to see you all there.

TAP & CSS PROFILE

- TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) - State aid
  - https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/nys-tap.html
  - The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) helps eligible New York residents pay tuition at approved schools in New York State.
- CSS Profile
  - https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/
  - Please click the link for a list of private colleges requiring this detailed financial form: https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx

$$$ Scholarships $$$

- A number of scholarship opportunities are listed on Naviance
- Use additional websites to search for scholarships:
  - Fastweb
  - Chegg
  - Cappex
- Check your email/google class stream on a daily basis for scholarships
- Read monthly newsletters

College Office Outreach

If you would like to email with one of the college counselors, please reach to the assigned college counselor based on your last name.

LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER “A” THROUGH TO THE LAST NAME LIGHTBOURNE are assigned to Ms. Giordano (Kgiordano3@schools.nyc.gov)

LAST NAME LIN THROUGH THE LETTER Z are assigned to Ms. Monaco (Lmonaco2@schools.nyc.gov)

Please use these emails on your applications where a counselor’s email is requested. Do NOT use your guidance counselor’s email.

For general questions, such as checking the status of your letters of recommendation, please email Ms. Murdoch directly at PMurdoch@schools.nyc.gov

Class of 2022 College Classroom

Join the Google Classroom for the most up to date information as well as a tremendous amount of resources.

Code is v627irn

Please check the Stream and Classwork section for everything college. All required forms are posted there as well.

Check this daily as many of your college questions can be answered by looking at the important information posted.

Other Post-Secondary Plans

- Career & Technical Training
  - NYC School for Cooperative Tech is a good option
  - http://www.co-optech.org/
- Armed Forces
- Working Full-time

Last Comments…..

- DO NOT FAIL CLASSES….You have until January 21st (end of the Fall term) to earn a passing grade. Speak with teachers NOW. Get the work done NOW. Do not wait.
- Your college may request your Mid-Year Transcript, which has your Fall grades on it.
- If you are currently taking an APEX course for an NX grade from Spring/Summer 2021 then you must be passing this class as well in order to earn credit (failing these courses can jeopardize you June graduation!!)
- You should be **checking your DOE/Pupilpath emails on a daily basis**. (We are no longer using the @midwoodhighschool.org email address/hangouts)
- Attendance is incredibly important….YOU MUST ATTEND YOUR CLASSES
- If you need your Naviance password, please let your counselor know during your individual meeting
- Be MINDFUL of ALL DEADLINES!!!!
- SENIORITIS IS VERY REAL…..Please do your best to stay focused and on-track this year.

Spring Program Notes

- Every senior must have 6 classes on their program
- AP classes are year-long
- Remember that colleges will get your final transcript, and will want to see your competitive program all the way through June!!
- Electives and their descriptions are in the following slides

Electives - English Courses

Art & Literature The course explores Renaissance European Art through books and discussions related to art. *11th & 12th grade only*

Drama An intro to theater as a performing art. Students will study plays, strategies of playwrights, and acting techniques. *11th & 12th grade only*

African American Literature This course examines the history and culture of black people in America through the lens of literature. *11th & 12th grade only*

True Crimes This course will focus on the origin, development, and analysis of the literary the genre of mystery. *11th & 12th grade only*

Public Speaking Students will prepare and present a minimum of 6 speeches with emphasis on content, organization, and delivery. *11th & 12th grade only*

Utopian and Dystopian Literature The course explores nonfiction texts of a dystopian and utopian nature. Class discussions will be informed by larger social, political, and historical contexts. *11th & 12th grade only*

Yearbook This class is designed to help publish Midwood's yearbook (with rec). *12th grade –application only*

Scientific Non Fiction explore scientific topics to gain a better understanding of the world

Electives - Social Studies Courses

Sports & Culture in America This course explores the history of sports in America. *Priority to 11th grade GL*

Historiography This course centers on deeper exploration of history. *Priority to 12th grade GL*

Criminal Law pre-requisite Intro to Law

Constitutional Law Examines the US Supreme Court *Continuing Law Track*

Legal Research and Writing Final class in law track. Study how lawyers study legal research

Human Rights in the Modern World This course will explore the historical and philosophical roots of the concept of human rights. It will examine the way human rights are contested in contemporary societies. *Priority to 10th grade*

Electives - Math Courses

Statistics A one semester course that introduces students to the majority of concepts and tools used for analyzing data.

Intro to Python Students will receive an introductory overview of Python, a coding software. For students interested in taking AP Computer Science. *Pref to 10th and 11th grade LASI; year long course*

Electives - Science Courses (1)

Medical Issues Students investigate the morality of medical practices and the impact of current medical policies on the medical field. P*riority to Med Sci Track*

Psychobiology Students will examine the anatomy and physiology of the brain as well as the psychology of the mind. *Priority to Med Sci Track*

Advanced Robotics Students are taught to build and program robots to complete assigned tasks. *Priority to Med Sci Track*

Mechatronics An overview of engineering that includes a combination of mechanical engineering, robotics & computer engineering. *Rec Only*

AutoCAD This course is designed to allow students to gain experience with AutoCad, a computer-aided design and drafting software application. *Rec Only*

Forensics Study of crime and crime scenes, involving systematically obtaining data to understand the work involved in solving crime. *11th & 12th grade only*

Ocean Science A year long course which covers the study of the physical and biological aspects of the ocean. *Rec Only – high 90s in chem, living & earth*

Anatomy & Physiology This course is recommended for students interested in health related careers. Lab activities are included. *11th & 12th grade only*

Electives - Science Courses (2)

Sports Medicine This course covers common sports injuries and how to prevent and recover from them. This is a one semester course. *11th & 12th grade only*

Emergency Medicine Through discussion, skits, and presentations, students will become familiar with administering advanced first aid. This is a one semester course. *11th & 12th grade only*

Astronomy In this course, students will explore historical perspective starting with the Big Bang. Explore various components of Universe.

Natural Disasters & Hazards This course will introduce students to the world of natural disasters. Students will also explore how human activity has interfered with natural processes, perhaps making the planet more prone to disaster. *10th, 11th & 12th grade*

Culinary Science This course will allow students an opportunity to explore real-world applications of preparing food, photographing food, cooking and baking, through a scientific lens. *Chemistry is a prerequisite*

Fall 2021 Electives - Art & Music Courses

Media Technology *CTE Track*

Advanced Chorus *Rec Only*

Wind Ensemble *Rec Only*

Symphonic Band *Rec Only*

Drawing

Marching Band Rec only

NYSSMA Chorus Rec only

Chorus

Video Production

Music Appreciation

QUESTIONS???

Do not hesitate to reach out if you have need anything, have questions or concerns or just want to check in.

Here is the list of guidance counselors and support staff who are available to you and their contact info: https://www.midwoodhighschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1034780&type=d&pREC_ID=1337451