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(X) Local  
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## GRADUATION

The Board of Education will determine the graduation requirements of the district in accordance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The Superintendent of Schools shall develop regulations setting forth the diploma requirements. Such regulations shall be approved by the Board and shall be provided to students and parents each year once a student reaches the eighth grade.

### Determining Valedictorian and Salutatorian

A system of weighted grading is used to encourage students to enroll in strong academic coursework. Weighting will determine class rank. Parents and students will be informed of class rank in accordance with the established regulation. Class rank will be used to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian. Transfer students who enter the school after the 11th grade year has begun will not be included in the official rank.

### Graduation Exercises

Participation in the graduation exercises will be predicated on satisfactory completion of all graduation requirements or being within one credit of completion (physical education included), except as permitted by policy 4722.

### Early Graduation

A student who, for sound educational and vocational reasons wishes to graduate from high school in less time than the ordinary four year sequence may request permission to complete graduation requirements on an altered schedule. Specific regulations and procedures for permitting able students to complete their high school education in less than four years shall be developed by the administration and approved by the Board. A student who graduates early must complete all requirements of the New York State Education Department.

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## GRADUATION REGULATION

In order to graduate from East Rockaway School District, a student must complete or may exceed the requirements set forth in Part 100 of the Commissioner's regulations. The Board of Education reserves the right to establish requirements for graduation which exceed the minimum standards as defined by the New York State Regents. All students must be in compliance with Commissioner's regulations for graduation to achieve a minimum of a Regents diploma unless otherwise indicated.

The Board of Education shall award the following diplomas:

1. Regents diploma; or
2. Regents diploma with an advanced designation; or
3. Local Diploma

### Earning a Regents Diploma

Students are required to complete 22 units of credit.

Credit Requirements – Apply to all diploma types: local, Regents, Regents with advanced designation.

English	4 units	Health	½ unit	Electives	3 ½ units
Social Studies	4 units	LOTE**	1 unit		
Mathematics	3 units	Phys Ed	2 units		
Science	3 units	Fine Arts	1 unit		

(\*\*) Students with a disability may be excused from the requirement for 1 unit of credit in LOTE if so indicated on their IEP, but they must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate.

Additional units in English language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, fine arts, Languages other than English (LOTE), career and technical education, or any subject area approved by the commissioner for a total of at least 22 units of credit.

### Earning a Local Diploma

Students may be eligible for a local diploma upon completion of 22 units of credit provided they meet the applicable New York State Diploma Requirements.

Students with a disability who are unable to attain a local diploma through the various safety net provisions may be eligible for a Superintendent Determination of a local diploma under certain conditions as per New York State Education Department.

### Class Rank and Weighting

For class rank purposes Regents and school-level courses are weighted at 1.0, Honors-level

courses and Accelerated Regents-level courses at 1.10, and Advanced Placement and college courses are weighted at 1.15. Final class rankings will be determined at the end of the seventh semester. Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be based on the 1st and 2nd rankings.

#### Participation in Graduation Exercises

Only students who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation or are within one credit of completion (physical education included) will be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.

#### Early Graduation

A student who wishes to graduate from high school in less than four years shall state his/her intention in writing to the principal. The student and his/her parents shall consult with high school guidance personnel in order to develop an early graduation plan.

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