REGENTS EXAMS DON’T JUST MEASURE WHAT YOU KNOW...
...they may determine where you go beyond high school.

Did you know?
To get a high school diploma in New York State, you have to pass these five Regents exams with a minimum score of 65:

1. Integrated Algebra (formerly Math A)
2. Global History and Geography
4. Comprehensive English
5. A science test in physical science (Earth Science, Chemistry or Physics) OR in life science (Living Environment)

In math and English/language arts, you need to score at least a 75 to show you’re college-ready.

To earn an advanced Regents diploma, which helps you to get into college, you’ll need four* more exams:

1. Another science test: in physical science or life science (whichever one you didn’t take before)
2. Geometry*
3. Algebra 2/Trigonometry*
4. A foreign language exam: French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin or Spanish

That’s a lot of tests! But no sweat...
Here’s how you can crank them out:

• Freshman year – Pass at least one Regents.
• Sophomore year – Pass two more Regents.
• Junior year – Pass the last two Regents you need for graduation.
• Senior year – Work toward your advanced diploma by taking the additional Regents in math, science and foreign language. Or, if you’re not going for the advanced diploma, spend this year taking a sequence of career-themed courses to get yourself ready for the workforce.

Stick to this schedule, and you’ll be good to go.

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*In the past students needed to pass one additional math test for an advanced diploma, but the state is phasing out the Math B exam and replacing it with two exams: Geometry and Algebra 2/Trigonometry. The last administration of Math B is in June 2010.