

Appendix A: Program Requirements

Grades 1-4 (8 NYCRR §§100.2, 100.3, 135.3, 135.4)

During grades one through four, all students shall receive instruction that is designed to facilitate their attainment of the State elementary learning standards in:	
Mathematics, including arithmetic, and science and technology	<input type="checkbox"/>
English language arts, including reading, writing, listening and speaking aligned to the current New York State learning standards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social studies, including geography and United States history	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
The arts, including visual arts, music, dance, and theatre	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health education ⁵ <i>Ed. Law §804; 8 NYCRR §135.3</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical education <i>Ed. Law §803(4); 8 NYCRR §135.4(b)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Grades 5-8 (8 NYCRR §§100.2, 100.4, 135.3, 135.4)

Instruction in:	
English language arts, two units of study or the equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social studies, two units of study or the equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science, two units of study or the equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics, two units of study or the equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Career and Technical Education, one and three fourths unit of study or the equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical education <i>Ed. Law §803(4); 8 NYCRR §135.4(b)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health education ⁵ , one half unit of study or the equivalent <i>Ed. Law §804; 8 NYCRR §135.3</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual arts, one half-unit of study or the equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music, one half-unit of study or the equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library and information skills, the equivalent of one period per week in grades 7 and 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Career development and occupational studies or the equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: A unit of study means at least 180 minutes of instruction per week throughout the school year, or the equivalent (8 NYCRR §100.1[a]). In nonpublic schools, the unit of study requirements may be met, or their equivalents may be met, by the incorporation of the State learning standards of such subjects into the syllabi for other courses. Such integration must be documented in writing and kept on file at the school.

⁵ Ed. Law §3204(5): "Subject to rules and regulations of the board of regents, a pupil may, consistent with the requirements of public education and public health, be excused from such study of health and hygiene as conflicts with the religion of his parents or guardian. Such conflict must be certified by a proper representative of their religion as defined by section two of the religious corporations law."