# **Graduation Requirements**

Martin Luther School offers a tiered academic diploma system to fit the needs of individual students. All diplomas receive the state seal indicating students have met the requirements of New York State.

#### Martin Luther School Academic Diploma

In order to receive this diploma a student must successfully complete the following:

**1. Course requirement:** Students must pass all classes with an average of 70% or above in the following classes:

English* 4 units
Social Studies*4 units
Mathematics* 3 units
Science* 3 units
World Language* 2 units
PE^2 units
Theology^ 2 units
Electives 3 units
Health 0.5 units
Fine Arts** 1 unit
Foundations 0.5 units
Life Skills 0.5 units

\*These are required, Core classes.

^One-half unit of Theology credit and one-half unit of Physical Education is required for each year a student is in attendance at Martin Luther High School

\*\* This requirement can be fulfilled with Art, Music, or Dance courses.

**2. Testing requirement:** Students who meet the requirements for the Martin Luther Academic Diploma are eligible for an NYS Regents Diploma. Students must receive a minimum score of 65 on five basic Regents examinations: Algebra I and Living Environment (Biology) during freshman year; Global History during sophomore year; and English and US History Regents Examinations during junior year.

Looking ahead: The City University of New York (CUNY) requires a minimum of a 75+ on the English Regents and an 80+ on at least one Math Regents Exam. A student that does not meet these requirements may be required to complete alternative requirements including the SAT, ACT, the CUNY Assessment Test (CAT), or non-credit bearing remediation classes.

**3. Service Hour Requirement:** Complete 32 hours of community service with eight hours required each year.

### New York State Advanced Regents Diploma

In order to receive a New York State Advanced Regents Diploma, students must fulfill the requirements for a Martin Luther School Academic Diploma. In addition to this, Students must receive a minimum score of 65 on the additional Regents examinations: Geometry; Algebra 2; an additional lab science; and a World Language local exam.

## Martin Luther School Advanced Academic Diploma

Students who meet the requirements for the New York State Advanced Regents Diploma are eligible for the Martin Luther School Advanced Academic Diploma. In order to receive this diploma, a student must successfully complete the requirements for the basic diploma and the New York State Advanced Regents Diploma. In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- a. Three years of World Language
- b. Four years of Mathematics
- c. Hold a GPA of 85% or higher
- d. Complete a total of four (4) approved college courses.

### <u>New York State Regents or Advanced Regents with</u> <u>Mastery</u>

In order to receive a New York State Regents or New York State Advanced Regents with Mastery distinction, a student must achieve a calculated average of 85+ on required Regents exams.

## Martin Luther School Advanced Academic Diploma with Honors

Students who meet the requirements for the Martin Luther Advanced Academic Diploma with Honors are eligible for an NYS Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Students must earn a calculated average of 90+ on required Regents exams. In order to receive a Martin Luther School Advanced Academic Diploma with Honors, a student must successfully complete