

State and Local Course Requirements for High School Graduation

Content Area	Future Ready Core		Occupational Course of Study (OCS)
English	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III English IV 		4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I* English II* English III English IV
Mathematics	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NC Math I, NC Math II, NC Math III and Additional Math Course to be aligned with the student's post high school plans 		3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Mathematics NC Math I* Financial Management
Science	3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth/Environmental Science A Physical Science Biology 		2 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Biology*
Social Studies	4 Credits (9th Entry prior to 2020-2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History American History: The Founding Principles, Civics, and Economics American History I and American History II OR AP US History and an additional social studies course** 	4 Credits (9th Entry 2020-2021 and beyond) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History American History Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy Economics and Personal Finance 	2 Credits 9th Entry prior to 2020-2021- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics American History I or American History II 9th Entry 2020-2021 and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founding Principles of the United States of American and North Carolina: Civic Literacy Economics and Personal Finance
World Languages	Not required for graduation but 2 levels required for admission to the UNC System		
Health and Physical Education	1 Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health/Physical Education I 		1 Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health/Physical Education I
CPR	Successful completion of CPR training for students graduating 2015 and beyond		Successful completion of CPR training for students graduating 2015 and beyond
Electives or Other Requirements	6 Credits 2 elective credits of any combination from either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career and Technical Education (CTE) Arts Education World Languages 	4 elective credits from the following (four-course concentration recommended): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career and Technical Education (CTE***) JROTC Arts Education (e.g. dance, music, theater arts, visual arts) Any other subject area or cross-disciplinary courses (e.g. mathematics, science, social studies, English and dual enrollment courses) 	6 Credits Occupational Preparation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupational Prep I Occupational Prep II Occupational Prep III Occupational Prep IV Completion of IEP objectives Career Portfolio required Additional Requirements****
Career and Technical Education			4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career and Technical Education Electives
Arts Education	DPI recommends at least one credit in an arts discipline, but is not required to meet graduation standards.		
Total Minimum Credits Required	28 Credits (22 State + 6 Local)		22 Credits Plus any additional local requirements

Any student who entered 9th grade before the 2017-2018 school year, should see their counselor for graduation requirements.

* OCS courses aligned with Future Ready Core courses in English I, English II, Math I, and Biology (New Common Core State Standards and new NC Essential Standards implemented in the 2012-2013 school year).

** A student who takes AP US History instead of taking American History I and American History II must also take an additional social studies course in order to meet the four credits requirement.

*** For additional information on CTE courses that meet requirements for selected Courses of Study, refer to the CTE Clusters chart located at: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/cte/standards/careerclusters2012.pdf>.

**** Completion of 150 hours of school-based training with work activities and experiences that align with student's post school goals, 225 hours of community-based training, and 225 hours of paid employment **or** 225 hours of unpaid vocational training, unpaid internship, paid employment at community rehabilitation facilities, and volunteer and/or community service hours.