

# High School Graduation Requirements

From the time you enter kindergarten, you're getting ready for high school graduation.

To make sure you stay on track for a high school diploma, please remember that every high school student must meet state course and credit requirements in addition to any local requirements. To view the state course and credit requirements, look in the colored blocks below for the section that matches when you entered ninth grade for the first time.

Your school counselor is available to answer any questions you may have about what you need to reach your goal of high school graduation.

For Ninth Graders Entering Between 2000 – 2008-09				For some Ninth Graders with Cognitive Disabilities 2000 – >	For Ninth Graders Entering in 2009 – 2011-12	For Ninth Graders Entering in 2012-13 and Later
CONTENT AREA	CAREER PREP Course of Study Requirements	COLLEGE TECH PREP* Course of Study Requirements	COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY PREP Course of Study Requirements (UNC 4-yr college)	OCCUPATIONAL Course of Study Requirements (Selected IEP students excluded from EOC Proficiency Level requirements)	FUTURE-READY CORE	FUTURE-READY CORE
<b>English</b>	<b>4 Credits</b> I, II, III, IV	<b>4 Credits</b> I, II, III, IV	<b>4 Credits</b> I, II, III, IV	<b>4 Credits</b> Occupational English I, II, III, IV	<b>4 Credits</b> I, II, III, IV  <i>Effective with the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade class of 2011-12 English I, II, III, IV or a designated combination of 4 courses</i>	<b>4 Credits</b> I, II, III, IV or a designated combination of 4 courses
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3 Credits</b> Including Algebra I <i>This requirement can be met with Integrated Math I &amp; II when accompanied with the Algebra I EOC.</i>	<b>3 Credits*</b> Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, <b>OR</b> Algebra I, Technical Math I & II, <b>OR</b> Integrated Mathematics I, II, & III	<b>4 Credits</b> Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and higher level math course with Algebra II as prerequisite <b>OR</b> Integrated Mathematics I, II, III, and a credit beyond Integrated Mathematics III	<b>3 Credits</b> Occupational Mathematics I, II, III	<b>4 Credits</b> (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) <b>OR</b> (Integrated Math I, II, III) 4th Math Course to be aligned with the student's post high school plans  <i>A student, in rare instances, may be able to take an alternative math course sequence as outlined under State Board of Education policy. Please see your school counselor for more details.</i>	<b>4 Credits</b> (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) <b>OR</b> (Integrated Math I, II, III) 4th Math Course to be aligned with the student's post high school plans  <i>A student, in rare instances, may be able to take an alternative math course sequence as outlined under State Board of Education policy. Please see your school counselor for more details.</i>

<b>Science</b>	<b>3 Credits</b> A physical science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	<b>3 Credits</b> A physical science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	<b>3 Credits</b> A physical science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	<b>2 Credits</b> Life Skills Science I, II	<b>3 Credits</b> A physical science course, Biology, Environmental Science	<b>3 Credits</b> A physical science course, Biology, Environmental Science
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3 Credits</b> Civics and Economics, US History, World History****	<b>3 Credits</b> Civics and Economics, US History, World History****	<b>3 Credits</b> Civics and Economics, US History, World History**** <i>(2 courses to meet UNC minimum admission requirements - US History &amp; 1 elective)</i>	<b>2 Credits</b> Social Studies I (Government/US History) Social Studies II (Self-Advocacy/Problem Solving)	<b>3 Credits</b> Civics and Economics, US History, World History****	<b>4 Credits</b> Civics and Economics, World History****, US History I and II <b>OR</b> AP US History*****, additional social studies course*****
<b>World Languages</b>	Not required	Not required*	<b>2 Credits</b> in the same language	Not required	Not required for high school graduation. A two-credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC system.	Not required for high school graduation. A two-credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC system.
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	<b>1 Credit</b> Health/Physical Education	<b>1 Credit</b> Health/Physical Education	<b>1 Credit</b> Health/Physical Education	<b>1 Credit</b> Health/Physical Education	<b>1 Credit</b> Health/Physical Education	<b>1 Credit</b> Health/Physical Education
<b>Electives or other requirements***</b>	<b>2 Elective Credits</b> and other credits designated by LEA	<b>2 Elective Credits</b> and other credits designated by LEA	<b>3 Elective Credits</b> and other credits designated by LEA	<b>Occupational Preparation:</b> <b>6 Credits</b> Occupational Preparation I, II, III, IV** Elective credits/ completion of IEP objectives/Career Portfolio required	<b>6 Credits required</b> <b>2 elective credits of any combination from either:</b> – Career and Technical Education (CTE) – Arts Education – World Languages <b>4 elective credits strongly recommended (four course concentration) from one of the following:</b> – Career and Technical Education (CTE) – JROTC – Arts Education (e.g. dance, music, theater arts, visual arts) – Any other subject area (e.g. social studies, science, mathematics, English)	<b>6 Credits required</b> <b>2 elective credits of any combination from either:</b> – Career and Technical Education (CTE) – Arts Education – World Languages <b>4 elective credits strongly recommended (four course concentration) from one of the following:</b> – Career and Technical Education (CTE) – JROTC – Arts Education (e.g. dance, music, theater arts, visual arts) – Any other subject area (e.g. social studies, science, mathematics, English)

<b>Career/Technical</b>	<b>4 Credits in Career/ Technical</b> Select courses appropriate for career pathway to include a second level (advanced) course; <b>OR</b>	<b>4 Credits</b> Select courses appropriate for career pathway to include a second level (advanced) course.	Not required	<b>4 Credits</b> Career/Technical Education electives		
<b>JROTC</b>	<b>4 Credits in JROTC;</b> <b>OR</b>					
<b>Arts Education (Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts)</b>	<b>4 Credits in an Arts Discipline</b> Select courses appropriate for an arts education pathway to include an advanced course.					
	Recommended: at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision (for students not taking an arts education pathway)	Recommended: at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision	Recommended: at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision	Recommended: at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision		
<b>Total</b>	20 Credits plus any local requirements	20 Credits plus any local requirements	20 Credits plus any local requirements	22 Credits plus any local requirements	21 Credits plus any local requirements	22 Credits plus any local requirements

\* A student pursuing a College Tech Prep course of study may also meet the requirements of a College/University course of study by completing two credits in the same second language and one additional unit in mathematics.

\*\* Completion of 300 hours of school-based training, 240 hours of community-based training, and 360 hours of paid employment.

\*\*\* Examples of electives include JROTC and other courses that are of interest to the student.

\*\*\*\* Effective with ninth graders of 2003-04, World History must be taken to meet the requirements of World Studies.

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