

State and Local Course Requirements for High School Graduation

| CONTENT AREA | FUTURE READY CORE | OCCUPATIONAL COURSE OF STUDY (OCS) |
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| | FOR 9 TH GRADERS ENTERING IN 2021-2022 | |
| 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 1, 2, and 3 and a fourth mathematics course to be aligned with the student's post-high school plans. NOTE: Credit shall be awarded for Math I, II, and III if taken prior to the 2016-17 school year. | 4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Mathematics NC Math 1 Financial Management Employment Preparation IV: Math (to include 150 work hours) |
| Science | 3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a physical science course Biology an earth/environmental science course | 3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Science Biology Employment preparation I: Science (to include 150 work hours) |
| Social Studies | 4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy World History American History Economics and Personal Finance | 4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy Economics and Personal Finance Employment Preparation II: Citizenship 1A (to include 75 work hours) Employment Preparation II: Citizenship 1B (to include 75 work hours) |
| Global Languages | Not required for graduation, but 2 levels are required for admission to the UNC System | Not required for OCS |
| 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 for students graduating in 2015 and beyond | Successful completion of CPR for students graduating in 2015 and beyond |
| Electives or Other Requirements | 6 Credits Total <p>2 Elective credits of any combination from either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career and Technical Education (CTE) Arts Education World Language <p>4 Elective credits from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career & Technical Education (CTE**) JROTC Arts Education (e.g. dance, music, theater arts, visual arts) Any other subject area or cross-disciplinary courses (e.g. social studies, science, mathematics, English, and dual enrollment courses) | 2 Credits <p>Occupational Preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment Preparation III: Citizenship IIA (to include 75 work hours) Employment Preparation III: Citizenship IIB (to include 75 work hours) Completion of IEP objectives Career Portfolio required |
| Career and Technical Education | | 4 Credits CTE electives |
| Arts Education | 1 Credit Arts are now a graduation requirement. A student must complete ONE arts credit (Dance, Music, Theater Arts or Visual Arts) between Grade 6 and Grade 12 in order to graduate from high school, beginning with those students entering Grade 6 in 2022 | 1 Credit Arts are now a graduation requirement. A student must complete ONE arts credit (Dance, Music, Theater Arts or Visual Arts) between Grade 6 and Grade 12 in order to graduate from high school, beginning with those students entering Grade 6 in 2022 |
| Total Minimum Credits Required | 22 Credits | 22 Credits |

* OCS courses aligned with Future Ready Core courses in English II, NC Math 1, and Biology (New NC State Standards and new NC Essential Standards implemented in the 2012-2013 school year).

** For additional information on CTE courses that meet requirements for selected Courses of Study, refer to the CTE Clusters chart located at nccareers.org/