

Graduation Requirements Chart

Content Area	For Ninth Graders Entering in 2013 or Later FUTURE-READY CORE	For Ninth Graders Entering 2017 or later OCCUPATIONAL COURSE OF STUDY
English	4 Credits English I, II, III, IV	4 Credits English I, II, III, IV
Mathematics	4 Credits NC Math 1, NC Math 2, NC Math 3, and a 4th Math Course to be aligned with the students' post high school plans. <i>In the rare instance a principal exempts a student from the FRC math sequence, the student would be required to pass NC Math 1 and NC Math 2 and two other application-based math courses.</i>	3 Credits Introduction to Mathematics, Algebra 1 (NC Math I), Financial Management
Science	3 Credits A physical science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	2 Credits Applied Science, Biology
Social Studies	4 Credits Entering high school Fall 2019 and before: World History (or AP World History), American History I: Founding Principles, American History II (or AP US History & 1 additional social studies elective), and American History: Founding Principles, Civics & Economics Entering high school Fall 2020 and beyond: The State Board of Education is reviewing options for Social Studies Graduation requirements. Once final decisions have been made at the state level, we will update this section.	2 Credits American History I or American History II and American History: Founding Principles, Civics & Economics Students Entering 9th grade in 2016 or earlier need American History I AND American History II
World Language	2 Credits are required to meet Minimum Application Requirements for the UNC System.	Not Required
Health & Physical Education	1 Credit Healthful Living I Successful Completion of CPR requirement outlined in NCGS 115C-81.	1 Credit Healthful Living I Successful Completion of CPR requirement outlined in NCGS 115C-81.
Specific Electives	6 Credits Required 2 elective credits of any combination from either: - Career & Technical Education (CTE) - Arts Education - World Languages 4 elective credits strongly recommended (four course concentration) from one of the following: - Career & Technical Education (CTE) - JROTC - Arts Education (e.g., dance, music, theatre, visual arts) - Any other subject area (e.g., mathematics, science, social studies, English, or cross-disciplinary)	6 Credits Occupational Prep I, II, III, IV Completion of Work-Based Hours as follows: Students Entering 9th Grade 2014 or later: 600 Hours School-Based Vocational Training = 150 Hours Community-Based Vocational Training = 225 Hours Competitive Paid Employment = 225 Hours Students Entering 9th Grade 2013 or earlier: 900 Hours School-Based Vocational Training = 300 Hours Community-Based Vocational Training = 240 Hours Competitive Paid Employment = 360 Hours Completion and presentation of a Career Portfolio containing all the required components.
Career & Technical Education		4 Credits CTE Electives
Additional Electives	4 Credits	
Total	26 Credits	22 Credits

Reference: [NC State Board of Education Policy GRAD-004, State Graduation Requirements](#)