



High School State Requirements and Grades

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FOR NINTH GRADERS ENTERING IN 2012-13 AND LATER - Two Courses of Study Leading to One Diploma

CONTENT AREA	FUTURE-READY CORE Course of Study Requirements	FUTURE-READY OCCUPATIONAL Course of Study Requirements
English	4 Credits I, II, III, IV or a designated combination of 4 courses	4 Credits OCS 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 student's post high school plans. 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.	3 Credits OCS Introduction to Mathematics OCS Algebra I* OCS Financial Management
Science	3 Credits A physical science course, Biology, Environmental Science	2 Credits OCS Applied Science OCS Biology*
Social Studies	4 Credits American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics; World History; American History I and American History II OR AP US History or other college-level courses that are appropriate**; additional social studies course**	2 Credits OCS Social Studies I (Government/US History) OCS Social Studies II (Self-Advocacy/Problem Solving)
World Languages	Not required for high school graduation. A two-credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC system.	Not required
Health and Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education
Electives or other requirements***	6 Credits required	6 Credits

	<p>2 elective credits of any combination from either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Career and Technical Education (CTE) -Arts Education -World Languages <p>4 elective credits strongly recommended (four course concentration) from one of the following:</p> <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 (e.g. social studies, science, mathematics, English) 	<p>Occupational Preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -OCS Preparation I, II, III, IV**** -Elective credits/completion of IEP objectives/Career -Portfolio required
Career/Technical		<p>4 Credits</p> <p>Career/Technical Education electives</p>
Arts Education (Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts)		<p>Recommended: at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision</p>
Total	22 Credits plus any local requirements	22 Credits plus any local requirements
<p>*OCS courses aligned with Future Ready Core courses in English I, English II, Algebra I/Integrated Math I, and Biology (New Common Core State Standards and new NC Essential Standards implemented in the 2012-13 school year.)</p> <p>**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.</p> <p>***Examples of electives include JROTC and other courses that are of interest to the student.</p> <p>****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.</p> <p>*****Completion of 300 hours of school-based training, 240 hours of community-based training, and 360 hours of paid employment.</p>		
<p>The Randolph County School System requires 28 credits for graduation.</p>		