

Wake County Public School System
High School Graduation Requirements
Class of 2010 (Entered 9th Grade 2006-2007)
Class of 2011 (Entered 9th Grade 2007-2008)

*For more information about WCPSS high schools and the graduation requirements
visit http://www.wcpss.net/curriculum-instruction/docs_downloads/planning-guides/2008-09hs_planning_guide.pdf*

Students

- must satisfy all course, credit, and testing requirements for at least one Course of Study in order to earn a diploma.
- must meet the graduation course and testing requirements during the time they are in grades nine through twelve.

For the College/University, College Tech Prep, and Career Prep: 26 credits

For the Occupational Course of Study: 22 credits

	College University*	College Tech Prep[^]**	Career Prep[^]**	Occupational
English English I, II, III, IV	4	4	4	4
Math CU: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, One Beyond Algebra II CTP: Algebra I, Tech Math I, Tech Math II OR Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II CRP: Algebra I and Two Other Math Courses OCS: Occupational Math I, II, III	4	3	3	3
Science Earth or Environmental Science, Biology, A Physical Science OCS: Occupational Life Skills Science I, II	3	3	3	2
Social Studies World History, Civics & Economics, United States History OCS: Occupational Social Studies I, II	3	3	3	2
Second Languages	2	0	0	0
Healthful Living	1	1	1	1
Career/ Technical Education (CTE) Electives/ JROTC Electives	**	4	***	4
Other Electives	9	8	8	6****
<p>* Students must pass the North Carolina Test of Computer Skills. This requirement is generally met in middle school.</p> <p>** Students may choose from Career/Technical Education, Arts and other electives. They must choose 1 course from CTE and 1 course from the Arts to be considered for recognition as a North Carolina Scholar.</p> <p>*** Students may choose either Career/Technical Education electives that lead to a capstone project, which may be included in the Graduation Project.</p> <p>**** Students choose from electives geared to occupational preparation.</p> <p>^ Students must complete a career pathway that leads to an advanced course that includes a capstone project, which may be included in the Graduation Project.</p>				
<p>The North Carolina State Board of Education approved new high school exit standards* requiring students entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2006-2007 and beyond to pass five EOC assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Algebra I, ◆ Biology, ◆ English I, ◆ Civics & Economics, ◆ U.S. History 		<p>The North Carolina State Board of Education approved new high school exit standards* requiring students entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2006-2007 to successfully complete a Graduation Project that includes these components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A Research Paper ◆ A Presentation ◆ A Product related to the research topic ◆ A Portfolio of their work 		
<p>*The exit standards will only apply to students following the Career Preparation, College/Technical Preparation, or College/University Preparation courses of study. Students following the Occupational Course of Study are required to meet rigorous exit standards.</p>				

Effective with the class entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2006-2007 school year, students may earn one elective credit for Algebra IA and one mathematics graduation credit for Algebra IB.

High school courses taken during middle school years are used for placement purposes. The courses taken in middle school fulfill the graduation requirement but do not fulfill the credit requirement. This policy includes math, earth science, and second languages.