

Wake County Public School System

High School Graduation Requirements

Class of 2012 (Entered 9th Grade 2008-2009)

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 (Credits may be earned in middle school) CU: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, One Course 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 (Credits may be earned in middle school)	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.

Beginning in the 2007-08 school year (Class of 2012 and beyond) students who pass mathematics or foreign language courses during grade 6-8 that are described in the *North Carolina Standard Course of Study* for grades 9-12 must achieve level III or IV on an EOC, if available, to meet that high school graduation requirement. High school mathematics and foreign language courses taken in grades 6-8 which do not have an EOC shall use high school course codes and shall be aligned to the *North Carolina Standard Course of Study* for grades 9-12. *The courses will count toward graduation requirements, but the students' GPA will be computed with courses taken only during the high school years.*