

State and Local Course Requirements for High School Graduation  
For 9th Graders Entering in August 2021 and beyond

CONTENT AREA	FUTURE READY CORE	OCCUPATIONAL COURSE OF STUDY (OCS) This program is specific to students with disabilities only based on an IEP team decision.
English	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>English IV</li> </ul>	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>English IV</li> </ul>
Mathematics	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NC Math 1</li> <li>NC Math 2</li> <li>NC Math 3</li> <li>and a fourth mathematics course to be aligned with the student's post-high school plans.</li> </ul>	4 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Mathematics</li> <li>NC Math I</li> <li>Financial Management</li> <li>Employment Preparation IV: Math (to include 150 work hours)</li> </ul>
Science	3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earth/Environmental Science</li> <li>A Physical Science</li> <li>Biology</li> </ul>	3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applied Science</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>Employment Preparation I: Science (to include 150 work hours)</li> </ul>
Social Studies	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World History or AP World History</li> <li>Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy</li> <li>American History</li> <li>Economics and Personal Finance</li> </ul>	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy</li> <li>Economics and Personal Finance</li> <li>Employment Preparation II: Citizenship 1A (to include 75 work hours)</li> <li>Employment Preparation II: Citizenship IB (to include 75 work hours)</li> </ul>
Health and Physical Education	1 Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health/Physical Education I</li> </ul>	1 Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health/Physical Education I</li> </ul>
CPR	Successful completion of CPR for students graduating 2015 and beyond	Successful completion of CPR for students graduating 2015 and beyond
Electives or Other Requirements	6 Credits 2 of the 6 elective credits from any combination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career and Technical Education (CTE)</li> <li>Arts Education</li> <li>World Languages</li> </ul>	2 Credits Two Additional Employment Preparation Education credits, which shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment Preparation III: Citizenship II A (to include 75 work hours)</li> <li>Employment Preparation III: Citizenship II B (to include 75 work hours)</li> </ul>
Career and Technical Education		4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CTE electives</li> </ul>
Arts Education	All students must complete ONE arts credit (music, visual art, theatre arts, dance) between Grade 6 and Grade 12 in order to graduate from high school, beginning with those students entering Grade 6 in 2022 (Senate Bill 681).	All students must complete ONE arts credit (music, visual art, theatre arts, dance) between Grade 6 and Grade 12 in order to graduate from high school, beginning with those students entering Grade 6 in 2022 (Senate Bill 681).
Total Minimum Credits Required	22 Credits	22 Credits