

Cumberland County High School Graduation Requirements

From the time you enter kindergarten, you are getting ready for high school graduation.

To make sure you are on track, remember that every high school student must meet state and local requirements. To see your Course and Credit Requirements, look in the colored blocks for the section that matches when you entered ninth grade for the first time.

Your school counselor is available to answer questions you may have about what you need to reach your goal of high school graduation.

CONTENT AREA	For Ninth Graders Entering in 2012-2013 and Later	For some Ninth Graders with Cognitive Disabilities 2000 - >
	FUTURE-READY CORE	▪ OCCUPATIONAL Course of Study Requirements (Selected IEP students excluded from EOC Proficiency Level requirements)
English	4 Credits I, II, III, IV	4 Credits OCS English I, II, III, IV
Mathematics	4 Credits NC Math I*, NC Math II, NC Math III and a 4 th math course to be aligned with the student's post high school plans.** <i>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 counselor for more details.</i>	3 Credits OCS Introductory Mathematics I, OCS Mathematics I, OCS Financial Management <u>OR</u> Personal Finance
Science	3 Credits A physical science course, Biology, Earth Environmental Science	2 Credits OCS Applied Science, OCS Biology
Social Studies	4 Credits American History: The Founding Principles, Civics, and Economics, World History and either American History I and American History II <u>or</u> AP US History and additional social studies course***	2 Credits Social Studies I Social Studies II
World Language	Not required for high school graduation. A two-credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC system. ****	Not required
Health/Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education
Electives or other requirements	6 Credits Required 2 Elective credits in any combination of: Career and Technical Education (CTE), Arts Education, or World Languages 4 Elective credits from one of the following is strongly recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CTE</u> – 4 credits within a NC Career Cluster with at least 1 credit at the second or completer level • <u>Arts Education</u> – 4 credits (any combination) from any of the four Arts Ed. disciplines with at least 1 credit at the second level • <u>JROTC</u> – 4 credits • <u>World Language</u> – 4 credits within the same world language • <u>Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate</u> – 4 credits of AP/IB courses • <u>Cross Disciplinary</u> – 4 credits from any combination of courses that relate to students' career or other interests, with at least 1 credit at the second or honors level • <u>Career and College Promise</u> – 4 high school credits in any of the 3 Career and College Promise Pathways 6 Additional Electives from any content area	12 Credits Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Occupational Prep credits • 4 CTE credits • 2 additional elective credits
*****All students beginning with in the graduating class of 2014-2015 must complete CPR instruction in order to receive a diploma		
Total	28 Credits	24 Credits <i>Plus any local requirements</i>

* Beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, the Math I requirement may be fulfilled by successfully completing Math I in the 8th grade. This course will count toward graduation requirements, but the students' GPA will be computed with only courses taken during the high school years.

** Students seeking to complete minimum application requirements for UNC universities must complete four mathematics courses, including a fourth math course with Math III as a prerequisite.

*** A student who takes AP US History instead of taking American History I and American History II must also take an additional social studies course in order to meet the four credits requirement.

**** Students seeking to complete minimum application requirements for UNC universities must complete two credits in the same world language.

***** CPR requirement is a result of legislation HB 837

■ Completion of 300 hours of school-based training, 240 hours of community-based training, and 360 hours of paid employment. Footnote for OCS: Beginning in the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year, OCS graduate standards will total 24 credits.

Note: Graduation requirements for transfer students will be four (4) less than the maximum number of credits the student could have earned over four (4) regular high school years.