

Cabarrus County/North Carolina Course of Study Graduation Requirements*

Content Area	CAREER PREP Course of Study Requirements	COLLEGE TECH PREP** Course of Study Requirements	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PREP Course of Study (UNC 4-yr college) Requirements	OCCUPATIONAL*** Course of Study
English	4 Credits I, II, III, IV	4 Credits I, II, III, IV	4 Credits I, II, III, IV	4 Credits Occupational English I, II, III, IV
Mathematics	3 Credits Including Algebra I	3 Credits** Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, OR Algebra I, Technical Math I & II, OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, & III	4 Credits (4 th credit effective for first time ninth graders in 2002-2003) Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and higher level math course with Algebra II as prerequisite OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, III, and a credit beyond Integrated Mathematics III	3 Credits Occupational mathematics I, II, III
Science	3 Credits A Physical Science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	3 Credits A Physical Science course related to career pathway (CP), Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	3 Credits A Physical Science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	2 Credits Life Skills Science I, II
Social Studies	3 Credits Government/Economics (ELPS), US History, World Studies	3 Credits Government/Economics (ELPS), US History, World Studies	3 Credits Government/Economics (ELPS), US History, World Studies (2 courses to meet UNC minimum admission requirements – US History & 1 elective)	2 Credits Social Studies I (Government/US History) Social Studies II (Self- Advocacy/Problem Solving)
Second Language	Not required	Not required**	2 Credits in the same language	Not required
Computer Skills	No specific course required, students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing (starting with graduating class of 2001)	No specific course required, students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing (starting with graduating class of 2001)	No specific course required, students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing (starting with graduating class of 2001)	Computer proficiency as specified in IEP
Health and Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education
Career/Technical	4 Credits in Career/Technical Select courses appropriate for career pathway to include a second level (advanced) course; OR	4 Credits Select courses appropriate for career pathway to include a second level (advanced) course	Not required	4 Credits Career/Technical Education electives
JROTC	4 Credits in JROTC; OR			
Arts Education (Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts)	4 Credits in an Arts Discipline Select courses appropriate for an arts education pathway to include an advanced course	Recommend at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision	Recommend at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision	Recommend at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision
	Recommend at least one credit in an arts discipline and/or requirement by local decision (for students not taking an arts education pathway)			

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Electives or other requirements	2 Elective Credits and other credits designated by LEA	2 Elective Credits and other credits designated by LEA	3 Elective Credits and other credits designated by LEA	Occupational Preparation : 6 Credits Occupational Preparation I, II, III, IV ****
	Proficiency on Exit Exam (Effective for entering ninth graders 2001-2002)	Proficiency on Exit Exam (Effective for entering ninth graders 2001-2002)	Proficiency on Exit Exam (Effective for entering ninth graders 2001-2002)	Elective credits/completion of IEP objectives/Career Portfolio required/ No Exit Exam
Total	20 Credits plus any local requirements	20 Credits plus any local requirements	20 Credits plus any local requirements	22 Credits plus any local requirements

*Effective for ninth graders entering for the first time in 2000-01. The additional mathematics credit in college/university prep is for entering ninth graders of 2002-03. Local requirements = 20 courses identified by NC State Board of Education plus 7 electives for a total of 27 credits.

**A student pursuing a College Tech Prep course of study may meet the requirements of a College/University course of study by completing 2 credits in the same second language and one additional unit mathematics.

***This course of study shall be made available for certain students with disabilities who have an IEP, beginning with first time ninth graders in 2000-01. The State Board of Education approved this course of study for the APA process to begin.

****Completion of 300 hours of school-based training, 240 hours of community-based training, and 360 hours of paid employment.