

Requirements for Graduation

Graduation requirements are assigned by the year the student enters the ninth grade for the first time. It is important that parents and students know and understand the graduation requirements associated with that class of students. The most recent programs of study are listed in the registration guide.

Every Onslow County Schools high school student must:

- Meet the course and credit requirements based on when they entered high school as a ninth grade for the first time
- Successfully complete Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training
- Have a career development plan by the end of 10th grade

There are two courses of study that students may follow to meet graduation requirements. Students will be placed in the Future Ready Core Course of Study a default option.



Content Area	Future Ready Core		Occupational Course of Study (OCS)
	For Ninth Graders Entering High School in 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024		
English	4 Credits - English I - English II - English III - English IV		4 Credits - English I - English II* - English III - English IV
Mathematics	4 Credits - NC Math I - NC Math II - NC Math III - A fourth mathematics course aligned with the student's post-high school plans.		4 Credits - Introduction to Mathematics - NC Math I* - Financial Management - Employment Preparation IV: Math (to include 150 work hours) - NOTE: Credit shall be awarded for Math I, II, III if taken prior to the 2024-25 school year.
Science	3 Credits - Earth/Environmental Science - A Physical Science or Chemistry or Physics - Biology		3 Credits - Applied Science - Biology* - Employment Preparation 1: Science (to include 150 work hours)
Social Studies	4 Credits - World History - American History - The Founding Principles of the USA & NC: Civic Literacy - Economics and Personal Finance		4 Credits - Founding Principles of USA & NC: Civic Literacy - Economics and Personal Finance - Employment Preparation II: Citizenship IA (to include 75 work hours) - Employment Preparation II: Citizenship IB (to include 75 work hours)
World Languages	Not required for graduation but 2 levels recommended for admission to the UNC System		Not required for OCS
Health and Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education I		1 Credit Health/Physical Education (must have CPR)
CPR	Successful completion of CPR for all students' graduation 2015 and beyond		
Electives Or Other Requirements	6 Credits 2 elective credits of any combination from either - Career & Technical Education (CTE) - Arts Education - World Languages	4 elective credits strongly recommended (four course concentration) from one of the following: - Career & Technical Education (CTE) - JROTC - Arts Education (e.g., dance, music, theater arts, visual arts) - Any other subject area or cross-disciplinary courses (e.g., Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, English, World Languages, or Dual Enrollment Courses)	2 Credits Occupational Preparation: Occupational Prep I - Employment Preparation III: Citizenship IIA (to include 75 work hours) - Employment Preparation III: Citizenship IIB (to include 75 work hours) - Completion of IEP objectives - Career Portfolio required
Career/Technology	Not required for graduation but highly recommended		4 Credits Career/Technical Education electives
Arts Education	DPI recommends at least one credit in an arts discipline, but it is not required to meet graduation standards.		DPI recommends at least one credit in an arts discipline, but it is not required to meet graduation standards.
Total Minimum Credits Required	22 Credits		22 credits

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	For Ninth Graders Entering in High School in 2025-2026 or Later		
English	4 Credits - English I - English II - English III - English IV		4 Credits - English I - English II* - English III - English IV
Mathematics	4 Credits - NC Math I - NC Math II - NC Math III - a fourth mathematics course to be aligned with the student's post-high school plans.		4 Credits - Introduction to Mathematics - NC Math I* - Financial Management - Employment Preparation IV: Math (to include 150 work hours) - NOTE: Credit shall be awarded for Math I, II, III if taken prior to the 2024-25 school year.
Science	3 Credits - Earth/Environmental Science - A Physical Science or Chemistry or Physics - Biology		3 Credits - Applied Science - Biology* - Employment Preparation 1: Science (to include 150 work hours)
Social Studies	4 Credits - Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy - American History course - World History - Economics and Personal Finance		4 Credits - Founding Principles of USA & NC: Civic Literacy - Economics and Personal Finance - Employment Preparation II: Citizenship IA (to include 75 work hours) - Employment Preparation II: Citizenship IB (to include 75 work hours)
World Languages	Not required for graduation but 2 levels recommended for admission to the UNC System		Not required for OCS
Health and Physical Education	1 Credit Health/Physical Education I: CPR Training		1 Credit Health/Physical Education (must have CPR)
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* OCS courses aligned with Future Ready Core courses in English II, NC Math I, and Biology (New NC State Standards and new NC Essential Standards implemented in the 2012-13 school year).

**For additional information CTE courses that meet requirements for selected Courses of Study, refer to the CTE Section of the Course Study Guide.

***Students entering 9th grade in the 2014-2015 school year and after: completion of 150 hours school-based training, 225 hours community-based training and 225 hours competitive paid employment or unpaid vocational training, unpaid internships, paid employment at community rehabilitation facilities and volunteer and/or community service hours.