

Graduation Requirements are based on the Year the Student Entered High School

**Wake County Public School System
High School Graduation Requirements
Class of 2008 (Entered 9th Grade 2004-05)
Class of 2009 (Entered 9th Grade 2005-06)**

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 CU: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, One 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	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 Computer Competency Test and the North Carolina Competency Tests of Reading and Mathematics. These requirements are 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 or Arts electives that lead to a capstone 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.</p>				

Students entering the ninth grade prior to the 2006-2007 school year, may receive two full units of mathematics graduation credit for the courses Algebra I Part I and Algebra I Part II.

High school courses taken during middle school years are used for placement purposes. The courses taken in middle school fulfill the graduation requirement but do not fulfill the credit requirement. This policy includes math, earth science, and second languages.

Wake County Public School System
High School Graduation Requirements
Class of 2010 (Entered 9th Grade 2006-2007)
Class of 2011 (Entered 9th Grade 2007-2008)

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<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 I Part I and one mathematics graduation credit for Algebra I Part II.

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Wake County Public School System

High School Graduation Requirements

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

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Beginning in the 2008-2009 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.*

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

High school students shall be promoted by attaining credits that are earned through successful completion of specific required courses as illustrated in the following (Note: The appropriate English credit is required for promotion each year.)

From Grade	Promotion Criteria	Credits
9 to 10	English I, two credits in the areas of mathematics, social studies, or science, and three additional credits	6
10 to 11	English II, one credit in mathematics, one in social studies, one in science, and two additional credits	12
11	English III and enrollment in a program which, if successfully accomplished, will result in the completion of graduation requirements	18