

High School Graduation Requirements

Much has been written lately regarding the high school dropout rate for North Carolina and the nation. While efforts at keeping students in school have been numerous and far-reaching, parents and guardians still remain the most important influence on a student's decision to graduate from high school.

Students are required to complete North Carolina's Future Ready Core Curriculum. CHCCS publishes the **Graduation Requirements** for each graduating class in the [High School Course Book](#) to assist parents in this role by providing them with information regarding the graduation requirements of CHCCS. Please note that the requirements in CHCCS differ somewhat from the North Carolina State Board of Education requirements. The State Board sets its requirements as the minimum standard and allows local school boards to increase requirements above the minimum. The CHCCS Board of Education requires students to complete and document service learning hours and to earn additional credit in Physical Education, Career & Technical Education and Arts Education.

Beginning with the freshman class in 2012-13 (graduating class of 2016) and thereafter, all CHCCS students entering ninth grade for the first time are on the Future-Ready Core Course of Study.

Future-Ready Core Course of Study Credit Requirements

Future Ready Core = 22 Total Credits

*All curriculum changed to Common Core and NC Essential Standards (course titles will change)

Basic Requirements Include:

- English, 4 credits
- Math, 4 credits
- Social Studies, 4 credits (World History, Civics, US History 1 and 2 or AP US History 1 and 1 elective)
- Science, 3 credits (Biology, an earth science and a physical science)
- Electives, 6 credits (2 of which must be a combination of CTE, Art or World Language)
- Healthful Living (9th Grade PE and Health), 1 credit

*Credit Pathway if using Math Substitution Sequence, 4 credits

Certain students with disabilities who have an IEP may be on the Future-Ready Occupational Course of Study.

Future-Ready Occupational Course of Study Credit Requirements
Future Ready Occupational = 22 Total Credits
Basic Requirements Include:
• English, 4 credits (including Occupational English I, II, III and IV) • Math, 3 credits (including OCS Intro to Math, OCS Algebra I (Math A) and Financial Management) • Social Studies, 2 credits (including American History I and II) • Science, 2 credits (OCS Applied Science and OCS Biology) • Career/Technical, 4 credits (Vocational Education electives) • Occupational Preparation, 6 credits (including Occupational Preparation I, II, III and IV, which require 300 hours of school-based training, 240 hours of community-based training, and 360 hours of paid employment or 360 hours of any combination of unpaid vocational training, unpaid internship experience, paid employment at community rehabilitation facilities, and volunteer and/or community service hours) • Health/PE, 1 credit • Electives, 0 • Other Requirements ○ completion of IEP objectives ○ Career Portfolio

Questions or concerns that you may have about these requirements and/or student schedules should be directed to your student's counselor.

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