

Request for a 22 Credit High School Graduation

Waiver by the Superintendent of the 28 units for credit requirement for graduation may be considered when a student meets the credit requirement on this form. **Students wishing to graduate with 22 credits must submit this Credit Waiver Application Form not later than the ending of the 1st Semester of their junior year.**

Student's Name: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____

This student has completed (*enter number of credits*):

- (4) English credits
- (4) Math credits, including Math I, II, III, and 4th Math aligned to their post-HS plans
- (3) Science credits, including a physical science, biology, earth/environmental science
- (4) Social Studies credits Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy G.S. 115C-81.45(d)(1) Economics and Personal Finance American History World History
- (1) Health & PE
- (6) Other Electives

This student is currently taking (enter course title below):

All totaled, student has earned a minimum of 22 credits.

1. Has previous retentions in the educational process? Retained in grade(s): _____
2. Has a valid educational opportunity requiring graduation from high school (military, employment, higher education - student must provide written documentation to the principal). Principal has reviewed and accepted written documentation.

OR

3. Has demonstrated hardship needs which have been verified by the Principal.

I hereby certify that that this student has met the requirements for graduation from Cherokee County Schools with 22 credits and I recommend that he/she be awarded a diploma with the graduating class of _____.

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If accepted for entrance in the 22 Credit High School Graduation program, I understand and agree to all of the following:

**Student
Initials**

- ☐ I fully understand that to enroll in a post-secondary institution, I must obtain credit for all required courses from such institution.
- ☐ I fully understand that to enroll in the University of North Carolina College System, I must earn (2) credits in a foreign language and (1) math credit beyond Algebra II upon completion of the 22 Credit High School Graduation program.
- ☐ The various courses of study have been explained to me by a counselor or administrator.
- ☐ My application must be approved by my high school principal.
- ☐ Before I am placed in this 22 Credit High School Graduation program option, my parent(s) or guardian(s) and I will participate along with representatives from the high school in the development of a written plan for meeting graduation requirements.
- ☐ I understand these requirements for graduation include all requirements set forth by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction including, but not limited to, 22 units of credit and all testing requirements.
- ☐ It will be documented on my transcript that I have received 22 credits for High School graduation.

Student

Date

Parent

Date

Counselor

Date

Principal

Date

Send completed from to the Superintendent of Schools for final processing and approval

Superintendent

Date

Copy to: Principal
Original to: Cumulative Folder

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The Diploma 22 Program will require that:

- The student receive a Personal Education Plan (PEP) that will be customized to an educational program for better instructional delivery and academic success.
- The student receive services from the Administrator, Guidance Counselor, Teacher(s), School Social Worker, that will ensure educational counseling, mentoring and social support to reduce suspensions and expulsions.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) meet with the principal and/or counselor to sign an agreement and be involved with the process.
- The student exhibit effort consistent with ability level.
- The student must graduate with the minimum North Carolina Graduation Requirements of 22 credits.