

History of Graduation Requirements

Graduation Classes of 1953–1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 4 units Mathematics 1 unit Social Studies 2 units Science 2 units Health & Physical Education 1 unit Electives <u>6 units</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 units
Graduation Classes of 1983–1986	<p>Increased from 16 to 18 units, adding one unit of math and one elective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 4 units Mathematics 2 units Social Studies 2 units Science 2 units Health & Physical Education 1 unit Electives <u>7 units</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 units
Graduation Classes of 1987–1995	<p>Increased from 18 to 20 units, specifying one government/economics and one U.S. History, also specifying one biological science and one physical science requirement, adding two electives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 4 units Mathematics 2 units Social Studies 2 units (one government/economics and one U.S. History) Science 2 units (one biological science and one physical science) Health & Physical Education 1 unit Electives <u>9 units</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 units
Graduating Classes of 1996–1999	<p>Changes include the addition of one math unit requiring Algebra I, the addition of one science unit requiring biology, and the addition of one social studies unit requiring a world studies course. The electives were reduced from 9 units to 6 units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 4 units Mathematics 3 units (one must be Algebra I)¹ Social Studies 3 units (one government/economics, one U.S. History and one world studies) Science 3 units (one of which must be biology and one physical science) Health & Physical Education 1 unit Electives <u>6 units</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 units
Graduating Classes of 2000–2009	<p>These graduation requirements, along with the current graduation requirements, can be found at http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/curriculum/home/graduationrequirements.pdf.</p>	

¹ Please be reminded that Session Law 2009-60, House Bill 223 exempted students from meeting this requirement whose individualized education program “(i) identified the student as learning disabled in the area of mathematics and (ii) stated that this learning disability prevented the student from mastering Algebra I.”