

DPS Graduation Requirements for Students entering Ninth Grade 2003-2005

COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY PREP Course of Study Requirements

Meets the highest level of academic standards and fulfills entrance requirements to UNC-system universities

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CREDITS</u>
English	4
I, II, III and IV	
Mathematics	4
(4th credit effective for first time ninth graders in 2002-03) Geometry, Algebra I and II and higher-level math course with Algebra II as prerequisite OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, III, and a credit beyond Integrated Mathematics III	
Science	3
A Physical Science Course Biology Earth/Environmental Science	
Social Studies	3
Civics & Economics U. S. History World History	
Second Language	2
Two credits in the same language	
Computer Skills	
A specific course is not required but students must demonstrate proficiency of computer skills through state testing program.	
Health and Physical Education	1
Health/Physical Education Course	
Career/Technical	
Not Required. Optional as elective credits	
Arts Education	
Visual Arts, Music, Theatre Arts Not Required. Optional as elective credits.	
Electives	
Schools on block schedule	10
DSA	8
TOTAL	
Schools on block schedule	28
DSA	24

Additional Requirements

Pass the **Computer Proficiency Test** first administered in middle school.

COLLEGE TECH PREP Course of Study Requirements

Meets higher academic standards and prepares students for admission in highly technical fields of study at community college or university

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CREDITS</u>
English	4
I, II, III and IV	
Mathematics	3
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III	
Science	3
A Physical Science Course Biology Earth/Environmental Science	
Social Studies	3
Civics & Economics U. S. History World History	
Second Language	
Not Required	
Computer Skills	
A specific course is not required but students must demonstrate proficiency of computer skills through state testing program.	
Health and Physical Education	1
Health/Physical Education Course	
Career/Technical	4
Select courses appropriate for career pathway. Must include a second level (advanced) course in chosen career pathway.	
Arts Education	
Visual Arts, Music, Theatre Arts Not Required. Optional as elective credits.	
Electives	
Schools on block schedule	10
DSA	8
TOTAL	
Schools on block schedule	28
DSA	24

Additional Requirements

Pass the **Computer Proficiency Test** first administered in middle school.

CAREER PREP

Course of Study Requirements

Meets minimum graduation requirements and is designed to prepare students for entry level career choices and admission to community college

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CREDITS</u>
English 4 I, II, III and IV	
Mathematics 3 Three courses, one of which must be Algebra I OR two of which must be Integrated Math I & II.	
Science 3 A Physical Science Course Biology Earth/Environmental Science	
Social Studies 3 Civics & Economics U. S. History World History	
Second Language Not required	
Computer Skills A specific course is not required but students must demonstrate proficiency of computer skills through state testing program.	
Health and Physical Education 1 Health/Physical Education Course	
Career/Technical 4 Select courses appropriate for career pathway. Must include a second level (advanced) course in chosen career pathway OR 4 credits in an Arts or ROTC concentration.	
Arts Education Visual Arts, Music, Theatre Arts Not Required. Optional as elective credits.	
Electives Schools on block schedule 10 DSA 8	
TOTAL Schools on block schedule 28 DSA 24	

Additional Requirements

Pass the **Computer Proficiency Test** first administered in middle school.

OCCUPATIONAL

Course of Study Requirements

Is appropriate for certain students who receive services from the Exceptional Children's Program. It prepares students to enter competitive employment

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CREDITS</u>
Occupational English 4 I, II, III and IV	
Occupational Mathematics 3 I, II, and III	
Science 2 Life Skills Science I, II	
Social Studies 2 Govt/U. S. History, Self-Advocacy/Problem Solving	
Second Language and Arts Education Not required	
Computer Skills Computer proficiency as specified in IEP	
Health and Physical Education 1	
Occupational Preparation 6 I, II, III, and IV – Completion of 300 hours of school-based training, 240 hours of community-based training, and 360 hours of paid employment	
Career/Technical 4 Select courses appropriate for career pathway	
Electives Southern 6	
TOTAL Schools on block schedule 28 DSA 24	
Additional Requirements Completion of IEP Objectives, Career Portfolio, No Exit Exam	