

High School Exit Standards

(beginning with new ninth-graders in 2006-07)

Students entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2006-07 and beyond will be required to meet new High School Exit Standards established by the State Board of Education. The State Board approved the new standards in an effort to boost the achievement of high school students and to ensure that they are prepared for college and work. Durham Public Schools supports these higher standards and is committed to helping every student meet these standards. Questions about the standards can be addressed to school counselors.



1) North Carolina Standard Course of Study

Student must choose and meet the requirements for one of the four Courses of Study listed on this flyer.

2) End-of-Course Test Performance

Student must pass these EOC Tests with Level III proficiency

- English I
- Algebra I
- Biology I
- US History
- Civics & Government

There is a MAXIMUM of two retest opportunities. The second retest, if needed, must be preceded by focused intervention/ remediation.

3) Graduation Project

Student must successfully complete all four parts :

- 1) Research paper (8-10 pages on an approved topic of student choice)
- 2) Product related to paper that requires significant hours of work
- 3) Portfolio that reflects the entire project process
- 4) Presentation to a panel of community and faculty members

Project must also include a review process and literature, service-based learning or work-based learning experiences defined by state.

The Occupational Course of Study has its own Graduation Requirements in lieu of the Exit Standards listed above.

graduate

	Career Prep	College Tech Prep	College/ University Prep	Occupational
	Meets minimum graduation requirements and is designed to prepare students for entry level career choices and admission to community college	Meets higher academic standards and prepares for admission in highly technical fields of study at a community college or university	Meets the highest level of academic standards and fulfills entrance requirements to UNC-system	Is appropriate for certain students who receive services from Exceptional Children's Program. It prepares student to enter competitive employment
ENGLISH	4 Credits I, II, III, IV	4 Credits I, II, III, IV	4 Credits I, II, III, IV	4 Credits Occupational English I, II, III, IV
Proficiency Level III required on English I EOC				
MATHEMATICS	3 Credits Including Algebra I <i>(can be met with Integrated Math I & II when accompanied with the Algebra I EOC)</i>	3 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, & III	4 Credits Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and higher level math course with Algebra II as prerequisite OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, III, and a credit beyond Integrated Mathematics III	3 Credits Occupational Mathematics I, II, III
Proficiency Level III required on Algebra I EOC				
SCIENCE	3 Credits A Physical Science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	3 Credits A Physical Science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	3 Credits A Physical Science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science	2 Credits Life Skills Science I, II
Proficiency Level III required on Biology EOC				
SOCIAL STUDIES	3 Credits World History Civics & Economics US History	3 Credits World History Civics & Economics US History	3 Credits World History Civics & Economics US History <i>(2 courses to meet UNC minimum admission requirements- US History & 1 elective)</i>	2 Credits Social Studies I <i>(Government/ US History)</i> Social Studies II <i>(Self-Advocacy/ Problem Solving)</i>
Proficiency Level III required on US History and Civics & Economics EOC				
SECOND LANGUAGE	Not required	Not required	2 Credits in the same language	Not required
COMPUTER SKILLS	No specific course required, students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing	No specific course required, students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing	No specific course required, students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing	Computer proficiency as specified in IEP
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 Credit Health/ Physical Education	1 Credit Health/ Physical Education	1 Credit Health/ Physical Education	1 Credit Health/ Physical Education
CAREER	4 Credits in Career/ Technical Select courses appropriate for career pathway to include a second level (advanced) course; OR 4 Credits in JROTC ; OR 4 Credits in an Arts Discipline Select courses appropriate for an arts education pathway to include an advanced course	4 Credits Select courses appropriate for career pathway to include a second level (advanced) course	Not required	4 Credits Career/Technical Education electives
Technical / JROTC / Arts Education				
Electives or other requirements	10 Elective Credits *DSA - 8 Elective Courses	10 Elective Credits *DSA - 8 Elective Courses	10 Elective Credits *DSA - 8 Elective Courses	Occupational Preparation: 6 Credits: Occupational Preparation I, II, III, IV
TOTAL	28 Credits *DSA – 24 Credits	28 Credits *DSA – 24 Credits	28 Credits *DSA – 24 Credits	28 Credits *DSA – 24 Credits