

Graduation Requirements

Promotion Requirements: High school students shall be promoted by earning credit through a successful completion of courses. Per DPS Board Policy 3235.3, students in grades 6-8 may earn credit towards high school graduation by successfully completing courses that are described in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study for grades 9-12.

Promotion to	Credits Needed
10th Grade	6
11th Grade	12
12th Grade	20
Graduate	28

Content Area	Future Ready Core: 9th graders entering 2012 & later	Future-Ready Occupational: For select IEP Students with EOC Proficiency level Exemption
English - NC State Requirement	4 Credits Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English I, II, III, IV 	4 Credits required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OCS English I, II, III, IV
Mathematics - NC State Requirement	4 Credits Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NC Math I, II, III ● A 4th Math Course aligned with student's post high school plans 	3 Credits Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OCS Intro to Mathematics ● OCS Math I ● OCS Financial Management
Science - NC State Requirement	3 Credits Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Physical Science Course (Physics, Chemistry, or Physical Science) ● Biology ● AP Environmental Science (AP Environment or Earth & Environmental Science) 	2 Credits Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OCS Applied Science ● OCS Biology
Social Studies - NC State Requirement	4 Credit Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World History ● American History I ● American History II ● America History: The Founding Principles, Civics and Economics <p><i>Students who take AP US History instead of AH I & II must take an additional social studies course to meet requirements.</i></p>	2 Credits Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OCS American History I ● OCS American History II <p><i>Effective 2017-2018, enrolling 9th graders will take OCS American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics plus American History I & II</i></p>
Health & Physical Education - NC State Requirement	1 credit required	1 Credit Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 0.5 credit - Health ● 0.5 credit - Physical Education

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Electives - NC State Requirement	<p>6 Credits Required</p> <p>2 Elective Credits in any combination of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Career and Technical Education (CTE) ● Arts Education ● World Languages <p>DPS expects for all students to complete a 4 elective credit concentration in one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CTE - to be a concentrator at least 3 of the 4 credits must be foundation courses in a career cluster with one being a Level II or completer course. The fourth elective credit can be an enhancement course within the same career cluster. ● JROTC ● Arts Education ● Social Studies ● Science ● Mathematics ● English ● World Languages ● Health/Physical Education 	<p>6 Credits Required</p> <p>At least one credit in fine arts is recommended.</p> <p>4 Credits CTE Required</p> <p>6 Credits Occupational Preparation Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OCS Preparation I, II (2 units), III (2 units), IV <p>150 hours of school-based training</p> <p>225 hours of community-based training</p> <p>224 hours of paid employment</p> <p>Elective credits/completion of IEP objectives/Career portfolio required</p>
Electives - DPS Requirement	<p>6 Credits Required</p> <p><i>Students can select electives offered at their school based on college/career plans and individual interest</i></p>	<p>Recommended at least one credit in the arts discipline</p>
World Languages	<p>Not required for high school graduation.</p> <p><i>A two credit world language minimum is required for admission to the UNC system and many other universities</i></p>	
Total	28 Credits	28 Credits