

# CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS

## POLICY

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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Students who graduate from Charlotte-Mecklenburg high schools should be prepared to be productive members of society and to pursue educational or employment opportunities. A student must successfully complete all North Carolina and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) graduation requirements to graduate from high school and receive a diploma. Graduation requirements adopted by the North Carolina Board of Education are incorporated into the CMS graduation requirements set forth below.

### **I. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in 2009-2010 and later school years**

#### **A. Courses of Study**

Beginning with students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in the 2009-2010 school year (~~the graduating class of 2013~~), a student must satisfy the requirements of one of the two CMS Courses of Study in order to receive a diploma from CMS. CMS Courses of Study are:

1. Future Ready Core Plus
2. Occupational

#### **B. General Course and Credit Requirements**

Specific course and credit requirements for each Course of Study and graduating class are set forth in Exhibit IKF-E, which accompanies this policy. General requirements are as follows:

<b>Students Entering the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2009, 2010 &amp; 2011</b> (Classes of 2013, 2014 & 2015)		
	<b>Courses of Study/ Credit Requirements</b>	
<b>Courses</b>	<b>Future Ready Core Plus</b>	<b>Occupational</b>
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	3
Science	3	2
Social Studies	3	2
Additional Science or Social Studies	1	0
Health/PE	1	1
Occupational	0	8
Electives	8	4 (CTE)
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>

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Students Entering the 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade in 2012 and beyond (Classes of 2016 and beyond)		
	Courses of Study/ Credit Requirements	
Courses	Future Ready Core Plus	Occupational
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	3
Science	3	2
Social Studies	4	2
Health/PE	1	1
Occupational	0	8
Electives	8	4 (CTE)
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>

## **~~H. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS—students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade prior to 2009-2010 school year~~**

### **~~A. Courses of Study~~**

~~Beginning with students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in 2000-2001 through the 2008-2009 school years (the graduating classes of 2004-2012), a student must satisfy the requirements of one of the five North Carolina Courses of Study in order to receive a diploma from CMS. NC Courses of Study are:~~

- ~~1. Career Preparation~~
- ~~2. College Tech Preparation~~
- ~~3. College/University Preparation~~
- ~~4. Dual (meets both College Tech and College/University Preparation)~~
- ~~5. Occupational~~

### **~~B. General Course and Credit Requirements~~**

~~Specific course requirements vary for different graduating classes. Course of Study and credit requirements for each graduating class are set forth in Exhibit IKF-E. General requirements for particular graduating classes are as follows:~~

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Students Entering the 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade from 2000-2001 through 2008-2009 School Years (Classes of 2004 through 2012)					
Courses	Courses of Study/ Credit Requirements				
	Career Prep	College Tech/Prep	College Univ/Prep	Dual	Occupational
English	4	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	4	4	4	4	3
Science	3	3	3	3	2
Social Studies	3	3	3	3	2
Additional Science or SS	1	1	1	1	0
Second Language	0	0	2	2	0
Health/PE	1	1	1	1	1
Career/Technical	4	4	0	4	4
Occupational	0	0	0	0	10
Electives	8	8	10	6	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>

### III. OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

#### A. ~~Certificate of Attendance and Certificate of Graduation~~ Graduation Certificate

- ~~1. A Certificate of Attendance will be issued to students with disabilities who participate in the North Carolina Extensions of the NCSCOS and are assessed using the Extend I.~~ A Graduation Certificate will be issued to student with disabilities who participate in curriculum and coursework aligned to the Extended Content Standards and are assessed using the Extend I.
- ~~2. A Certificate of Graduation will be issued to the following students as set forth below.~~ A Graduation Certificate will be issued to the following students as set forth below. These students may participate in graduation exercises:
  - Occupational Course of Study (OCS) students who complete all diploma requirements except the paid employment hours. These students may return to the school to complete the employment hours and/or attend additional classes to meet their requirements based on their Individual Education Program (IEP) goals; and

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- b. A student identified as a “child with a disability” as defined by North Carolina law, who completes all requirements in his/her IEP and earns the number of credits required for his/her particular graduating class. These credits must be earned according to the subject areas in the NCSCOS and do not have to be in specific courses in the subject areas. (See Exhibit IKF-E)

3. These students may participate in graduation exercises.

### **B. Graduation Project**

Except for students in the Occupational Course of Study, students must complete a CMS Graduation Project comprised of four components: a research paper, service learning experience, presentation and portfolio. Details of the Graduation Project are set forth in Regulation IKF-R, “Graduation Requirements.”

### **C. Determination of Applicable Graduation Requirements and Graduating Class**

For purposes of determining graduation requirements, each student is assigned to a graduating class upon first entering ninth grade. In order to graduate from high school, the student must meet the North Carolina and CMS graduation requirements in effect for that particular class. This provision applies to a student who graduates before or after the graduating class to which the student was assigned upon entering ninth grade. This provision is subject to the exceptions set forth in paragraph D, below.

### **D. Exemptions from Local Graduation Requirements**

Upon notice to the Board of Education, in certain limited circumstances the Superintendent may exempt a student from local graduation course requirements. In addition, the Superintendent may exempt students who transfer into CMS in the eleventh or twelfth grades from local graduation credit requirements if the students are unable to meet CMS requirements. Neither the Board nor the Superintendent is permitted to exempt students from North Carolina graduation requirements. Detailed rules to administer this provision are provided in Regulation IKF-R.

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### IV. AWARDING OF CREDITS FOR GRADUATION

#### A. Unit of Credit

In grades nine through twelve, one unit of credit is allowed for the satisfactory completion of a course that meets the requirements of policies adopted by the State Board of Education. Effective with the 2007-2008 school year, middle school students will be awarded graduation credits for successful completion of approved high school courses taken while in middle school. Details of the specific requirements and procedures for the awarding of these credits are set forth in Regulation IKF-R.

#### B. North Carolina End of Course Tests

A student enrolled in a course for which North Carolina has developed an EOC or NC Final Exam is required to take the applicable test. Credit for the class will be awarded based upon satisfactory completion of all course requirements, of which the EOC or NC Final Exam is only one factor. The proportion of the final course grade that is attributable to these test scores is determined according to the rules set forth in Regulation IKAA-R.

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