

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Exhibit Code: **3460-E**

Note: Any graduation requirements instituted by the State of North Carolina will automatically be added to this policy as necessary.

1. Future-Ready Core Course of Study Credits Required for Students Entering Ninth Grade for the First Time in 2012-2013 and Thereafter

Courses Required	State Requirements	Local Requirements
English	4 sequential (English I, II, III, and IV)	Same as state
Mathematics	4 (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a fourth math course aligned with the student's post-high school plans; OR Integrated Math I, II, and III and a fourth math course aligned with the student's post-high school plans.) (A principal may exempt a student from this math sequence. Exempt students will be required to pass either (1) Algebra I and Geometry or (2) Integrated Math I and II. Exempt students also must pass either Alternative Math I and II or two other application-based math courses.)*	Same as state
Science	3 (a physical science course, Biology, and earth/environmental science)	4 credits total
Social Studies	4 (including Civics & Economics; American History Parts I and II OR AP U.S. History and one additional social studies elective; and World History)	Same as State
Health/P.E.	1	Same as State
Electives	6 (2 electives must be any combination of Career and Technical Education, Arts Education, or World Language; 4 must be from one of the following: Career and Technical Education, R.O.T.C., Arts Education, or any other subject area or cross-disciplinary course. A four-course concentration is recommended.)**	11-15 elective credits total 1 elective must be in Arts Education
Total Credits	22	28-32****

* Students seeking to complete minimum application requirements for UNC universities must complete four mathematics courses, including a fourth math course with Algebra II or Integrated Math III as a prerequisite.

** Students seeking to complete minimum application requirements for UNC universities must complete two years of a second language.

**** The total number of credits a student must have to graduate will be determined by the total credits the student can earn during his/her four years of high school minus 4 credits.

2. Future-Ready Core Course of Study Credits Required for Students Entering Ninth Grade for the First Time in 2009-2010, 2010-2011, or 2011-2012

Courses Required	State Requirements	Local Requirements
English	4 sequential (English I, II, III, and IV)*	Same as State
Mathematics	4 (either Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a fourth math course aligned with the student's post-high school plans OR Integrated Math I, II, and III and a fourth math course aligned with the student's post-high school plans) (A principal may exempt a student from this math sequence. Exempt students will be required to pass either (1) Algebra I and either Algebra II or Geometry or (2) Integrated Math I and II. Exempt students also must pass either Alternative Math I and II or two other application-based math courses.)**	Same as State
Science	3 (a physical science course, Biology, and earth/environmental science)	4 credits total
Social Studies	3 (Civics & Economics, U.S. History, and World History)	Same as State
Health/P.E.	1	Same as State
Electives	6 (2 electives must be any combination of Career and Technical Education, Arts Education, or World Language; 4 must be from one of the following: Career and Technical Education, R.O.T.C., Arts Education, or any other subject area or cross-disciplinary course. A four-course concentration is recommended.)***	12-16 elective credits total 1 elective must be in Arts Education
Total Credits	21	28-32****

* Effective with the tenth grade class of 2011-2012, Early College High School students alternatively may complete college level English courses designated by the State Board in lieu of English III and IV.

** Students seeking to complete minimum application requirements for UNC universities must complete four mathematics courses, including a fourth math course with Algebra II or Integrated Math III as a prerequisite.

*** Students seeking to complete minimum application requirements for UNC universities must complete two years of a second language.

**** The total number of credits a student must have to graduate will be determined by the total credits the student can earn during his/her four years of high school minus 4 credits.

3. Future-Ready Occupational Course of Study Credits Required (only available to certain students with disabilities who have an IEP)

Courses Required	State Requirements	Local Requirements
English	4 (including Occupational English I, II, III, and IV)	
Mathematics	3 (including OCS Introduction to Math, OCS Algebra I (Math A), and Financial Management)	
Science	2 (including OCS Applied Science and OCS Biology)	
Social Studies	2 including OCS Social Studies I (Government/US History) OCS Social Studies II (Self Advocacy/Problem Solving)	
Health/P.E.	1	
Career/Technical	4 (Career/Technical Education electives)	
World Language	0	
Occupational Preparation	6 (including Occupational Preparation I, II, III, and IV, which require 300 hours of school-based training, 240 hours of community-based training, and 360 hours of paid employment or* 360 hours of any combination of unpaid vocational training, unpaid internship experience, paid employment at community rehabilitation facilities, and volunteer and/or community service hours)	
Electives	0	1 Arts Education
Other Requirements		
Total Credits	22	

* The alternative to 360 hours of paid employment indicated here is permitted until the unemployment rate for North Carolina reaches six percent or less. See State Board of Education Policy GCS-N-004.

4. **END OF COURSE EXAMS:**
 All students must score proficient (Level V, Level IV, Level III, or minus 1 standard error of measure from Level III) on all EOC exams to receive course credit. In special circumstances, principals can waive this standard and grant course credit.

5. **GRADUATION PROJECT:**
 All students in Rowan Salisbury Schools are required to complete a Graduation Project. The details of the Graduation Project are contained within the Graduation Project Handbook.