## History of Graduation Requirements

### Graduation Classes of 1953–1982

- **English**: 4 units
- **Mathematics**: 1 unit
- **Social Studies**: 2 units
- **Science**: 2 units
- **Health & Physical Education**: 1 unit
- **Electives**: 6 units

### Graduation Classes of 1983–1986

Increased from 16 to 18 units, adding one unit of math and one elective.

- **English**: 4 units
- **Mathematics**: 2 units
- **Social Studies**: 2 units
- **Science**: 2 units
- **Health & Physical Education**: 1 unit
- **Electives**: 7 units

### Graduation Classes of 1987–1995

Increased from 18 to 20 units, specifying one government/economics and one U.S. History, also specifying one biological science and one physical science requirement, adding two electives.

- **English**: 4 units
- **Mathematics**: 2 units
- **Social Studies**: 2 units (one government/economics and one U.S. History)
- **Science**: 2 units (one biological science and one physical science)
- **Health & Physical Education**: 1 unit
- **Electives**: 9 units

### Graduating Classes of 1996–1999

Changes include the addition of one math unit requiring Algebra I, the addition of one science unit requiring biology, and the addition of one social studies unit requiring a world studies course. The electives were reduced from 9 units to 6 units.

- **English**: 4 units
- **Mathematics**: 3 units (one must be Algebra I)\(^1\)
- **Social Studies**: 3 units (one government/economics, one U.S. History and one world studies)
- **Science**: 3 units (one of which must be biology and one physical science)
- **Health & Physical Education**: 1 unit
- **Electives**: 6 units

### Graduating Classes of 2000–2009

These graduation requirements, along with the current graduation requirements, can be found at [http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/curriculum/home/graduationrequirements.pdf](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/curriculum/home/graduationrequirements.pdf).

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\(^1\) Please be reminded that Session Law 2009-60, House Bill 223 exempted students from meeting this requirement whose individualized education program “(i) identified the student as learning disabled in the area of mathematics and (ii) stated that this learning disability prevented the student from mastering Algebra I.”