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Course and Credit Requirements Chart Helps Families and Schools Plan for High School Graduation



High school students attending North Carolina's public schools must meet state course and credit requirements in addition to any local requirements in order to graduate. A credit and course requirements chart is available on the [K-12 Standards, Curriculum and Instruction website](#) to help students and their families and school counselors determine the courses and credits they need to graduate. To view the state course and credit requirements look for

the section that matches when a student entered ninth grade for the first time. School counselors are available to answer additional questions about graduation requirements.

State Board of Education 2016 Legislative Agenda on the Web

The North Carolina State Board of Education has posted its 2016 legislative agenda on the [State Board of Education website](#). The agenda outlines the board's vision, mission, goals and action items for the NC General Assembly's 2016 short session.

ESSA Website Updated with New Resources

New resources related to the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) are now available on the [ESSA website](#):

- Frequently Asked Questions document about ESSA from the U.S. Department of Education. The FAQs offer guidance on how the U.S. Department of Education will support states, school districts and schools during the transition.
- Brief Highlights of ESSA. This document highlights aspects of the new law in regards to the state plan, assessments, accountability and reporting, teacher quality, district and



school interventions, and funding formulas.

Digital Teaching and Learning Launches New Website

The new [Digital Learning NC website](#) provides resources to help local school districts align technology and digital learning plans to ensure students receive personalized learning experiences. Links to the #GoOpen campaign and Future Ready Schools resources also are available.

Student Voices Blogger Credits Teachers for Nurturing and Growing Love of Creative Writing



This month's featured student blogger is Annika Decker, a junior at Lake Norman Charter School. Annika discusses why she loves the creative writing process and credits her teachers for nurturing her passion and helping her grow as a writer. You can read Annika's blog post, and earlier entries from other students, by visiting the [Student Voices Blog website](#).



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