

Suggested Revision for Academic Scholars Program

The following revised plan is effective for students who enter the ninth grade for the first time in or after 2012-2013.

Students must:

- Begin planning for the program before entering ninth grade to ensure they obtain the most flexibility in their courses.
- Complete all the requirements of this North Carolina Academic Scholars Program.
- Have an overall four-year un-weighted grade point average of **3.500**
- Complete all requirements for a North Carolina high school diploma.

<u>2003-2004</u>		2009-2010		2012-2013 and beyond		Changes
		Future-Ready Core Course of Study		Future-Ready Core Course of Study		
Credits	The following designated number of credits per subject area listed below must be taken in grades 9-12.	Credits		Credits		
4	English I, II, III, IV	4	English I, II, III, IV	4	English I, II, III, IV	
4	Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and a higher level math course with Algebra II as prerequisite OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, III, and a higher level mathematics course with Integrated Mathematics III as prerequisite)	4	Mathematics (should include Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and a higher level math course with Algebra II as prerequisite OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, III, and a higher level mathematics course with Integrated Mathematics III as prerequisite)	4	Mathematics (should include Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and a higher level math course with Algebra II as prerequisite OR Integrated Mathematics I, II, III, and a higher level mathematics course with Integrated Mathematics III as prerequisite)	
3	Science (a Physics or Chemistry course, Biology, and an Earth/Environmental Science course)	3	Science (Physics or Chemistry course, Biology, and an Earth/Environmental Science course)	3	Science (Physics or Chemistry course, Biology, and an Earth/Environmental Science course)	
3	Social Studies (World History, Civics/Economics, and U.S. History)	3	Social Studies (World History, Civics/Economics, and U.S. History)	<u>4</u>	Social Studies (World History, Civics/Economics, <u>American History I: The Founding Principles and American History II</u>)*	Addition of fourth unit of social studies
1	Healthful Living	1	Health and Physical Education	1	Health and Physical Education	
	Languages other than English (two credits	6	Two (2) elective credits in a second	6	Two (2) elective credits in a second	

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2	of the same language)		language required for the UNC System		language required for the UNC System	
1	Career and Technical Education		Four (4) elective credits constituting a concentration recommended from one of the following: Career and Technical Education (CTE), JROTC, Arts Education, Second Languages, any other subject area		Four (4) elective credits constituting a concentration recommended from one of the following: Career and Technical Education (CTE), JROTC, Arts Education, Second Languages, any other subject area	
1	Arts Education (Dance, Music, Theatre Arts or Visual Arts)		Four (4) elective credits constituting a concentration recommended from one of the following: Career and Technical Education (CTE), JROTC, Arts Education, Second Languages, any other subject area		Four (4) elective credits constituting a concentration recommended from one of the following: Career and Technical Education (CTE), JROTC, Arts Education, Second Languages, any other subject area	
5	Elective credits to include at least two second-level or advanced courses (examples of electives include JROTC and other courses that are of interest to the student)	3	Higher level courses taken during junior and/or senior years which carry 5 or 6 quality points such as: -AP -IB -Dual or college equivalent course -Advanced CTE/CTE credentialing courses -On-line courses -Other honors or above designated courses	3	Higher level courses taken during junior and/or senior years which carry 5 or 6 quality points such as: -AP -IB -Dual or college equivalent course -Advanced CTE/CTE credentialing courses -On-line courses -Other honors or above designated courses	
		OR		OR		
		2	Higher level courses taken during junior and/or senior years which carry 5 or 6 quality points such as: -AP -IB -Dual or college equivalent course -Advanced CTE/CTE credentialing courses -On-line courses -Other honors or above designated courses And Completion of The North Carolina Graduation Project	2	Higher level courses taken during junior and/or senior years which carry 5 or 6 quality points such as: -AP -IB -Dual or college equivalent course -Advanced CTE/CTE credentialing courses -On-line courses -Other honors or above designated courses And Completion of The North Carolina Graduation Project	
<u>24</u>		<u>25 or 24+ NCGP</u>		<u>26 or 25+ NCGP</u>		Increases credit required by one.