

General Information

Franklin School of Innovation Graduation Requirements

Future Ready Core

Graduation requirements at The Franklin School of Innovation meet the State requirements for the Future Ready Core. The Occupational Course of Study is available for those students with disabilities who are specifically identified for this program.

Future Ready Core Graduation requirements for students include the following minimum requirements:

Subject	Graduation Requirements
English: 4 Credits	English I, II, III, IV
Mathematics: 4 Credits	Int. Math 1*, 2, 3 and 4th Math Course to be aligned with the student's post high school plans.
Science: 4 Credits required (3 required for State)	Biology, Earth/ Environmental Science, Chemistry, Physics or Physical Science**
Social Studies: 4 Credits <i>Note: NC social studies graduation requirements are changing; FSI's courses will be revised to meet new standards</i>	<p>Prior to 2020-21: World History, Civics & Econ, American History I, American History II</p> <p>Beginning 2020-21: World History, a Founding Principles course, American History, and 1 add'l social studies course</p> <p>For 9th graders entering 2020-21: World History, Founding Principles: Civic Literacy, American History, Economics & Personal Finance</p>
Health/PE: 1 Credit	Health Foundations
Specific Electives: 6 Credits	<p><u>6 Credits required</u></p> <p>2 Elective credits of any combination from either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Career and Technical Education (CTE) ● Arts Education ● World Languages (required for UNC enrollment) <p>4 Elective credits (four-course concentration strongly recommended) from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arts Education (e.g., music, theater arts, visual arts) ● Any other subject area (e.g. mathematics, science, social studies, English, or cross-disciplinary)
Crew: 2 Credits	Students will earn .5 credit each year. To earn Crew credits, students will:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participate in Crew coursework ● Successfully present Student Led Conferences, 10th Grade Passage, Senior Project ● Complete required service hours (50 hours are required for graduation)
Total Credits Required: 25	Students typically earn 7.5 credits per year. To complete 24 credits, students must earn minimum of 6 credits/year

**N.C.G.S. 115C-81(b) allows exceptions for students who have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) that identifies them as Learning Disabled in math and states that the disability will prevent them from mastering Common Core Math I (formerly Algebra I) and above. In rare instances a student may be exempted from the Future Ready Core mathematics sequence, except as limited by N.C.G.S. 115C-81(b). In such case the exempted student will be required to pass NC Math 1 and Math 2 plus two additional courses identified on the NC DPI Math options chart.*

***NC high school graduation requires 3 science credits: Earth, Biology and Physical (Chemistry or Physics). FSI's 4th science credit may be waived at the discretion of the Executive Director.*

Students must satisfy all course, credit, and testing requirements in order to earn a diploma and must meet the graduation requirements that were in effect the year they entered ninth grade for the first time. Math 1 (formerly Algebra I) is a graduation requirement for all students. The only exception to this requirement is for students with an Individual Education Program (IEP) that identifies them as Learning Disabled (LD) in math and states that the disability will prevent them from mastering the mathematical content in Math 1 and above. Once a student is exempt, the exemption holds until the student exits public school. Documentation of the exemption will be written in a present level of performance statement on the student's IEP.

Occupational Course of Study

The OCS Pathway is a diploma pathway option with requirements that are intended to build work ready and community college ready skills. The OCS Pathway is not appropriate for students who wish to attend a 4 year college or university upon graduation. This course of study is for students with disabilities who are specifically identified for this program. The identification process is completed by the student's IEP team, including the student and their parents/guardians.

Subject	Graduation Requirements (for students entering grade 9 for the 1st time in 2014-15 or after)
English: 4 Credits	English I, II, III, IV
Mathematics: 3 Credits	Introduction to Mathematics, NC Math 1, Financial Management
Science: 2 Credits	Applied Science, Biology
Social Studies: 2 Credits	American History I, American History II. Students entering grade 9 for the 1st time in 2017-18 or after must complete American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics and either American History I or

	American History II
Health/PE: 1 Credit***	Health Foundations
Occupational Preparation Education: 6 Credits	Occupational Preparation I, II, III, IV (i.e. completion of 150 hours of school-based training with work activities and experiences that align with student's post school goals, 225 hours of community-based training, and 225 hours of paid employment or 225 hours of unpaid vocational training, unpaid internship, paid employment at community rehabilitation facilities, and volunteer and/or community service hours.
CTE Electives: 4 credits	
Portfolio & IEP objectives	Students must complete a career portfolio and IEP objectives
Crew: 2 Credits	Students will earn .5 credit each year. To earn Crew credits, students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participate in Crew coursework ● Successfully present Student Led Conferences, 10th Grade Passage, Senior Project ● Complete required service hours (50 hours minimum required for graduation)
Total Credits Required: 24	Students typically earn 7.5 credits per year. To complete 24 credits, students must earn minimum of 6 credits/year

Endorsements

Students have the opportunity to earn Endorsements to their High School Diploma (GCS-L-007). Students must meet all requirements set forth in State Board Policy GCS-N-004 "State Graduation Requirements" related to earning a high school diploma. Endorsements identify a particular area of focused study for students. Franklin offers students the opportunity to earn an Endorsement in the following areas:

- College Endorsement
- College/UNC Endorsement
- North Carolina Academic Scholars Endorsement
- Global Languages
- Service

In addition, Franklin offers a school-specific Service Endorsement. Students may earn more than one Endorsement, but are not required to earn any Endorsements.

Criteria for the Endorsements are as follows:

Endorsement	Criteria
College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete Math 1, 2, 3 and a 4th credit that meets UNC Minimum Admission Requirements or be acceptable for earning placement in a credit bearing college math class under NC Community College System’s Multiple Measures Placement policy ● Unweighted GPA of at least 2.6 ● Benchmark score for reading on nationally normed test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 22 on ACT ○ 480 on SAT
College/UNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete Math 1, 2, 3 and a 4th credit that meets UNC Minimum Admission Requirements ● Complete 3 credits in science including at least 1 physical science with a lab, 1 life science, and 1 additional science course ● Complete US History or equivalent ● 2 credits in one world language (other than English) ● Weighted GPA of at least 2.5 ● Benchmark score for reading on nationally normed test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 22 on ACT ○ 480 on SAT
NC Academic Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete Math 1, 2, 3 and a 4th credit that meets UNC Minimum Admission Requirements ● Complete 3 credits of science including Earth/Environmental, Biology, and either physics or chemistry ● 4 credits of social studies including World History, American History I, American History II, and Civics & Economics ● 2 credits in one world language (other than English) ● 4 elective credits in any one subject area, such as Arts, World Languages, or other content area ● Complete at least 3 higher-level courses during junior and/or senior years which carry quality points (AP, Dual Enrollment, honors) ● Unweighted GPA of at least 3.5
Global Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Combined unweighted GPA of at least 2.5 for all 4 ELA courses required for graduation ● Establish proficiency in 1 or more languages in addition to English, through one of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pass external exam approved by NCDPI establishing “Intermediate Low” proficiency or higher

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete 4-course sequence of the same language, earning an overall unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above ○ Establish “Intermediate Low” proficiency or higher by using Credit by Demonstrated Mastery ● Limited English Proficiency students shall complete all the requirements above and reach “Developing” proficiency per WIDA
Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FSI recognizes all student with 100+ community service hours

University of North Carolina Minimum Admission Requirements

	Minimum Admission Requirements - UNC Schools
English	4 credits
Math	4 credits. Fourth credit must be one of the following: AP Calculus, AP Statistics, Pre Calculus, Discrete Math, IB Math Level II, Integrated Math IV, Advanced Functions & Modeling, Essentials for College Math
Science	3 credits, including 1 life science, 1 physical, and 1 lab course
Social Studies	2 credits, including US history
Foreign Language	2 credits in the same language
GPA	2.5 cumulative weighted GPA
Test Scores	SAT: 880 on the new SAT or 800 on old SAT ACT: 17 Composite Score

While these are minimum requirements in the UNC system, some campuses require a more competitive transcript for final admission.

High School Promotion Criteria

In high school, students must complete 6 credits (including the specified English course) each year, plus Crew, to be promoted. No two required English courses may be taken concurrently except in extenuating circumstances as approved by the Executive Director or designee. Additionally, students must complete Math 1 prior to promotion to 11th grade, and Biology prior to promotion to 12th grade.

Following are recommended courses that will ensure a student stays on track for graduation:

Grade	Minimum Promotion Criteria	Credits Required ¹	Additional Requirements
9	English I, Math, Earth/Environmental Science, World History, 2 electives*, Crew	6	
10	English II, Math, Biology, Civics, two electives*, Crew	12	10 th Grade Passage
11	English III or AP Lang, Math, Chemistry, American History I, two electives*, Crew	18	
12 (graduation)	English IV or AP Lit, Math, American History II, two electives*, Crew	24	Senior Capstone Project

*Students must complete at least one physical education elective prior to graduation. We recommend that students complete 3 elective credits each year; students may choose a study hall (no credit), in upper grades (11th & 12th) when enrolling in rigorous college-level courses.

Students who fail to achieve the required promotion standards may be referred for participation in academic assistance programs. Students who successfully complete Math 1 in middle school will be placed in Math 2 in 9th grade. Students who successfully complete Spanish 1 or French 1 in middle school will be placed in Spanish 2 or French 2 in 9th grade.

High School Credit for Middle School Students

As outlined in SBE Policy GCS-M-001, students have the opportunity to earn high school credit while in middle school. The Franklin School of Innovation will offer the following courses to middle school students for the 2020-21 school year:

- Math 1
- Spanish 1
- French 1

Please note that under certain circumstances, Franklin will consider requests for students to earn high school credit in other courses, such as Math 2, when it is deemed in the best interest of the student. This will generally be provided through the NC Virtual Public School. The Executive Director has final determination of student eligibility for enrollment in high school courses.

Grades earned in high school courses completed in middle school will appear on students' high school transcripts. The grade will be listed on the transcript under Grade 8 with one unit of credit. However, the grade will not be included in high school grade point average (GPA). Only courses taken during the high school years will be included in the student's grade point average.

¹ Students will generally complete 7 credits per year. These are the minimum requirements based on NC FutureReady requirements.