



CHAPTER 115C
ARTICLE 8 - GENERAL EDUCATION

N.C.G.S. § 115C-83.31.

Exit standards and graduation requirements.

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§ 115C-83.31(a) The State Board of Education shall require the following for high school graduation:

- (1) Successful completion of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as provided in G.S. 115C-81.25(c)(10).
- (2) A passing grade in the semester course on the Founding Principles of the United States of America and the State of North Carolina described in G.S. 115C-81.45(d)(1).
- (3) A passing grade in a computer science course as provided in G.S. 115C-81.90(c). The computer science course shall fulfill one credit that is not an English, mathematics, science, or social studies credit. Students enrolling in a public high school in this State after completion of the eleventh grade shall be exempt from this requirement.

§ 115C-83.31(b) The following restrictions apply to the State Board of Education regarding certain graduation requirements:

- (1) The Board shall not adopt or enforce any rule that requires Algebra I as a graduation standard or as a requirement for a high school diploma for any student whose individualized education program (i) identifies the student as learning disabled in the area of mathematics and (ii) states that this learning disability will prevent the student from mastering Algebra I.
- (2) The Board shall not require any student to prepare a high school graduation project as a condition of graduation from high school.

- (3) The Board shall not enforce a computer science graduation requirement for any student whose individualized education program states that the student's disability would prevent the student from completing that graduation requirement.

§ 115C-83.31(c)

The State Board of Education shall develop a sequence of courses that shall be available in all local school administrative units to allow a student to complete the credits required for graduation in a three-year period. The Board shall indicate on a student's transcript if the student graduates from a public high school within three years of entering the ninth grade. A local board of education shall not require any additional credits beyond those mandated by the Board for high school graduation.-(2023-132, ss. 2.5(b), 2.6(b); 2023-134, s. 7.72(a).)

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3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 115C-81.25(c)(10)	(a)(1)	"in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as provided in"
G.S. 115C-81.45(d)(1)	(a)(2)	"State of North Carolina described in"
G.S. 115C-81.90(c)	(a)(3)	"computer science course as provided in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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