

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Manual

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Pursuant to GCS-N-004, State Graduation Requirements, the following Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses satisfy NCSBE graduation requirements.

1. English

- AP English Language and Composition satisfies the English III credit requirement
- AP English Literature and Composition satisfies the English IV credit requirement
- IB English Language and Literature satisfies the credit requirements for English III and/or IV
- IB English Literature provides satisfies the credit requirements for English III and/or IV

2. Mathematics

The following courses satisfy the requirement for a fourth mathematics credit:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Computer Science
- AP Statistics
- IB Computer Science
- IB Math Studies
- IB Math SL
- IB Math HL
- IB Further Math HL

3. Science

- AP Chemistry satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement
- AP Physics (all options) satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement

- AP Biology satisfies the Biology credit requirement
- AP Environmental Science satisfies the earth/environmental science credit requirement
- IB Chemistry satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement
- IB Physics satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement
- IB Biology satisfies the Biology credit requirement
- IB Environmental Systems and Societies satisfies the earth/environmental science credit requirement

4. Social Studies

- AP World History satisfies the World History credit requirement
- For 9th graders entering through 2011-12: AP United States History satisfies the US History credit requirement
- For 9th graders entering 2012-13 or later: AP United States History and an additional social studies elective satisfy the American History I and American History II credit requirement
- For 9th graders entering through 2011-12: IB History of the Americas satisfies the US History credit requirements
- For 9th graders entering 2012-13 or later: 1 credit of IB History of the Americas and an additional social studies elective satisfy the American History I and American History II credit requirements

5. Other AP and IB courses provide elective credits in the appropriate content areas.