

Parents Guide to Student Achievement for RCHS

Requirements for Grade Promotion

	<i>To Be Promoted to Grade 10</i>	<i>To Be Promoted to Grade 11</i>	<i>To Be Promoted to Grade 12</i>	<i>To Graduate</i>
RCHS units	5 (including at least one math course, one English course, and one History course)	10 (including at least two math courses, two English courses, and two History courses)	16 (including at least three math courses, three English courses, and three History courses)	22

The following information covers minimum state graduation requirements from the state to earn a diploma and graduate. It also covers specific cohort information. Local school districts and other public school units may require additional courses and credits to graduate. [Information on NC High School Graduation Requirements.](#)

Instructional Materials

In North Carolina, all schools use the same Standard Course of Study, determined by the State Board of Education. These standards are the knowledge and skills students should understand by the end of each grade/course.

The following standards can be found on the website below: Arts Education, Career Technical Education, Computer Science, English Language Arts, English Language Development, Student Success Standards, Healthful Living, Information and Technology, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Language. [NCDPI Office of Academic Standards website](#)

Local districts, schools and teachers determine how to teach these standards, including curriculum, supplementary materials, and books. These materials are available for review at school upon request. The book list for supplementary materials is available here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HPyqctUuY5Gr4kLnbeCDPTjquxOErpV/view?usp=sharing>

Raleigh Charter offers Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in computer science. Descriptions of these courses are available in our course descriptions here https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/_files/ugd/bcbadc_584840709ff0454eb39929412d991adc.pdf.

The school will communicate with parents prior to beginning the Reproductive Health and Safety Unit in Healthful Living. All parents/guardians have the right to “opt out” of this unit. If you choose to exclude your child, you must do so in writing to the principal and teacher stating you do not want your child to participate. Alternate and comparable assignments will be given.

Reporting Student Progress

Raleigh Charter shares student progress in a variety of ways, including reports cards (every six weeks), progress reports, and assignment/assessment feedback. Information is sent to parents/guardians each six weeks through report cards which must be signed and returned to the student's Advisory teacher.

The NC transcript contains grades from all high school classes, weighted and unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA), standardized test data and student demographics. Students may ask for an unofficial transcript at any time through their college counselor. Official transcripts are available upon request.

Individual Student Reports for end-of-course tests and other state assessments (English language proficiency assessment) are mailed to parents. Students take end-of-course assessments in English II, Biology, NC Math 1, and NC Math 3.

Students in Grade 10 take the Pre-ACT. Students in grade 11 take the ACT. Students who are CTE Concentrators in Grade 12 take ACT WorkKeys. Those results are shared through ACT.

Teacher Qualifications

Parents may look up your child's teacher licensure status at this website

<https://vo.licensure.ncpublicschools.gov/datamart/selSearchTypeNCDPI.do?from=loginPage>. The licensure look up webpage does not include current employment information. Parents may need additional information (i.e., middle name or license number) to identify the teacher accurately. Please contact the school office to verify an educator's licensure status.

School Entry Requirements

The following are statutory school entry requirements, this includes required immunizations:

Admission requirements:

https://ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-364.pdf

Immunization records:

https://ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_130A/GS_130A-155.pdf

Immunization requirements: [GS 130A-152.pdf \(ncleg.gov\)](#) [NC GS 130 A-152 graphic](#) (*this law was amended but is not reflected on the current GA page; see [SL2023-134.pdf \(ncleg.gov\)](#), Section 5.8(e) on page 64")

Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS).

NCDHHS [Immunizations](#) Resources

- Expected Immunization Schedules
 - [Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
 - [Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
 - [Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)

Students are admitted to RCHS through a random lottery. More information is available here:

<https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/admissions>

Academic Progress

Engaging with your child about school and what they are learning is pivotal to their learning process.

- Ask questions daily about your child's school day.
- Inquire about topics and assignments they are learning.
- Connect with teachers to understand your child's progress.
- Ask the teachers how you can help your child learn.
- Attend different events at your child's school to stay connected and learn how to support them.

Information about the school curriculum and effective study habits is available here:

<https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/curriculum>

The following grade level guides contain information to support parents and caregivers with understanding the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. The purpose of these guides is to inform parents about the standards, as well as provide useful strategies to incorporate at home.

Parent Guides for [ELA](#)

Parent Guide for [ELD](#)

[Social Studies Parent Guides](#)

[Science Parent Guides](#)

Citizenship

Our Mission Statement expresses our emphasis on the value of citizenship: *Raleigh Charter High School challenges college-bound students in a creative and supportive atmosphere to become knowledgeable, thoughtful, contributing citizens.*

RCHS embeds Portrait of a Graduate skills in the classroom and school setting. These durable skills were developed by NCDPI and will support a child's understanding of citizenship, social skills and respect for others. Grade level specific resources, including developmentally appropriate milestones can be found in the following resource repository <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/statesuperintendent/portrait-graduate/open>.

High Expectations

Raleigh Charter embeds Portrait of a Graduate skills in the classroom and school setting. These durable skills were developed by NCDPI and support a child's realization of high expectations and setting lifelong learning goals. Grade level specific resources, including developmentally appropriate milestones can be found in the following resource repository

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/statesuperintendent/portrait-graduate/open>.

Communication

Communication with parents and families is very important to us.

Please be sure to check the school website frequently (www.raleighcharterhs.org) as it is maintained and updated throughout the year with school news, information, and announcements. Our Google Calendar is available on the website by hovering your cursor over the "Calendars" tab and then selecting "School

Calendar.” This calendar reflects the most current date and time information for school events, so please be sure to check it often.

RCHS communicates with families through a weekly digital newsletter, *The Phoenix News*. This message is shared each Friday by email. All parents are automatically subscribed to The Phoenix News. To update your email address, please see “Contacting Families with Important Information” on the previous page.

When the need arises, we contact families via email to inform them of school closings, schedule changes, emergency situations or other important information that will impact them. It is imperative that the contact information that we have for your family is always current. To update your contact information, please send a detailed email to office@raleighcharterhs.org with any changes to your contact information. If the student is under the care of multiple parents or guardians, it is vital that all parents or guardians complete or update this information so that we are able to reach a family member quickly in the event of an emergency.

Raleigh Charter High School has a Twitter and Facebook account to communicate news, school events, and resources with families, students, alumni, and the broader Raleigh community. You may view both of these social media accounts at www.twitter.com/raleighcharter and www.facebook.com/raleighcharter.

The following are NCDPI developed parent guides that provide suggestions for building strong relationships with your child’s teacher and supporting communication between home and school.

[Building Strong Relationships with Your Child’s Teacher](#) (NC Rethink Education Program)

[How You Can Use Questions to Support Your Child’s Learning](#) (NC Rethink Education Program)

Additional general parent guides and parent resource webinar recordings can be found at the [following website](#).

Available Resources

Academic assistance is available to students through a variety of sources as specified in the course syllabuses sent home to families at the beginning of the school year. Additional information about contacting teachers, academic resources, and student support services is available to parents on the school website on page 33 in the student handbook

https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/files/ugd/bcbadc_b5812c6705154ad6a654f93a00762219.pdf.

- All teachers have extra help/tutoring times available for students.
- Math Lab meets every morning at 8:10 in Room 114.
- Peer tutoring may also be available to students if they talk with their teacher in a given class.

Parent Participation

Parents are invited to participate in the life of the school through parent education programs (information is available through parent emails and the Phoenix News), volunteer opportunities, and the Phoenix Parents organization. More information can be found on the parent page of the school website:

<https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/phoenix-parents>.

Academic Programs

Raleigh Charter offers a variety of options for students to pursue their interests and skills at their academic level. Curriculum options are available in the school course guide including options for Honors, Enriched Honors, and Advanced Placement level courses: <https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/curriculum>. Students who qualify for academically or intellectually gifted programs are encouraged to pursue classes at the Enriched Honors and/or Advanced Placement level when appropriate.

We encourage students to explore their interests through extracurricular activities such as school clubs (<https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/clubs>) and enrichment opportunities including Governor's School (<https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/summer-opportunities>). Our policy on academic enrichment is available here https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/_files/ugd/8e368b_61ccd095573046f780af961f2c57620e.pdf.

School Choice

Raleigh Charter High School is a North Carolina charter school. Information about admissions is available here <https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/admissions>. Charter schools are public schools of choice that are authorized by the State Board of Education and operated by independent non-profit boards of directors. State and local tax dollars are the primary funding sources for charter schools, which have open enrollment and cannot discriminate in admissions, associate with any religion or religious group, or charge-tuition. Charter schools operate with freedom from many of the regulations that govern district schools, but charter schools are held accountable through the State assessment and accountability system. Additional information about NC charter schools is available here <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/alternative-choices/charter-schools>.

Students in public school districts are assigned to certain schools based on a local assignment plan approved by their Local Board of Education.

Nonpublic education is overseen by the NC Department of Administration <https://www.doa.nc.gov/divisions/non-public-education>. For a list of private schools, visit <https://www.doa.nc.gov/divisions/non-public-education/private-school-directory-statistics>. For information on how to start a homeschool visit <https://www.doa.nc.gov/divisions/non-public-education/home-schools>. Scholarship grant programs/voucher information is available via <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/>.

Students with Disabilities

For students suspected of or identified with a disability by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the following links provide important information regarding the procedural safeguards available to ensure a free, appropriate, public education.

- <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/parent-rights-handbook/download>
- <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/parent-rights-handbook-spanish/open>
- <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/conflict-resolution/>
- <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/surrogate-parents/download?attachment>
- <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/child-find-brochure/download?attachment>

Information about special education and related services at Raleigh Charter High School is available here <https://www.raleighcharterhs.org/exceptional-students>.

Contact Us

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Instruction Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:40 PM

Front Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Student Health

Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)

[Immunizations](#)

[Health Assessment](#)

[Annual Health Assessment and Immunization Compliance Reporting](#)

- Expected Immunization Schedules
 - [Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
 - [Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)
 - [Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](#)

Information about [Influenza](#), [Meningococcal disease](#), and [HPV](#) are accessible at the embedded links.