

Cobb County School District

Comparison of Graduation Requirements

Below is a comparison of Graduation Requirements for students who enter ninth grade **for the first time** in school year 2008-2009 with those who entered ninth grade **prior** to school year 2008-2009.

Required for Students Who Enter Ninth Grade for the First Time in School Year 2008-2009	Required for Students Who Entered Ninth Grade Prior to School Year 2008-2009
1 common set of requirements for all students	4 tiers, each with different requirements: College Preparatory (CP) and College Preparatory with Distinction (CP+), Technology/Career (TC) and Technology/Career with Distinction (TC+)
23 total units required for all students	22 total units required for CP and TC 24 total units required for CP+ and TC+
4 units of English Language Arts required for all students	4 units of English Language Arts required for all students
4 units of Mathematics required for all students	4 units of Mathematics required for CP and CP+; 3 units required for TC and TC+
4 units of Science required for all students (the 4 th science unit may be used to meet both the science and elective requirements)	3 units of Science required for all students
3 units of Social Studies required for all students, all courses are specifically identified	3 units of Social Studies required for all students
1 unit of Health and Physical Education required for all students	1 unit of Health and Physical Education required for all students
A total of 3 units required from: CTAE and/or Foreign Language and/or Fine Arts for all students (<i>students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution or other post-secondary institution must take two units of the same foreign language</i>).	1 unit of Computer Technology and/or Fine Arts and/or Technology Career Preparatory and/or Foreign Language required for all students 2 units of Foreign Language required for CP and CP+ students
4 additional elective units for all students	5 – 6 additional elective units depending on tier (CP, CP+, TC, TC+)

Additional Cobb County School District Requirement:

To better prepare students for success with on-time graduation and mandated state assessment, the Cobb County School District is implementing new promotion criteria for students who enter the ninth grade for the first time in school year 2008-2009.

Promotion to tenth grade: a student must earn a minimum of five units which shall include one unit each of required English, Mathematics, and Science courses.

Promotion to eleventh grade: a student must earn a minimum of ten units which shall include two units each of required English, Mathematics, and Science courses.