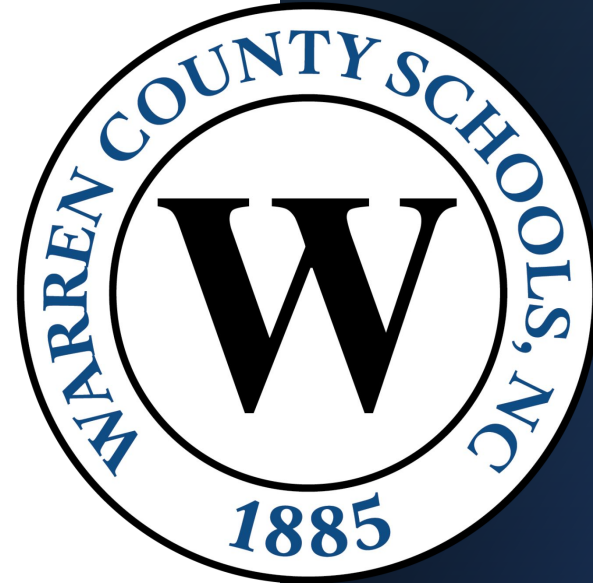


Board of Education Meeting
April 8, 2025

Dr. Carol Montague-Davis
Interim Superintendent

2025-2026
New Graduation
Requirements

Mr. Marcus Jones
Interim Chief Academic Officer



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Session Law SL2020-78: Arts Ed Graduation Requirement

- **Arts Requirement:** Students entering Grade 9 in **2025-26** must complete **one arts course** in grades 6-12.
- **Course Completion:** Must complete the full **standard course of study**; after-school activities or partial courses don't count.
- **Transfer Exemption:** Ninth-grade or later transfers may be exempt if the requirement delays graduation.

G.S. 115C-12: Computer Science Requirement

- **One Credit Requirement:** Starting with the 2024–2025 school year, students must earn one credit in Computer Science to graduate.
- **Course Availability:** By the 2026–2027 school year, all public high schools must offer Computer Science courses, with options possibly available as early as 2024–2025.
- **Approved Courses:** NC Department of Public Instruction provides a list of approved courses to meet the requirement.
- **Exemptions:** Students entering high school after 11th grade or those with disabilities may be exempt.
- **Goal:** This aims to equip students with essential tech skills for future job markets.

Summary

For Information Only:

- Arts Education Graduation Requirement
2025-2026 school year for rising 9th Graders
- Computer Science Requirement
2026-2027 school year

Questions?

