

Occupational Course of Study (OCS) Update:

On February 3, 2021, the State Board of Education voted and approved the revision of the Occupational Preparation courses as follows:

The new course titles and course codes are: (all courses are 1 credit each)

9260BX0 [Employment Preparation I Science](#)

9261BX0 [Employment Preparation II Citizenship 1A](#)

9262BX0 [Employment Preparation II Citizenship 1B](#)

9263BX0 [Employment Preparation III Citizenship 2A](#)

9264BX0 [Employment Preparation III Citizenship 2B](#)

9265BX0 [Employment Preparation IV Math](#)

The Employment Preparation courses should be taught in sequential order as the content is designed to help the student build skills and increase their depth of knowledge over the grades 9-12.

These course requirements apply to students entering the 9th grade for the first time in 2021-2022 and are contained in Section II of the [GRAD-004](#) policy.

[Occupational Course of Study](#) Summary of 22 credits:

- 4 ELA
- 4 Math (includes Employment Preparation IV Math)
- 3 Science (includes Employment Preparation I Science)
- 4 Social Studies (includes required Civic Literacy and EPF, and Employment Preparation Citizenship II IA & IB)
- 1 Health & PE
- 4 CTE Elective Credits
- 2 Additional Employment Preparation Citizenship III 2A & 2B Credits and 600 Work Hours (150 school-based, 225 community-based, and 225 paid employment)
- Career Portfolio
- Completion of IEP Objectives
- In addition, Legislative Requirement: CPR

Please note that all previous OCS policy has also been updated in GRAD-004.

**On March 3, 2021 the State Board of education voted and approved the following:
For the Graduating class of 2021:**

For the Graduating class of 2020 and 2021:

- **SBE waives the CPR graduation requirement for the graduating class of 2020 and 2021. SBE will request a waiver from the CPR legislation for this year's graduating class, NCGS 115C-12.9d and 115C-8 1.25.10.**

- **For Occupational Course of Study students, SBE reduces the graduation requirement of paid employment to 157 hours.**