



Public Schools of North Carolina

# **GRAD-007 High School Diploma Endorsements Revisions**

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# GRAD-007 High School Diploma Endorsements REVISIONS

- Currently, there are 5 high school diploma endorsements:
  - Career
  - College
  - College/UNC
  - Academic Scholars
  - Global Languages
- First three are legislated and approved by SBE.
- Last two are only SBE approved.



# High School Diploma Endorsements

## INTENT

- To indicate on a high school diploma and transcript, the achievements of a student beyond course enrollments/grades.
- Currently, the Career, College, and College/UNC Endorsements represent readiness measures based on UNC System Office, NC Community Colleges System Office, and NCDPI/CTE aligned to career pathways.
- See GRAD-007 for current requirements.
- As reported, last year, 65% of all graduates earned at least one legislated high school diploma endorsement.



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## Revision

- Based on legislation, there is an additional requirement now:

### § 115C-12.40 For 2019-20:

A student shall only receive a high school diploma endorsement if that student receives on a nationally norm-referenced college admissions test for reading, either administered under G.S. 115C-174.11(c)(4) or as an alternative nationally norm-referenced college admissions test approved by the State Board, at least the benchmark score established by the testing organization that represents the level of achievement required for students to have approximately a fifty percent (50%) chance of obtaining a grade B or higher or a seventy-five percent (75%) chance of obtaining a grade C or higher in a corresponding credit-bearing, first-year college course. A student may retake a nationally norm-referenced test as many times as necessary to achieve the required benchmark score for reading in order to receive a high school diploma endorsement prior to the student's graduation.



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## Content Revision

- Programmed into PowerSchool, if approved, will be released this month.
- Populated with what NCDPI has access and permission to use, but then each LEA/school will have to complete endorsement calculation based on student test data that is brought to them.
- Expect decline in number of endorsements.



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## Technical Revisions

- Wording updates based on various federal legislation and Social Studies course requirements
- English Learners
- Career Pathways
- Generalized SS courses

