

North Carolina Homeschool Graduation Requirements

At a glance · facts last reviewed August 28, 2026

State notification	One-time Notice of Intent filed with DNPE per school, at least five days before the opening date
Legal basis	Home school as a nonpublic school under N.C. Gen. Stat. 115C-563 through 115C-565, registered by DNPE
Administrator qualification	Anyone providing academic instruction must hold at least a high school diploma or its equivalent
Testing / evaluation	Nationally standardized achievement test every year in grammar, reading, spelling, and mathematics
Recordkeeping	Annual attendance and immunization records plus each test result on file; nothing goes to the state
Graduation requirements	None. The chief administrator decides when the student has completed the program
Who issues the diploma	The chief administrator, in the name of the registered home school; DNPE issues and verifies none
College admissions	UNC System exempts home school graduates from the minimum GPA but keeps test and course minimums
Compulsory attendance ages	7 to 16, with the school operating at least nine calendar months a year (GS 115C-378)

Full guide with statute citations and sources: <https://hsdiplomas.com/resources/state-graduation-requirements/north-carolina>

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