

SECTION .0500 – PROMOTION AND GRADUATION

16 NCAC 06D .0501 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Section, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Alternative assessment" is defined in G.S. 115C-83.3.
- (2) "Career and technical education" or "CTE" means education designed to teach a set of technical or career-based skills, including agriculture, business and finance, family and consumer science, health science, information technology, marketing, technology, and industrial trades.
- (3) "Child with a disability" is defined in G.S. 115C-106.3(1).
- (4) "Content area" means a subject matter, academic discipline, or knowledge domain, such as a core academic area, career and technical education, or the arts.
- (5) "Content standards" means the knowledge, concepts, and skills that a student should acquire at a specific grade level or within a specific content area. The Standard Course of Study indicates the minimum content standards for students in North Carolina.
- (6) "Core academic areas" means the academic disciplines of reading, writing, mathematics, science, history, geography, and civics.
- (7) "Course credit" means the documented recognition that a student has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the governing body of a public school unit and consistent with the content standards, rigor, breadth, and depth of the Standard Course of Study, mastery of the content area for which the credit is being earned.
- (8) "Elective course credit" means course credit not specifically mandated by law or by this Section.
- (9) "Individualized education program" or "IEP" is defined in G.S. 115C-106.3(8).
- (10) "IEP team" is defined in G.S. 115C-106.3(7).
- (11) "Occupational preparation education" means instruction designed to prepare a student identified as a child with a disability for post-secondary education, employment, or independent living.
- (12) "Postsecondary plans" means a student's educational or occupational plans after graduating from high school, such as one of the following:
 - (a) Enrollment in an institution of higher education.
 - (b) Full-time employment.
 - (c) Enlistment in the military.
- (13) "Principal" means a school administrator employed as the principal of a school, as provided in Chapter 115C, Article 19 of the General Statutes, or the staff member with the highest decision-making authority at a school, if there is no principal.

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