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Understanding North Dakota's Computer Science and Cybersecurity Requirements in K–12 Education

Graduation Requirements (NDCC 15.1-21-02.2)

Starting August 1, 2025, students must meet updated graduation requirements that include computer science and cybersecurity:

- Students must complete 22 units of coursework to graduate.
- One unit of computer science or cybersecurity is required. This can count toward:
 - The standalone technology requirement, **OR**
 - A science requirement (this is not considered a science credit, it only satisfies the science requirement. Post-Secondary institutions may not consider it a science course, so verify with the post-secondary institution what they accept as science credits)
- Waiver Option: If a student has completed a school board-approved integration plan, the standalone unit requirement may be waived.

This flexibility allows schools to embed computer science and cybersecurity concepts across various subjects while still meeting the intent of the law.