



Collier County
Public Schools

Exceptional Education and
Student Support Services

Graduation Requirements for Students Entering Grade Nine/Ten (2016-2017) Instructed in Access Points - Taking Florida Standards Alternate Assessment

Diploma	24 Credit Standard Diploma Option , available only to students with significant cognitive disabilities, who take access courses and the Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA)
English	4 Credits (Access English I, II, III, IV) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May substitute general education courses for access courses • May substitute a CTE course with content related to English for ELA IV
Mathematics	4 Credits (Must include Access Algebra 1 and Access Geometry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May substitute general education courses for access courses • Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC constitute 30% of final course grade (unless waived by the IEP team) • Industry certifications (with passing exam score) that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two math credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)
Science	3 Credits (Must include Access Biology 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May substitute general education courses for access courses • Biology I EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade (unless waived by the IEP team) • Industry Certification(s) (with passing score on exam) can substitute for up to 1 science credit (excluding Biology)
Social Studies	3 Credits (Must include Access World History, Access U.S. History (1.0), Access U.S. Government (0.5) and Access Economics with Financial Literacy (0.5)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May substitute general education courses for access courses
Physical Education	1 Credit Access H.O.P.E. 9-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May substitute general education courses for access courses
Performing Arts	1 Credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate or Practical Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Arts Course must incorporate artistic content and techniques of creativity, interpretation and imagination
Electives	8 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electives should be based on a student interest inventory and include a variety of industry certification courses, STEM or liberal arts courses • May include employment based courses
State Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (Reading) with a score of 4 or greater (unless waived by the IEP Team) • Must pass the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (Math) with a score of 4 or greater (unless waived by the IEP Team) • Must pass the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (Science) with a score of 4 or greater (unless waived by the IEP Team)
Online Course	One complete course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement does not apply if the student has an IEP which indicates that an online course would be inappropriate
GPA	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale