

See DOE document “What Students and Parents Need to Know” for further clarification

**Graduation Requirements
Cohort 2015-2016
Class of 2019**

	24 Credit Standard Diploma	Scholar Designation	Merit Designation	18 Credit ACCEL
ENGLISH	4 credits in ELA I, II, III, IV ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB, and dual enrollment may satisfy this requirement	4 credits in ELA I, II, III, IV ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB, and dual enrollment may satisfy this requirement	4 credits in ELA I, II, III, IV ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB, and dual enrollment may satisfy this requirement	4 credits in ELA I, II, III, IV ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB, and dual enrollment may satisfy this requirement
MATHEMATICS	<p>4 credits, one of which must be Algebra 1 or its equivalent and one of which must be geometry or its equivalent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1* and Geometry* EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade Must pass Algebra 1 EOC or a comparative score on the PERT to earn a standard diploma If enrolled in Algebra 2* EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two math credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry) 	<p>4 credits, one of which must be Algebra 1 or its equivalent and one of which must be geometry or its equivalent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1* and Geometry* EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade <u>Pass Geometry EOC</u> Must pass Algebra 1 EOC or a comparative score on the PERT to earn a standard diploma Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2*, EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade, and <u>Pass the EOC</u> 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course (level 3 courses) 	<p>4 credits, one of which must be Algebra 1 or its equivalent and one of which must be geometry or its equivalent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1* and Geometry* EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade Must pass Algebra 1 EOC or a comparative score on the PERT to earn a standard diploma If enrolled in Algebra 2* EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two math credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry) 	<p>4 credits, one of which must be Algebra 1 or its equivalent and one of which must be geometry or its equivalent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1* and Geometry* EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade Must pass Algebra 1 EOC or a comparative score on the PERT to earn a standard diploma If enrolled in Algebra 2* EOC results constitute 30% of final course grade Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two math credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)
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SOCIAL STUDIES	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit World History 1 credit U.S. History (EOC results count 30% of final course grade) ½ U.S. Gov't ½ Econ with Financial Literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit World History 1 credit U.S. History (EOC results count 30% of final course grade) ½ U.S. Gov't ½ Econ with Financial Literacy <u>Pass the U.S. History EOC. A student is exempt if enrolled in AP, IB, AICE and earns the minimum score to earn college credit</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit World History 1 credit U.S. History (EOC results count 30% of final course grade) ½ U.S. Gov't ½ Econ with Financial Literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit World History 1 credit U.S. History (EOC results count 30% of final course grade) ½ U.S. Gov't ½ Econ with Financial Literacy
WL	Not required for graduation but required for admission to state universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 credits in the same world language 	Not required for graduation but required for admission to state universities	Not required for graduation but required for admission to state universities
PF	1 credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or eligible practical arts courses as specified in the Florida Course Code Directory	1 credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or eligible practical arts courses as specified in the Florida Course Code Directory	1 credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or eligible practical arts courses as specified in the Florida Course Code Directory	1 credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or eligible practical arts courses as specified in the Florida Course Code Directory
PE	1 credit H.O.P.E. or Personal Fitness and physical education activity elective	1 credit H.O.P.E. or Personal Fitness and physical education activity elective	1 credit H.O.P.E. or Personal Fitness and physical education activity elective	Not required
ELECTIVES	8 credits	6 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn at least one credit in AP, IB, AICE, or dual enrollment course 	8 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attain one or more industry certifications from established list 	3 elective credits
TOTAL	24 credits	24 credits	24 credits	18 credits
TESTS	Must pass the Grade 10 ELA assessment or ACT/SAT concordant score	Must pass the Grade 10 ELA assessment or ACT/SAT concordant score	Must pass the Grade 10 ELA assessment or ACT/SAT concordant score	Must pass the Grade 10 ELA assessment or ACT/SAT concordant score
GPA	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale
On-line	One complete course within the 24 credits	One complete course within the 24 credits	One complete course within the 24 credits	Not required
*SPECIAL NOTE: 30% not applicable if enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 in the 2014-2015 SY				

Students Entering Grade Nine in the 2015-2016 School Year Academic Advisement Flyer–What Students and Parents Need to Know

What are the diploma options?

Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:

- 24-credit standard diploma
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) and the results constitute thirty percent of the final course grade* or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)

Students must participate in the EOC assessments, and the results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade*. These assessments are in the following subjects:

- Biology I
- U.S. History
- Geometry
- Algebra II (if enrolled)

*Special Note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC.

What is the credit acceleration program (CAP)?

This program allows a student to earn high school credit if the student passes an advanced placement (AP) examination, a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a statewide course assessment without enrollment in the course. The courses include the following subjects:

- Algebra I
- Biology I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- U.S. History

What are the graduation requirements for students with disabilities?

Two options are available only to students with disabilities. Both require the 24 credits listed in the table and both allow students to substitute a career and technical (CTE) course with related content for one credit in ELA IV, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I and U.S. History).

- Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least .5 credit via paid employment.

What are the requirements for the 24-credit standard diploma option?

4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ELA I, II, III, IV ▪ ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement.
4 Credits Mathematics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of which must be Algebra I and one of which must be Geometry. ▪ Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra I and Geometry).
3 Credits Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of which must be Biology I, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses. ▪ Two of the three required credits must have a laboratory component. ▪ An industry certification that leads to college credit substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I). ▪ An identified rigorous computer science course with a related industry certification substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I).
3 Credits Social Studies
1 credit in World History 1 credit in U.S. History .5 credit in U.S. Government .5 credit in Economics with Financial Literacy
1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts[†]
1 Credit Physical Education[†]
To include the integration of health
[†] Special Note: Eligible courses and eligible course substitutions are specified in the Florida Course Code Directory at http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/ccd .
8 Elective Credits
1 Online Course
Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

What are the requirements for standard diploma designations?

Scholar Diploma Designation
<p>In addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, a student must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Earn 1 credit in Algebra II (must pass EOC);▪ Pass the Geometry EOC;▪ Earn 1 credit in statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course;▪ Pass the Biology I EOC;▪ Earn 1 credit in chemistry or physics;▪ Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics;▪ Pass the U.S. History EOC;▪ Earn 2 credits in the same world language; and▪ Earn at least 1 credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course. <p>A student is exempt from the Biology I or U.S. History assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology I or U.S. History course and the student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and▪ Earns the minimum score to earn college credit.
Merit Diploma Designation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meet the standard high school diploma requirements▪ Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per section 1003.492, Statutes [F.S.]).

Can a student who selects the 24-credit program graduate early?

Yes, a student who completes all the 24-credit program requirements for a standard diploma may graduate in fewer than eight semesters.

What is the distinction between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical Education is not required
- Online course is not required

All other graduation requirements for a 24-credit standard diploma must be met (per s. 1003.4282(3)(a)-(e), F.S.).

Where is information on Bright Futures Scholarships located?

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program rewards students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding to attend a postsecondary institution in Florida. For more information, visit <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/>.

What are the public postsecondary options?

State University System
<p>Admission into Florida's public universities is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous curriculum in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ High school graduation with a standard diploma▪ Admission test scores▪ 16 Credits of approved college preparatory academic courses▪ 4 English (3 with substantial writing)▪ 4 Mathematics (Algebra I level and above)▪ 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)▪ 3 Social Science▪ 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language)▪ 2 Approved electives <p>http://www.flbog.edu/forstudents/planning</p>
The Florida College System
<p>The 28 state colleges offer career-related certificates and two-year associate degrees that prepare students to transfer to a bachelor's degree program or to enter jobs requiring specific skills. Many also offer baccalaureate degrees in high-demand fields. Florida College System institutions have an open door policy. This means that students who have earned a standard high school diploma, have earned a high school equivalency diploma or have demonstrated success in postsecondary coursework will be admitted to an associate degree program.</p> <p>http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/index.stml</p>
Career and Technical Centers
<p>Florida also offers students 48 accredited career and technical centers throughout the state, which provide the education and certification necessary to work in a particular career or technical field. Programs are flexible for students and provide industry-specific education and training for a wide variety of occupations.</p> <p>Career and Technical Directors</p>

Where is information on financial aid located?

The Office of Student Financial Assistance State Programs administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships. To learn more, visit <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>.