

## *High School Graduation Requirements by 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Year of Entry*

9 <sup>th</sup> grader in . . .	2008-2009 & 2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	<p>--Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading: 300</p> <p>--Gr. 10 FCAT Math: 300 (computer-based test in 2011)</p>	<p>--Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading: Level 3</p> <p>--Algebra I EOC exam: *30% of course grade (computer-based test)</p> <p>--Algebra I credit for graduation</p> <p>--Geometry credit for graduation</p> <p>--Gr. 11 US History EOC exam: *30% of course grade (computer-based test) – student will take the test in 2012-2013.</p>	<p>--Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading: Level 3</p> <p>--Algebra I EOC exam: Level 3 pass for credit (computer-based test)</p> <p>--Algebra I credit for graduation</p> <p>--Geometry EOC exam: *30% of course grade (computer-based test)</p> <p>--Geometry credit for graduation</p> <p>--Biology EOC exam: *30% of course grade (computer-based test)</p> <p>--Biology credit for graduation</p> <p>--Gr. 11 US History EOC exam: *30% of course grade (computer-based test) – student will take the test in 2013-2014.</p> <p>--.5 credit earned via online learning.</p>	<p>--Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading: Level 3</p> <p>--Algebra I EOC exam: Level 3 pass for credit (computer-based test)</p> <p>--Algebra I credit for graduation</p> <p>--Geometry EOC exam: Level 3 pass for credit (computer-based test)</p> <p>--Geometry credit for graduation</p> <p>--Biology EOC exam: Level 3 pass for credit (computer-based test)</p> <p>--Biology credit for graduation</p> <p>--Algebra II credit for graduation</p> <p>--Gr. 11 US History EOC exam: *30% of course grade (computer-based test) – student will take the test in 2014-2015.</p> <p>--.5 credit earned via online learning.</p>

### 2013-2014:

ADD: Chemistry or Physics and equally rigorous science course credit to graduate in addition to the 2012-2013 requirements.

*Graduation Requirements for Standard Diploma Options  
For Students Entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2010-2011 and Beyond.*

Subject Area	Graduation Requirements of <u>Standard 24-Credit Program</u>	Graduation Requirements of <u>Three-Year, 18 credit College Preparatory Program</u>	Graduation Requirements of <u>Three-Year, 18 credit Career Preparatory Program</u>
English	4 credits with major concentration in composition, reading for information, and literature	4 credits with major concentration in composition and literature	4 credits with major concentration in composition and literature
Mathematics	4 credits, one of which must be algebra I or its equivalent and one of which must be in geometry or its equivalent. Algebra II required for 9 <sup>th</sup> grade cohort group entering in 2012-2013.	4 credits, one of which must be algebra I or its equivalent and one of which must be in geometry or its equivalent, or a higher level math from the list of courses that qualify for state university admission (SUS)	4 credits, one of which must be algebra I or its equivalent and one of which must be in geometry or its equivalent, or a higher level math course.
Science	3 credits, two of which must include a laboratory component. Chemistry or Physics and equally rigorous science course credit required for 9 <sup>th</sup> grade cohort group entering in 2013-2014.	3 credits, two of which must include a laboratory component	3 credits, two of which must include a laboratory component
Social Studies	1 credit World History 1 credit United States History .5 credit United States Government .5 credit Economics	1 credit World History 1 credit United States History .5 credit United States Government .5 credit Economics	1 credit World History 1 credit United States History .5 credit United States Government .5 credit Economics
World Languages	Not required for high school graduation, but required for state university system admission (2 years, same language minimum recommendation)	2 credits in the same language or demonstrated proficiency in a second language	Not required
Performing Fine Arts	1 credit	Not required	Not required
HOPE (Health Opportunities through Physical Education)	1 credit	Not required	Not required
Electives (to include .5 credit of online learning beginning with the 9 <sup>th</sup> grade cohort of 2011-2012).	8 credits	2 credits	3 credits in single vocational/career education program and 1 elective credit OR 3 credits in single career/technical certificate dual enrollment and 1

			elective credit
TOTAL	<b>24 credits</b>	<b>18 credits (at least 6 of 18 credits must be received in classes that are honors, dual enrollment, or advanced placement)</b>	<b>18 credits (at least 6 of 18 credits must be received in classes that are honors, dual enrollment, or advanced placement)</b>
State Assessment Requirements	Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading or scores on a standardized test that are concordant with the passing scores on the FCAT (ACT or SAT)	Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading or scores on a standardized test that are concordant with the passing scores on the FCAT (ACT or SAT)	Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading or scores on a standardized test that are concordant with the passing scores on the FCAT (ACT or SAT)
Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	Cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in required courses and a weighted or unweighted grade that earns at least 3.0 points or its equivalent in each of the 18 required credits	Cumulative weighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in required courses and a weighted or unweighted grade that earns at least 2.0 points or its equivalent in each of the 18 required credits

### Restrictions for College Preparatory Diploma or Career Preparatory Diploma

To enter a 3-year option, a student must complete the following:

- A student shall have a signed parental consent;
- The student shall have met achievement in all required FCAT and end-of-course exams.
- Selection must be made prior to the end of grade 9; and
- Transfer students from out-of-state or private schools entering after grade 9 have until the end of the first semester in grade 10 to make their selections.

### Automatic Change of Program

A student who selects one of the 3-year programs shall automatically move to the 4-year program under the following conditions:

- Exercises his or her right to change during spring registration;
- Fails to earn 5 credits by the end of grade 9 or fails to earn 11 credits by the end of grade 10;
- Does not achieve the required scores on all applicable FCAT and end-of-course exams and
- At the end of grade 11, does not meet the FCAT graduation requirements and the grade point average requirements.

### Choosing the Right Standard Diploma Option

- ❖ NOTE: Students must have a full schedule of classes each semester. Any exceptions must be approved by the Assistant Superintendent for School Support.

Students should choose their options carefully. Once the option is chosen, the student is committed for the entire school year (2 semesters).

An option can only be changed during spring registration for the following year.

Students should consider carefully the following questions in determining which diploma option is right:

- What would be the impact on my college and career plans?
- How would this impact my chances to get scholarships?
- What would be the impact on my participation in athletics or in extracurricular activities?
- Would this affect my ability to earn a Bright Futures Scholarship?
- How would this affect my ability to take free college courses through advanced placement or dual enrollment, or to complete free technical training while in high school?
- What would be the impact on my ability to participate in areas of interest such as drama, band, the arts, student government, and senior activities?

\*\*\*Special Diploma options are available for students with disabilities if students are not able to meet requirements for a standard diploma. The decision regarding the type of diploma that best meets an ESE child's need is determined by the Individual Education Plan Team.

\*\*\*Florida Statute 1003.429 indicates that "If the student and parent fail to select a graduation option, the student shall be considered to have selected the general requirements (4 Year Standard Diploma) for high school graduation" which includes 24 credits. The State Department of Education may modify these requirements as they set policy on new legislation.



## *High School Credit Below Ninth Grade*

Middle school students may earn credit toward high school graduation under the following conditions:

Students are considered ninth graders during the periods in which they are enrolled in high school credit courses offered at the middle school site.

The courses are listed in the Florida Course Code Directory and meet high school requirements;

Courses are offered for the same number of hours of instruction as currently offered at the high school;

Students demonstrate mastery of district and state course performance standards as well as pass applicable end-of-course exams in any high school course taken in middle school years.

Placement of grades to the high school transcript is as follows:

- All grades earned must be placed on the high school transcript;
- Students who earn a grade of "C," "D," or "F" will have the opportunity for grade forgiveness by retaking the same course or a comparable course in high school; and
- If the student retakes the course, only the higher grade and credit will be included in the grade point average calculation.

