High School Graduation Requirements

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Pathways to Graduation
TOPICS COVERED TODAY:

- State of Florida Graduation Requirements
  - Credits, GPA and Specific Courses Required

- State Assessments required for Graduation
  - English and Math

- Supports available for your student to meet graduation requirements by grade level
Number of Credits Required for Graduation

- Two Options are available:
  - Standard Time 24 credit OPTION
  - Accelerated 18 credit OPTION
  - BOTH options are also available for Exceptional Students on Access Points

- Both options can be finished in 4 years or earlier (usually 3 years for early graduation)
Grade Point Average Required for Graduation

- Students must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 overall
  - This is equivalent to a C grade when ALL grades are averaged together each year

- Credit Recovery & Grade Forgiveness is available in our school!
  - Program we use is called Edmentum
  - Available: During the day AND after school in Extended Learning Programs (ELP)
4 Credits in English Language Arts
   ◦ English 1, 2, 3, and 4 which can include Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, AICE*, or Dual Enrollment (SPC) English classes

4 Credits in Mathematics
   ◦ Which must include Algebra 1 and Geometry

*AICE= Advanced International Certificate of Education
Specific Courses within 24 credit option (core academics)

- 3 Credits in Science
  - Which must include Biology and 2 other “equally rigorous” science courses

- 3 Credits in Social Studies
  - Which must include World History, US History, Economics, and Government
Specific Courses within 24 credit option (other areas*)

- 1 Credit in Health Options Physical Education
- 1 Credit in fine arts OR performing arts OR practical arts courses
- 8* Elective Credits
  - the State University System admissions process does require 2 of these electives to be 2 years in a World Language
These students must take a ½ credit course in PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

Their Elective credits are reduced to 7.5 from 8.0 required credits
Specific Courses within 18 credit option (Accelerated)

- ALL the CORE classes are required exactly the same as under the 24 credit option
- The difference is:
  - 3 Elective Credits required (not 8)
    - For 9th graders entering in 2023–24, this is reduced to 2.5 elective credits (not 3)
  - NO PE required (so no HOPE class is needed)
18 Credit Accelerated Option

- May be completed in 2 years, 3 years, or the full 4 years!!!
- Students wishing to finish early need to ...
  - Start high school ENGLISH and MATH classes while in middle school, OR
  - Double up on ENGLISH and MATH classes during their first 2–3 years of high school
Finally, State Assessments Requiring a Passing Score for Graduation

- 10th grade Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST): READING
- Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment (usually given in the 9th or 10th grade)

- Students who do not pass one or both of these tests the first time they take them become Re-Takers in their junior and senior years
“Graduation Checks”

Where can parents get information specific to their student?

- Your student’s school counselor will send home a graduation check first semester each year for your student.
- You can use PARENT PORTAL in FOCUS and review your student’s course history and test history to determine credits earned, GPA and state tests passed...
FOCUS Parent Portal

- Visit [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org)
  - Hover over the tab “Families”
    - Look under “Enrollment”
    - Click on Parent ID and Passwords
HOW TO ACCESS FOCUS INFORMATION

**Alerts**
Sandra Joseph Michael has 3 days with unexcused absences/tardies without a note or reason.

**10/10  Update Information**
District Announcement
While logged into Focus, you can update your Student’s Contact Information, Clinic Card, Phone Number, Email, Address, Emergency Contact and Medical Records. Instructions can be found at [https://www.pcsb.org/contactinfo](https://www.pcsb.org/contactinfo).

**08/23  Parent Information**
District Announcement
Click the STUDENT RESERVATION SYSTEM link on the left-hand side of this page to complete any of the following:
- Address Change for your student
- Apply To a Magnet, Fundamental, Choice or PreK Program for your student
- Register a New or Returning Student for school
- Complete a PE Waiver for your Middle Schooler
Support for Passing State Graduation Assessments

- What are the options available to students who do not pass the state tests the first time?
  - RETAKE each test they need several times during their junior and senior years
- AND/OR... take another test (called a concordant test) that the state accepts with a specific qualifying score, for ex:
  - PSAT, SAT, ACT, and CLT
Concordant Tests and Scores for FSA ELA/READING Test

- ACT: Score a combined score of 18 on the English and Reading Sections on the ACT (17.5 rounds up to 18)
- SAT EBRW: Score a 480 or higher
- CLT VR & GW: Score a 36 or higher
Concordant Tests and Scores for Algebra 1 EOC

- ACT Math 16
- PSAT/NMSQT Math 430
- SAT Math 420
- CLT Quantitative Reasoning 11
- Geometry EOC Scale Score 499
# After School Tutoring and ELP

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