

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT CHANGES

New Assessments and Course Standards Have Changed the
Graduation Requirements for Florida Students

Overall Requirements

- 2.0 unweighted grade point average
- 24 credits
 - ▣ Each course is based on a specific set of new course standards called the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards
 - ▣ www.floridastandards.org
- Passing scores on state assessments depending upon year of entry to high school

English/Language Arts

- 4 credits in English Language Arts based on the FCAT 2.0 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards
- Passing score on the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading assessment

Standards found here: <http://fcat.fldoe.org/fcat2/>

Mathematics

Year of Entry	Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Courses
2008-09 2009-10	4 credits in math including Algebra I
2010-11	4 credits in math including : <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Algebra I (must take EOC –30% of final grade if course taken in high school, EOC not needed if course taken in middle school)
2011-12	4 credits in math including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•1 credit in Algebra by passing EOC assessment•1 credit in Geometry (must take EOC –30% of final grade)
2012-13	4 credits in math including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•1 credit in Algebra by passing EOC assessment•1 credit in Geometry by passing EOC assessment•1 credit in Algebra II EOC information: http://fcats.fldoe.org/eoc/

Science

Year of Entry	Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Courses
2008-09 2009-10 2010-11	3 credits in science, at least two with a laboratory component
2011-12	3 credits in science including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•1 credit in Biology (must take EOC –30% of final grade)
2012-13	3 credits in science including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•1 credit in Biology by passing EOC assessment
2013-14	3 credits in science including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•1 credit in Biology by passing EOC assessment•1 credit in Chemistry or Physics (or its equivalent)•1 credit in an equally rigorous science course EOC information: http://fcats.fldoe.org/eoc/

Social Studies

- 3 credits in social studies courses based on the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards including:
 - 1 credit in World History
 - 1 credit United States History*
 - 0.5 credit in United States Government
 - 0.5 credit in Economics

*EOC in US History begins in 2012-13, the state has not defined how or if it will be used as a graduation requirement

Additional Requirements

- 1 credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate or Practical Arts

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/pdf/ListPracticalArtsCourses.pdf>

- 1 credit in Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE)
- 1 credit in an Online Course (beginning the 2011-2012 school year)

More Information

- Visit

https://www.pcsb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1048&Itemid=223 for more information on High School Education in Pinellas County Schools

- www.FACTS.org