

Students Entering Grade Nine In 2013-14 School Year

Subject Area	Graduation Requirements	
	24-Credit Program	ACCEL Program/Diploma Designations
English/ Language Arts (ELA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 credits in ELA 1, 2, 3, 4 ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB, and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement (must pass the Grade 10 ELA Common Core assessment; must take ELA Grade 11 Common Core assessment when implemented) 	ACCEL Program (18 credits minimum)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical education is not required 3 elective credits Online course is not required All other graduation requirements for a standard diploma must be met (per s. 1003.4282(3)(a)-(e), F.S.).
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 credits, one of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be geometry (Algebra 1 EOC results count 30% of the final course grade; must pass to earn a standard diploma; geometry EOC results count 30% of the final course grade) If Algebra 2 is selected, Algebra 2 Common Core assessment results count 30% of the final course grade when implemented Industry certification courses that lead to college credit may substitute for up to 2 mathematics credits 	Scholar Designation
		<p>In addition to meeting the standard high school diploma requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the ELA Grade 11 Common Core assessment once implemented 1 credit in Algebra 2 (must pass Algebra 2 EOC) 1 credit in statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course Pass the Biology 1 EOC 1 credit in chemistry or physics 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics Pass the U.S. History EOC Assessment 2 credits in the same world language Earn at least one credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course.
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit in Biology 1 (Biology EOC results count 30% of the final course grade) 2 credits in equally rigorous science courses 2 of the 3 required science credits must have a laboratory component Industry certification courses that lead to college credit may substitute for up to 1 science credit 	
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit in world history 1 credit in U.S. history (U.S. history EOC results count 30% of the final course grade) .5 credit in U.S. government .5 credit in economics (must include financial literacy) 	Merit Designation
		<p>In addition to meeting the standard high school diploma requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.).
World Languages	Not required for high school graduation, but required for admission into state universities	
Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts	1 credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts (eligible courses specified in the Florida Course Code Directory)	
Physical Education	1 credit in physical education to include the integration of health	
Industry Certification	Not required	
Electives	8 credits	
Grade Point Average (GPA)	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	
Online Course	1 course within the 24 credits, excluding a driver education course	
Special Notes: EOC, End-of-Course Assessment; AP, advanced placement; AICE, Advanced International Certificate of Education; IB, International Baccalaureate.		

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[Section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#)