

DIPLOMA DESIGNATIONS

Students may earn one or more diploma seals listed below. The Advanced Scholar seal is earned through Pinellas County Schools. The Scholar and Merit seals are state diploma seals.

Pinellas Advanced Scholar

- Earn a score of 3 or better on three Advanced Placement Examinations
- In addition, must meet all requirements within Scholar Designation below

Scholar (Pinellas College Pathway)

- Must meet standard high school graduation requirements (see below)
- Pass Biology and US History End-of-Course Assessments
- Earn credit in Algebra 2, Chemistry or Physics, and statistics or other equally rigorous math course
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics.
- Earn 2 credits in the same world language and
- Earn credit in at least one Advanced Placement, IB, AICE, or Dual Enrollment Course
- Students entering 9th grade in 14-15 must also pass the Algebra 2 and Geometry End-of-Course and Pass the ELA Grade 11 statewide assessment.

A student is exempt from the Biology 1 or US History assessment if the student is enrolled in AP, IB, or AICE Biology 1 or US History course and the student

- Takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE assessment,
- Earns the minimum score to earn college credit

Merit (Pinellas Technical/College Pathway)

- Must meet standard high school graduation requirements (see below)
- Earn at least one industry certification (per s. 1003.492 F.S.)

Graduation Requirements- Standard High School Diploma

- 4 Credits in English
 - 4 Credits in Math including Algebra 1 and Geometry
 - 3 Credits in Science including Biology 1
 - 3 Credits in Social Studies including World History, US History, Government, and Economics
 - 1 Credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech & Debate, or Practical Arts
 - 1 Credit in H.O.P.E. (PE with Health included)
 - 8 Credits in Elective Courses
 - 1 Course taken in a virtual environment
- Must have a 2.0 Cumulative GPA (un-weighted)

Resources:

www.pcsb.org/pinellas-pathways

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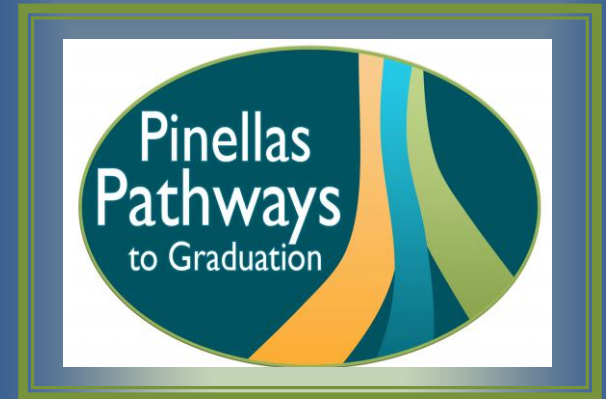
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**Pinellas County Schools
Office of School Counseling**

**Vision:
100% Student Success**

**Mission:
Educate and prepare each student
for college, career, and life.**



Effective 2014-2015

All Pinellas Pathways to Graduation prepare students to earn Florida's Standard High School Diploma. Students will receive support from school counselors to select a pathway that best fits their college and/or career plans. Students are not locked into one pathway, the lists below are recommendations. Students can earn more than one diploma designation.

Advanced Scholar Pathway

This course of study includes a rigorous level of required and elective courses that best prepare students seeking admittance to competitive four-year universities both in and out of state. This includes all students pursuing an AICE and IB diploma.

9th Grade

- English 1 or 2 Honors
- Advanced Placement Human Geography
- Geometry Honors or Algebra 2 Honors
- Biology 1 Honors
- World Language 1, 2 or 3
- Fine, Performing or Practical Arts elective (including many options in Career/Technical courses)
- Elective

10th Grade

- English 2 or 3 Honors, or Advanced Placement English 3 Language and Composition
- Advanced Placement World History
- Algebra 2 Honors or Pre-Calculus
- Chemistry 1 Honors or Physics 1 Honors
- World Language 2, 3 or 4
- H.O.P.E. (PE/Health)
- Elective

11th Grade

- English 3 or 4 Honors, or Advanced Placement English 3 Language and Composition, or Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition
- Advanced Placement US History
- Pre-Calculus, Advanced Placement Calculus, or Advanced Placement Statistics
- Advanced Placement Chemistry, Advanced Placement Biology, Chemistry 1 Honors or Physics 1 Honors
- World Language 3, 4 or 5, or Advanced Placement World Language
- 2 Electives

12th Grade

- English 4 Honors, Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition, or Dual Enrollment course
- US Government Honors or Advanced Placement US Government
- Economics Honors or Advanced Placement Micro/Macro Economics
- Advanced Placement level math or upper level college math (placement test required)
- Advanced Placement Science
- World Language 4 or 5, or Advanced Placement World Language
- 2 Electives

College Pathway (Scholar)

This course of study includes a rigorous level of required and elective courses that best prepare students for entry into a college or four year university both in and out of state.

9th Grade

- English 1 or 2 Honors
- Algebra 1 or Geometry Honors
- Social Science Honors or Advanced Placement Human Geography
- Earth Space Science or Biology 1 Honors
- World Language 1, 2, or 3
- Fine, Performing or Practical Arts elective (including many options in Career/Technical courses)
- Elective

10th Grade

- English 2 or 3 Honors
- Geometry Honors or Algebra 2 Honors
- World History, World History Honors, or Advanced Placement World History
- Biology 1 Honors
- World Language 2, 3 or 4
- H.O.P.E. (PE/Health)
- Elective

11th Grade

- English 3 or 4 Honors, Advanced Placement English Language and Composition, or Dual Enrollment Composition 1
- Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus, or College Algebra
- US History Honors or Advanced Placement US History
- Chemistry 1 Honors, Physics 1 Honors, Marine Science Honors, Anatomy & Physiology Honors, or Advanced Placement Science
- World Language 3, 4 or 5
- 2 Electives

12th Grade

- English 4 Honors, Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition, or Dual Enrollment Composition 1 or 2
- Pre-Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, or Advanced Placement Calculus
- US Government, US Government Honors, or Advanced Placement US Government
- Economics, Economics Honors, or Advanced Placement Macro/Micro Economics
- Physics Honors, Anatomy & Physiology Honors, or Advanced Placement Science
- World Language 4 or 5, or Advanced Placement World Language
- 2 Electives

All Pathways are Effective for 2014-2015

Technical/College Pathway (Merit)

This course of study offers the opportunity for students to challenge themselves in specific academic and elective areas of interest, earn nationally recognized industry certifications, and pursue entry into a post-secondary technical school or state college.

9th Grade

- English 1 or English 1 Honors
- Algebra 1, Geometry or Geometry Honors
- Social Science or Social Science Honors
- Earth Space Science or Biology 1 Honors
- Fine, Performing or Practical Arts elective
- World Language 1, 2 or 3
- Career/Technical Education Course

10th Grade

- English 2 or English 2 Honors
- Geometry, Geometry Honors, or Algebra 2 Honors
- World History, World History Honors, or Advanced Placement World History
- Biology 1 or Biology 1 Honors, Chemistry 1 or Chemistry 1 Honors
- World Language 1, 2 or 3
- H.O.P.E (PE/Health)
- Career/Technical Education Course

11th Grade

- English 3, English 3 Honors, Composition 1, or Advanced Placement English Language and Composition
- Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus, or Advanced Placement Statistics
- US History, US History Honors, or Advanced Placement US History
- Marine Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry 1, Physics 1, or Advanced Placement Science
- Career/Technical Education Course or PTEC Dual Enrollment Courses
- 2 Electives or World Language 2, 3 or 4

12th Grade

- English 4, English 4 Honors, Composition 1 & 2, or Advanced Placement English 4
- Pre-calculus, College Algebra, or Advanced Placement Math
- US Government, US Government Honors, or Advanced Placement US Government
- Economics, Economics Honors, or Advanced Placement Macro/Micro Economic
- Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Physics, Physics Honors, or Advanced Placement Science
- Career/Technical Education Courses or PTEC Dual Enrollment Courses
- 2 Electives