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| **Grading Scale** |
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| The following point scale will apply to all high schools, as well as to middle school students enrolled in high school courses in grade 7 or 8 for credit toward graduation:  |
| A = 4 grade points (90-100) (outstanding progress) |
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| B = 3 grade points (80-89) (above average progress) |
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| C = 2 grade points (70-79) (average progress) |
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| D = 1 grade point (60-69) (lowest acceptable progress) |
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| F = 0 grade points (O-59) (failure) |
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| Percents between eighty-nine percent (89%) and ninety percent (90%), seventy-nine percent (79%) and eighty percent (80%), sixty-nine percent (69%) and seventy percent (70%), and fifty-nine (59%) and sixty percent (60%) shall be rounded up to the higher grade if at the midpoint (.5) or above; those below the midpoint (.5) shall be rounded down to the lower grade. |
| **Calculating Final Grades** |
| The final grade in high schools offering the seven (7) credit schedule is a semester grade determined by giving equal value to each of the grades of the three (3) marking periods and to the final examination. |
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| To obtain the semester grade, add the unweighted grade point values of the three (3) term grades (T) and the unweighted grade point value of the exam grade (E), and divide that total by four (4): |
| (Tl+T2+T3+E)/4 = Semester Grade\* |
| In courses for which final examinations are not prescribed, the final grade will be determined by averaging the unweighted grades of the three (3) terms: |
| (Tl+T2+T3)/3 = Semester Grade\* |

The resulting semester grade average is converted to a letter grade based on the scale below (see paragraph (c) regarding grades at the midpoint):

A = 3.5-4

B = 2.5-3.5

C = 1.5-2.5

D = .5-1.5

F = 0-.5

\*These formulas for arriving at a student's grade may be nullified in any course in which the passing of a county test is part of the requirements, as stated in the County Course Description Catalog.

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| **Weighted Grade Point Average**  |
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| Grades are assigned the following point values only when determining class ranking and for averages for summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude status, valedictorian, salutatorian, and the National Honor Society: |
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|  | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **F** |
| Honors (Q) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Regular  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Basic (B) | 3 | 2 | 1 | .5 | 0 |
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| Class Rank: Class rank will be computed based on all courses taken for high school credit through the first semester of the 12th grade year. |
| **Honors Status** |
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| Students must earn the following cumulative weighted grade point averages (not rounded) to qualify for honors status. High school seniors who become eligible for an honors status during the second semester of their senior year shall have their seals mailed to them. |
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| **Summa cum laude-**  | GPA greater than 4.0 |
| **Magna cum laude -** | GPA greater than 3.8 but less than or equal to 4.0 |
| **Cum laude -**  | GPA greater than or equal to 3.5 but less than or equal to 3.8 |
| **With Distinction -** | GPA greater than or equal to 3.25 but less than 3.5 |

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| **Dual Credit** |
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| **The 2013-2014 St. Petersburg College Dual Credit Course list will be distributed in late Spring after School Board approval.** |
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| Dual credit courses provide standard diploma students with the opportunity to earn high school credit as well as college credit from St. Petersburg College (SPC). Course offerings at high schools will vary. College application fees and tuition are waived by the college and textbooks are paid for by the school district. |
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| In order to be eligible to take dual credit classes students must: |
| 1. be in 11th or 12th grade (other eligible secondary students must be academically advanced and in need of college level courses to meet specific high school graduation requirements);
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| 1. have a cumulative unweighted grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
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| 1. have earned an acceptable score on the SPC placement test.
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| Students may enroll only in dual credit courses that are included in the Pinellas County Schools’ Articulation Agreement with the college. SPC requires that students take the final exam in all courses. |
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| With permission from the high school principal, students who meet the above eligibility requirements, may enroll in specified dual credit courses on the SPC campus as part of their regular high school schedule for up to half of the school day. Students must complete the application for Dual Campus form and obtain approval of the high school principal or designee prior to enrolling in classes on the SPC campus. |
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| Guidance Counselors and the dual credit liaison in each high school have further details regarding this program. |

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| **Early Admission** |
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| A high school student may enter St. Petersburg College, University of Florida, or University of South Florida Honors College after the 11th grade provided that certain requirements have been satisfied. College application fees and tuition are waived by the college. This program requires that students spend their senior year as a full-time college student, completing high school graduation requirements while working toward their college AA degree. |
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| In order to be eligible for early admission to college students must: |
| 1. have completed three full years of high school with a minimum of 18 credits earned;
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| 1. be enrolled in and attend a PCS high school for the full semester prior to the start of Early Admission;
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| 1. have a cumulative unweighted grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (3.8 for USF Honors College);
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| 1. have met the minimum level of performance for high school graduation on the FCAT;

1. have earned 1.0 credit in HOPE and 1.0 credit in World History
2. have earned an acceptable score on the college placement test;
3. have obtained the signature of the high school principal on the application for Early Admission to College by February 10th for Fall and October 10th for Spring; and
4. have met the college application deadline.
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| Guidance Counselors and the dual credit liaison in each high school have further details regarding this program. |

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| **Early College** |
| The Early College Program is a partnership between St. Petersburg College and Pinellas County Schools that offers new and innovative options for high school students.Students entering grades 11 (and grade 12 based on availability) in Pinellas County high schools, as well as private and home-schooled students, who meet dual enrollment eligibility standards and reside in Pinellas County, will have the opportunity to attend the Early College Program. Private and home-schooled students will be required to enroll in a public high school to participate. Students will remain dual-enrolled in their home high schools (allowing them to participate in extracurricular activities) while taking all classes at St. Petersburg College. |
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| [www.spcollege.edu/central/earlycollege](http://www.spcollege.edu/central/earlycollege) |

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| **FAST TRACK BA** |
| **THREE-YEAR BACCALAUREATE** |

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| **IN PINELLAS COUNTY** |
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| Students in designated Pinellas County high schools may participate in a special program that will permit them to obtain their bachelor’s degree within three years after graduating from high school and save a year’s worth of college cost at the same time. |
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| The Fast Track BA, which offers an opportunity to specialize in many different majors, is a joint program offered by Pinellas County Schools, St. Petersburg College, and the University of South Florida’s St. Petersburg campus. High school students can simultaneously earn high school and college credits without charge and complete college a year early. Students and their parents will save a full year of tuition and other costs of attending college. For more information contact the assistant principal for curriculum for further information regarding Fast Track B.A. |

\* The Fast Track BA Program is currently available at Dunedin High School.