HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Most students graduate in four years. To find out more about graduation requirements and options, please visit http://www.fldoe.org/bii/studentpro/grad-require.asp. The 3-year 18-credit career preparatory option is for students who are able to maintain a high GPA, are willing to forgo most electives, and are mature enough to handle college or work at an early age.

Some students may take high school courses in middle school and earn high school credit. See your local school counselor or career specialist for more information.

Section 1003.428 F.S., General requirements for high school graduation; revised. Graduation requires the successful completion of a minimum of 24 credits, an International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, or an Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum. Students must be advised of eligibility requirements for state scholarship programs and postsecondary admissions.

Graduation requirements of 24-credit program:
- Sixteen (16) core curriculum credits;
- Eight (8) credits in electives; and
- Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, at least one course within the 24 credits required (excluding a driver education course) must be completed through online learning.

THE 16 CORE CURRICULUM CREDITS for students entering grade Nine (9) (2013-2014 school year):

English
Students must earn four (4) credits in English. ELA honors, AP AICE, IB, and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement (must pass Grade 10 ELA state assessment; must take ELA Grade 11 state assessment when implemented) in order to earn a standard high school diploma.

Math
Students must earn four (4) credits in mathematics; one of which must be Algebra I , one of which must be Geometry, (Algebra 1 EOC results count 30% of final course grade; must pass to earn a standard diploma; geometry EOC results count 30% of final course grade. If Algebra II is selected, Algebra II state assessment results count 30% of final course grade when implemented. Industry certification courses leading to college credit may substitute for up to two (2) math credits.

Science
Students must earn three (3) credits in science one of which must be Biology I (Biology I EOC results count 30% of final course grade), (2) credits in equally rigorous science

courses, two of the three credits must have a laboratory component. Industry certification courses leading to college credit may substitute for up to one science credit.

Social Studies
Students must earn three (3) credits in social studies as follows: one (1) credit in United States history (U.S. History EOC results count 30% of final course grade); one (1) credit in world history; one-half credit in economics (must include financial literacy); and one-half credit in United States government.

Other required courses
Students must earn one (1) credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or a practical arts course (eligible courses specified in the Florida Course Code Directory). Students must earn one (1) credit in physical education to include integration of health. Students must complete (1) course through online learning.

EIGHT (8) ELECTIVE CREDITS

The electives may include intensive reading or mathematics intervention courses, or credit recovery courses.

Students should select their electives that fits their abilities and interests, and will best prepare them for postsecondary education and future career goals.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The sample programs of study are based on the 24-credit graduation option. Secondary academic and career and technical education courses are locally determined and based on the individual school's instructional schedule (six period day, seven period day, or block schedule).

The sample programs of study developed by the FLDOE are based on statewide articulation agreements based upon industry certification. They are to be used as a guide for a student's plan. Course availability, required remediation or a change in the student's goals may influence their program of study.

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