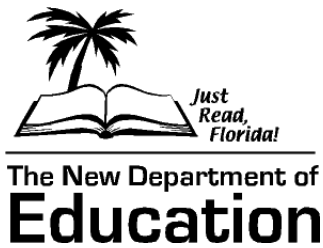
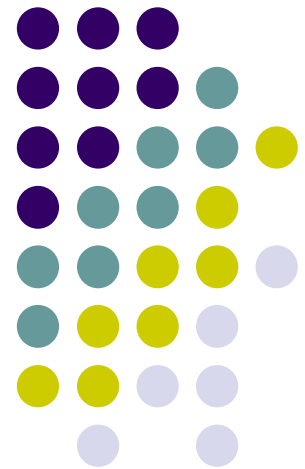


Florida's New High School Graduation Options



Florida Department of Education



SB 30A: The Quality Education Act



- Requires school districts to notify parents of the opportunity and benefits of
 - advanced placement
 - International Baccalaureate
 - Advanced International Certificate of Education
 - dual enrollment
 - Florida Virtual School courses

Senate Bill 30A: The Quality Education Act



- Provides that students must complete a college-preparatory curriculum of 18 credits to satisfy requirements for State University System (SUS) admissions

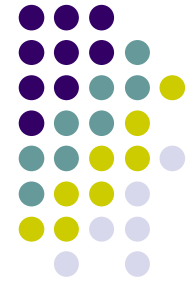


Senate Bill 30A: The Quality Education Act



- Provides students and parents the opportunity to select from three high school graduation programs the one that will best prepare students for their chosen postsecondary paths





Graduation Programs

- Four-year, 24-credit standard program
- Three-year, 18-credit standard college preparatory program
- Three-year, 18-credit career preparatory program

All Graduation Programs



Students are required to:

- Earn passing scores on FCAT
- Achieve cumulative GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale
- Meet minimum course requirements



Four-year Standard Program



- Minimum 24 credits/Standard Diploma—no change from current requirements, including additional district requirements
- Preparation for postsecondary education or the workforce





Three-year College Preparatory Program

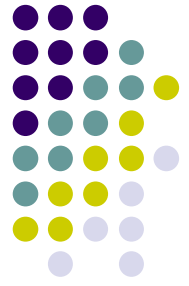
- 18 academic credits/Standard Diploma
 - 4 credits in English
 - 3 credits in math (must be Algebra I or higher)
 - 3 credits in science (two labs)
 - 3 credits in social sciences
 - 2 credits in same second language (unless proficient)
 - 3 credits in electives

Three-year Career Preparatory Program



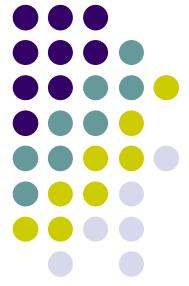
- 18 academic credits/Standard Diploma
 - 4 credits in English
 - 3 credits in math including Algebra I or equivalent
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 - 3 credits in electives

Three-year Graduation Programs



- Designed for students who intend to further their education after high school
 - College prep: community college or university
 - Career prep: vocational, technical, or other career preparation program or community college
- Designed for students who
 - Have clear future goals
 - Have maturity to demonstrate a successful transition to a postsecondary education setting
 - Are ready to accelerate their education

Three-year Graduation Programs



- Districts must provide information to students and their parents in grades 6 -12.
- Districts may not add requirements to the three-year programs.
- Districts may require specific courses and programs of study within the minimum credit requirement, as long as students selecting the four-year program are subject to the same course requirements.

Three-year Graduation Programs



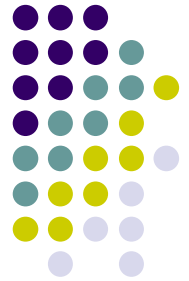
- 4th year students in 2003-04 may graduate as soon as they complete all requirements.
 - Passing scores on the FCAT
 - GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale
 - Minimum course requirements

Three-year Graduation Programs



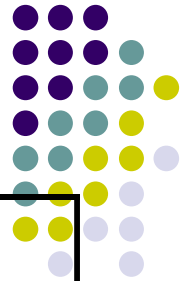
- Students choosing these graduation programs must attend high school for three full school years.
- Certificates of completion are not available.
- Special diplomas are not available.

Three-year Graduation Program



- Students in grades 9-12 must select a graduation program for 2003-2004 school year.
- Students and parents may change graduation programs within the first three years of high school, pursuant to district policy
- If no selection is made, the student is considered to have chosen the four-year, 24-credit option.

Graduation Programs Compared



	24-Credit Standard	18-Credit College Prep (must meet SUS admissions)	18-Credit Career Prep (must meet FGSV award)
English	4.0 credits	4.0 credits	4.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits including Algebra I	3.0 credits including Algebra I or higher	3.0 credits including Algebra I
Science	3.0 credits with 2 labs	3.0 credits with 2 labs	3.0 credits with 2 labs
PE	1.0 credit	Not Required	Not Required

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Social Studies	3.0 credits (American and World History, Econ, and American Government)	3.0 credits	3.0 credits
Foreign Language	Not Required	2.0 credits	2.0 credits
Fine/ Prac. Art	Required	Not required	Not required
LMS	.5 credit	Not required	Not required
Electives	8.5 credits	3.0 credits	3.0 credits

Academic Advisement

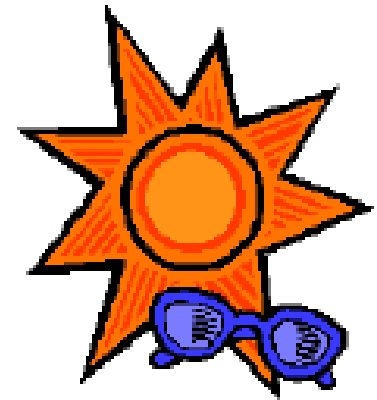


- *With careful planning*, all three graduation programs will permit completion of an associate degree through dual enrollment
- *With careful planning*, all three graduation programs meet Bright Futures requirements
- *With careful planning*, all three will meet *minimum* Florida SUS admission requirements

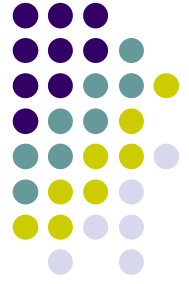
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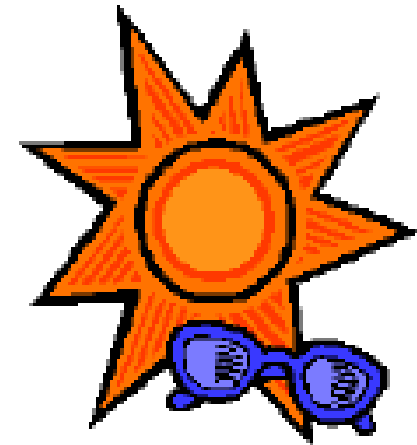
- Individual needs of student
 - Exploring interests, aptitudes, and achievement
 - Setting academic and career goals
- Critical deadlines
 - College entrance testing deadlines
 - Postsecondary education admission
 - Financial assistance
 - Scholarships
 - Housing
 - Intercollegiate athletic eligibility



Academic Advisement

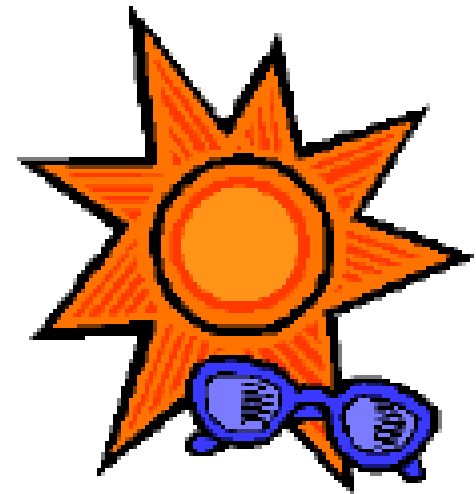


- Educational benefits of acceleration opportunities and programs
- SUS admission requirements
- Admission requirements for out-of-state colleges and universities
- Bright Futures
 - Academic Scholars Award
 - Medallion Scholars Award
 - Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award



Academic Advisement

- Vocational Gold Seal Scholarships
- FACTS.org
- Advanced placement
- Dual enrollment
- Florida Virtual School
- International Baccalaureate Program
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)



Ask Students and Parents: Have you considered



- ☑ Career goals?
- ☑ Postsecondary goals (in state/out of state)?
- ☑ Postsecondary goals (community college/university)?



Ask Students and Parents:

Would you like more information regarding?

- FACTS.org
- Access to dual enrollment?
- Financial assistance?
- University housing?
- Scholarship opportunities?

In a Nutshell- Parents and students should consider



- ☑ Participation in extra-curricular activities and sports
- ☑ Student's maturity to transition successfully into postsecondary education
- ☑ Workforce readiness

In a Nutshell-



Students and parents have the opportunity to select the option that best aligns with the students' postsecondary plans!

