

Students Entering Grade Nine In 2012-13 School Year

Subject Area	Graduation Requirements	
	24-Credit Program	ACCEL Program/Diploma Designations
English/ Language Arts (ELA)	4 credits with major concentration in composition, reading for information, and literature (must pass the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading or earn a passing concordant score on the ACT or SAT)	<p style="text-align: center;">ACCEL Program (18 credits minimum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical education is not required • 3 elective credits • Online course is not required
Mathematics	4 credits, one of which must be Algebra 1 or its equivalent and one of which must be geometry or its equivalent (must pass Algebra 1 EOC to earn course credit; must take geometry EOC)	<p>All other graduation requirements for a standard diploma must be met (per s. 1003.4282(3)(a)-(e), F.S.).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scholar Designation</p>
Science	3 credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component and one of which must be Biology 1 or an equivalent course or a series of courses (must take Biology 1 EOC)	<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 • 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.
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) 	
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	<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.).
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	
<p>Special Notes: EOC, End-of-Course Assessment; AP, advanced placement; AICE, Advanced International Certificate of Education; IB, International Baccalaureate.</p>		

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[Section 1003.428, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#)