

## Graduation Requirements Grade 9

<b>Students who entered Grade 9 in the 2016-2017 School Year</b>						
<p>What are the diploma options?</p> <p>Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24-credit standard diploma</li> <li>• 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option</li> <li>• International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum</li> </ul>						
<p>What are the state assessment requirements?</p> <p>Students must pass the following statewide assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)</li> <li>• Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) and the results constitute thirty percent of the final course grade* or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)</li> </ul> <p>Students must participate in the EOC assessments and the results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade*. These assessments are in the following subjects:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Biology I</td> <td style="width: 50%;">U.S. History</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Geometry</td> <td>Algebra II (if enrolled)</td> </tr> </table> <p>*Special Note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC.</p>	Biology I	U.S. History	Geometry	Algebra II (if enrolled)		
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<p>What is the credit acceleration program (CAP)?</p> <p>This program allows a student to earn high school credit if the student passes an advanced placement (AP) examination, a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a statewide course assessment without enrollment in the course. The courses include the following subjects:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Algebra I</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Biology I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Geometry</td> <td>Algebra II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U.S. History</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Algebra I	Biology I	Geometry	Algebra II	U.S. History	
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<p>What are the graduation requirements for students with disabilities?</p> <p>Two options are available only to students with disabilities. Both require the 24 credits listed in the table and both allow students to substitute a career and technical (CTE) course with related content for one credit in ELA IV, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I and U.S. History).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.</li> <li>• Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least .5 credit via paid employment.</li> </ul>						

<p>What are the requirements for the 24-credit standard diploma option?</p>
<b>4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA I, II, III, IV</li> <li>• ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB) and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement.</li> </ul>
<b>4 Credits Mathematics</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of which must be Algebra I and one of which must be Geometry</li> <li>• Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra I and Geometry).</li> </ul>
<b>3 Credits Science</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of which must be Biology I, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses</li> <li>• Two of the three required credits must have a laboratory component.</li> <li>• An industry certification that leads to college credit substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I).</li> <li>• An identified rigorous computer science course with a related industry certification substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I).</li> </ul>
<b>3 Credits Social Studies</b>
<p>1 credit in World History            1 credit in U.S. History            .5 credit in U.S. Government            .5 credit in Economics with Financial Literacy</p>
<b>1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts†</b>
<b>1.5 Credit Physical Education†</b>
<p>To include the integration of health            One-half (.5) credit in personal fitness (state required course)            One-half (.5) credit in physical education (state requirement)            One-half (.5) credit in physical education (School Board requirement)</p>
<p>† Special Note: Eligible courses and eligible course substitutions are specified in the Florida Course Code Directory at <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/ccd">http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/ccd</a>.</p>
<b>7.5 Elective Credits</b>
<b>1 Online Course</b>
<p>Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.</p>

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What are the requirements for standard diploma designations?
<b>Scholar Diploma Designation</b>
<p>In addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, a student must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earn 1 credit in Algebra II (must pass EOC);</li> <li>• Pass the Geometry EOC;</li> <li>• Earn 1 credit in statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course;</li> <li>• Pass the Biology I EOC;</li> <li>• Earn 1 credit in chemistry or physics;</li> <li>• Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics;</li> <li>• Pass the U.S. History EOC;</li> <li>• Earn 2 credits in the same world language; and</li> <li>• Earn at least 1 credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course.</li> </ul> <p>A student is exempt from the Biology I or U.S. History assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology I or U.S. History course and the student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and</li> <li>• Earns the minimum score to earn college credit.</li> </ul>
<b>Merit Diploma Designation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the standard high school diploma requirements</li> <li>• Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (1003.492, F.S.).</li> </ul>
Can a student who selects the 24-credit program graduate early?
Yes, a student who completes all the 24-credit program requirements for a standard diploma may graduate in fewer than eight semesters.
What is the distinction between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 3 elective credits required</li> <li>• Physical Education is not required</li> <li>• Online course is not required</li> </ul> <p>All other graduation requirements for a 24-credit standard diploma must be met (1003.4282(3)(a)-(e), F.S.).</p>
Where is information on Bright Futures Scholarships located?
<p>The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program rewards students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding to attend a postsecondary institution in Florida. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/">http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/</a>.</p>

What are the public postsecondary options?
<b>State University System</b>
<p>Admission into Florida’s public universities is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous curriculum in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida’s public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school graduation with a standard diploma</li> <li>• Admission test scores</li> <li>• 16 Credits of approved college preparatory academic courses</li> <li>• 4 English (3 with substantial writing)</li> <li>• 4 Mathematics (Algebra I level and above)</li> <li>• 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)</li> <li>• 3 Social Science</li> <li>• 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language)</li> <li>• 2 Approved electives</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.flbog.edu/forstudents/planning">http://www.flbog.edu/forstudents/planning</a></p>
<b>The Florida College System</b>
<p>The 28 state colleges offer career-related certificates and two-year associate degrees that prepare students to transfer to a bachelor’s degree program or to enter jobs requiring specific skills. Many also offer baccalaureate degrees in high-demand fields. Florida College System institutions have an open door policy. This means that students who have earned a standard high school diploma, have earned a high school equivalency diploma or have demonstrated success in postsecondary coursework will be admitted to an associate degree program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/index.stml">http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/index.stml</a></p>
<b>Career and Technical Centers</b>
<p>Florida also offers students 48 accredited career and technical centers throughout the state, which provide the education and certification necessary to work in a particular career or technical field. Programs are flexible for students and provide industry-specific education and training for a wide variety of occupations.</p>
Where is information on financial aid located?
<p>The Office of Student Financial Assistance State Programs administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships. To learn more, visit <a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/">http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/</a>.</p>