

Graduation Requirements Grade 9

| Students who entered Grade 9 in the 2017-2018 School Year |
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| <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"> • 24-credit standard diploma • 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option • International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum |
| <p>What are the state assessment requirements?</p> <p>Students must pass the following statewide assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)* • Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) and the results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)* <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> <p style="text-align: center;">✓ U.S. History ✓ Geometry ✓ Biology I</p> <p>* Subject to State Board of Education Approval. **Special Note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC.</p> |
| <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> <p style="text-align: center;">✓ Algebra I ✓ Biology I ✓ Geometry ✓ U.S. History</p> |
| <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"> • Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment. • Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least .5 credit via paid employment. |

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| <p>What are the requirements for the 24-credit standard diploma option?</p> |
| 4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA I, II, III, IV • ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB) and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement. |
| 4 Credits Mathematics |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of which must be Algebra I and one of which must be Geometry • Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra I and Geometry). |
| 3 Credits Science |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of which must be Biology I, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses • Two of the three required credits must have a laboratory component. • An industry certification that leads to college credit substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I). • An identified rigorous computer science course with a related industry certification substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I). |
| 3 Credits Social Studies |
| <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> |
| 1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts† |
| 1.5 Credit Physical Education† |
| <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 http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/ccd.</p> |
| 7.5 Elective Credits |
| 1 Online Course |
| <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? |
| Scholar Diploma Designation |
| <p>In addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, a student must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn 1 credit in Algebra II; • Pass the Geometry EOC; • Earn 1 credit in statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course; • Pass the Biology I EOC; • Earn 1 credit in chemistry or physics; • Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics; • Pass the U.S. History EOC; • Earn 2 credits in the same world language; and • Earn at least 1 credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course. <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"> • Takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and • Earns the minimum score to earn college credit. |
| Merit Diploma Designation |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the standard high school diploma requirements • Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (1003.492, F.S.). |
| 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"> • Only 3 elective credits required • Physical Education is not required • Online course is not required <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 http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/.</p> |

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| What are the public postsecondary options? |
| State University System |
| <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"> • High school graduation with a standard diploma • Admission test scores • 16 Credits of approved college preparatory academic courses • 4 English (3 with substantial writing) • 4 Mathematics (Algebra I level and above) • 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab) • 3 Social Science • 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language) • 2 Approved electives <p style="text-align: center;">http://www.flbog.edu/forstudents/planning</p> |
| The Florida College System |
| <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;">http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/index.stml</p> |
| Career and Technical Centers |
| <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 http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/.</p> |