

<b>Courses</b>	<b>24 Credit/4 Year Traditional Program for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade prior to 2007-2008</b> (FS 1003.43)	<b>24 Credit/ 4 Year Traditional Program for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2007-2008 and thereafter</b> (FS 10034.428)
English	4 credits (major concentration in composition and literature)	4 credits, with major concentration in composition, reading for information, and literature
Mathematics	3 credits (one of which must be Algebra I or its equivalent)	4 credits, one of which must be Algebra I or its equivalent, or a higher-level mathematics course
Science	3 credits, including 1 credit in biology and 1 credit in a physical science; all must include a laboratory component	3 credits, including 1 credit in biology and 1 credit in a physical science; all must include a laboratory component
Social Studies	1 credit world history 1 credit American history ½ credit American government ½ credit economics	1 credit world history 1 credit American History .5 credit American govt. .5 credit economics
• Foreign Language	Not required for high school graduation; required for admission into most universities	Not required for high school graduation; but required for admission into state universities
• Practical Arts or Performing/Fine Arts	1 credit practical arts career education or exploratory career education <i>or</i> 1 credit performing fine arts <i>or</i> ½ credit in practical arts and ½ credit in performing fine arts	1 credit in performing or fine arts, speech, debate or approved practical arts course.
• Life Management Skills	½ credit	0
• Physical Education	1 credit (including ½ credit of Personal Fitness and ½ credit physical fitness education elective)	Or 1 credit in physical education to include the integration of health
• Majors/Minors or Electives	8 ½ credits	8 credits including: ▪ 4 credits in a major area of interest ▪ 4 credits in elective courses, which may be combined to allow for a second major area of interest, a minor area of interest (3 credits), individual elective courses, intensive reading or mathematics intervention courses, or credit recovery courses
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 credits</b>	<b>24 credits</b>
Community Service Hours (students entering 9 <sup>th</sup> grade in 2004-2005 and thereafter)	20 hours	20 hours
State Assessment Requirements	Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT (1) (2)	Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT (1) (2)
Grade Point Average Requirements (GPA)	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

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Students are encouraged to consider their post-secondary education or career plan goals when selecting a graduation option. **In order to select a three-year graduation option, students and their parent/guardian must meet with the school counselor to complete a declaration form prior to the end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade**, absent statutory reasons for extension. Parents of students with disabilities who are not pursuing a standard diploma should contact the Exceptional Student Education Coordinator at their school for the requirements of a special diploma, consistent with FAC 6A-109961.

<b>18 Credit/3 Year College Prep Program for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> in 2006-2007 and thereafter (FS 1003.429 (b))</b>	<b>18 Credit/3 Year Career Prep Program for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2004-2005 and thereafter (FS 1003.429 (c))</b>
4 credits (major concentration in composition and literature)	4 credits (major concentration in composition and literature)
3 credits at the Algebra I level or above	3 credits (one of which must be Algebra I)
3 credits in natural science; 2 must have lab component	3 credits in natural science; 2 must have lab component
1 credit world history 1 credit American history ½ credit American government ½ credit economics	1 credit world history 1 credit American history ½ credit American government ½ credit economics
2 credits in the same language or demonstrated proficiency in a second language (4)	
0	3 credits in a single vocational/career ed. program <i>or</i> 3 credits in a single career/technical certificate dual enrollment program <i>or</i> 5 credits in vocational or career ed (3 of which are in a single program)
0	0
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3 credits (must meet state university admission requirements)	2 credits unless 5 career ed. credits earned above
<b>18 credits</b> (4)	<b>18 credits</b>
0	0
Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT (1)(2)	Earn passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT (1)(2)
3.5 weighted GPA in required courses and at least a 3.0 weight in each grade applied to the 18 credits	3.0 weighted GPA in required courses and at least a 2.0 in each grade applied to the 18 credits

- 1) FCAT requirement may be met with SAT/ACT scores that are concordant with passing FCAT scores, after 3 FCAT attempts.
- 2) Waiver provided for Exceptional Student Education students under certain conditions. See ESE Coordinator.
- 3) Students meeting foreign language proficiency are required to take two additional academic courses.
- 4) All credits earned should satisfy admissions requirements of the state university system. At least 6 of the 18 credits must be in classes designated AP, IB, AICE or specified rigorous by the Florida Department of Education.