

**Brevard Public Schools  
High School Graduation Requirements**

Subject Area	26-Credit Graduation Requirements (30-Credits Block Schools)
English Language Arts (ELA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4.0 credits in English Language Arts 1, 2, 3, 4               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– English Language Arts Honors, AP, AICE, IB, and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Must pass the statewide, standardized Grade 10 ELA assessment (or earn a concordant score) in order to graduate with a Standard High School Diploma</li> </ul>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4.0 credits, one must be Algebra 1 and one must be Geometry</li> <li>▪ Mathematics must be taken during the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade years</li> <li>▪ 3.0 of the Math credits must be earned in grades 9-12</li> <li>▪ Must pass Algebra 1 EOC if Algebra 1 is taken after 2010-2011 (or earn a comparative score) in order to graduate with a Standard High School Diploma</li> <li>▪ Industry certification that leads to college credit may substitute for up to 2.0 mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)</li> <li>▪ Several Computer Education courses count as math courses (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry). See your counselor for more information.</li> </ul>
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3.0 credits in science must include either:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sequence A: 1.0 credit each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (strongly recommended), <i>OR</i></li> <li>– Sequence B: 1.0 credit each in Integrated 1, 2, 3 (ending with the graduating class of 2020) <i>OR</i></li> <li>– Sequence C: 1.0 credit each in Physical Science, Biology and Equally Rigorous Science course (beginning with the graduating class of 2020) <i>Sequence C NOTE: Graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 only – Integrated 1 will count as the Physical Science needed for graduation.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Industry certification that leads to college credit may substitute for up to 1.0 science credit (except for Biology).</li> <li>▪ Several IB Computer Education courses count as EQ science courses. See your counselor for more information.</li> </ul>
<b>Students must complete 4.0 Science credits OR 4.0 Social Studies credits</b>	
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3.0 credits in social studies must include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1.0 credit in World History</li> <li>– 1.0 credit in U.S. History</li> <li>– 0.5 credit in U.S. Government</li> <li>– 0.5 credit in Economics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
World Languages	2.0 sequential credits in the same language are required for admission into Florida state universities and for Bright Futures eligibility. Many competitive schools (in state and out-of-state) require 3-4 credits of World Language.
Performing Fine Arts	1.0 credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts (eligible courses specified in the Florida Course Code Directory)
Physical Education	1.0 credit in Health Opportunities for Physical Education (HOPE), which includes Compression Only CPR
Career Research and Decision Making	0.5 credit (the course also satisfies the requirements of Statute 1003.42(2)(s) for Character Development Curriculum)
Electives	8.5 credits (12.5 credits block schools)
Online Course	1 course within the 26 credits
Grade Point Average (GPA)	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
Rigorous Course Requirements	<p>Students will be required to complete a program of study in at least one of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3.0 credits in any combination of approved Dual Enrollment (DE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), or approved Honors courses, <i>OR</i></li> <li>▪ 3.0 or more credits in a Career &amp; Technical Education Program of Study which will be used to complete a sequential career and technical education program resulting in a credential endorsed by a national, state, or local industry, <i>OR</i></li> <li>▪ 4.0 or more credits in sequential Performing Fine Arts courses that lead to College and/or Career Readiness</li> </ul>
<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The following courses include EOC assessments which count as 30% of the Final Course Grade: Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and U.S. History.</li> <li>▪ Based on individual student needs, the 4<sup>th</sup> additional science credit may be chosen from any EQ Science or Non-EQ Science course</li> <li>▪ Participation in a FHSAA interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level for two full seasons shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in HOPE.</li> <li>▪ Completion of two years in a Reserved Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C) class shall satisfy the 1.0 credit requirement in HOPE <b>AND</b> the 1.0 credit requirement in performing fine arts.</li> <li>▪ The number of credits required for graduation for students who enter a block schedule school from a non-block school will be decreased by 0.5 credits for each semester the student was in a non-block school.</li> <li>▪ The Credit Acceleration Program (CAP) - 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.</li> </ul>	

# WHAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS NEED TO KNOW

## Diploma Designations

### Scholar Diploma Designation

In addition to meeting the Standard High School Diploma requirements:

- Pass Geometry EOC (beginning with the graduating class of 2018)
- Earn one (1) credit in Algebra 2 or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Earn one (1) credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC
- Earn one (1) credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn one (1) credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the U.S. History EOC
- Earn two (2) credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least one (1) credit in AP, IB, AICE, or a dual enrollment course.

A student is exempt from taking the Biology 1 or U.S. History EOC if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB, or AICE Biology 1 or U.S. History course and the student earns the minimum score to earn college credit on the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment.

### Merit Diploma Designation

In addition to meeting the Standard High School Diploma requirements:

- Attain one (1) or more industry certifications from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.).

### Florida Seal of Biliteracy Diploma Designation

The Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program is established to recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one (1) or more world languages in addition to English. The Gold or Silver Seal of Biliteracy must be awarded to a high school student who has earned a standard high school diploma and who has:

- Earned 4 world language course credits in the same world language with a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher,
- Achieved a qualifying score on a world language assessment, OR
- Satisfied alternative requirements as determined by the State Board of Education.

## Online Course Requirement

A student may satisfy the online course graduation requirement by:

- Completion of an online high school level course taken in grades 6 through grade 12, OR
- Completion of a course in which a student earns a nationally recognized Industry Certification in Information Technology that is identified on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List.

The online requirement does not apply to:

- A student who has an individual education plan which indicates that an online course would be inappropriate OR
- An out-of-state transfer student who is enrolled in a Florida high school and has one (1) academic year or less remaining in high school.

## What are the Graduation Requirements for Students With Disabilities?

Two (2) options are available only to students with disabilities. Both require the 26 credits listed and both allow students to substitute a career and technical (CTE) course with related content for one (1) credit in ELA IV, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I and U.S. History). Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.

## What are the Public Postsecondary Options?

### STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Admission into Florida's public universities is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous curriculum in high school and apply to more than one (1) university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one (1) of Florida's public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements:

- High school graduation with a standard diploma
- Admission test scores
- Sixteen (16) Credits of approved college preparatory academic courses
  - 4 English
  - 4 Mathematics (Algebra I level and above)
  - 3 Science
  - 3 Social Science
  - 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language)

- Two (2) approved electives

<http://www.flbog.edu/forstudents/planning>

### THE FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM

The twenty-eight (28) state colleges offer career-related certificates and two (2) 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.

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/index.shtml>

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTERS

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.

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/dist-ps-instit.shtml>

## Where is Information on Financial Aid Located?

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/>.

## Where is Information on the Bright Futures Scholarships Located?

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/>.