

**Florida Standard Diploma High School Graduation Options  
(for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2014 – 2015 and after)**

24 credit standard diploma option available to all students, including students with disabilities.	24 credit standard diploma option with academic and employment requirements, available only to students with disabilities.	24 credit standard diploma option available only to students with significant cognitive disabilities, who take access courses and the alternate assessment.*
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column</li> <li>▪ May substitute a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course with content related to English for English IV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column</li> <li>▪ May substitute access courses for general education courses</li> <li>▪ May substitute a CTE course with content related to English for English IV</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column</li> <li>▪ May substitute a CTE course with content related to mathematics for one mathematics credit (except for Algebra I and Geometry)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column</li> <li>▪ May substitute access courses for general education courses</li> <li>▪ May substitute a CTE course with content related to mathematics for one mathematics credit (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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column</li> <li>▪ May substitute a CTE course with content related to science for one science credit (except for Biology I)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column</li> <li>▪ May substitute access courses for general education courses</li> <li>▪ May substitute a CTE course with content related to science for one science credit (except for Biology I)</li> </ul>
<b>3 Credits Social Studies</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 credit in World History</li> <li>▪ 1 credit in U.S. History</li> <li>▪ .5 credit in U.S. Government</li> <li>▪ .5 credit in Economics with Financial Literacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column</li> <li>▪ May substitute a CTE course with content related to social studies for one social studies credit (except for U.S. History)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column</li> <li>▪ May substitute access courses for general education courses</li> <li>▪ May substitute a CTE course with content related to social studies for one social studies course (except for U.S. History)</li> </ul>
<b>1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts**</b>		
<b>8 Elective Credits</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must include .5 credit in an employment based course</li> <li>▪ May include ESE courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ May include employment based course/s</li> </ul>
<b>1 Credit Physical Education to include the integration of health</b>		
<b>1 Online Course</b> (requirement may be waived by an IEP team)		
<b>Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and pass statewide assessments or meet the criteria for a waiver of assessment results.</b>		

\* Parental consent is required for a student to be instructed in access courses.

\*\*Eligible courses and eligible course substitutions are specified in the [Florida Course Code Directory](#).