

Students Entering Ninth Grade in 2007-2008 School Year

Subject Area	Graduation Requirements of 24-Credit/4-year Traditional Program	Graduation Requirements of 18-Credit/3-year College Preparatory Program⁽¹⁾	Graduation Requirements of 18-Credit/3-year Career Preparatory Program
English	4 credits, with major concentration in composition, reading for information, and literature	4 credits, with major concentration in composition and literature	4 credits, with major concentration in composition and literature
Mathematics	4 credits, one of which must be Algebra I or its equivalent, or a higher-level mathematics course ⁽²⁾	3 credits at the Algebra I level or above from the list of courses that qualify for state university admission	3 credits, one of which must be Algebra I or its equivalent ⁽²⁾
Science	3 credits in natural science, two must have a laboratory component	3 credits in natural science, two must have a laboratory component	3 credits in natural science, two must have a laboratory component
Social Studies	1 credit world history 1 credit American history .5 credit American govt. .5 credit economics	1 credit world history 1 credit American history .5 credit American govt. .5 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; but required for admission into state universities	2 credits in the same language or demonstrated proficiency in a second language	Not Required
Fine Arts	1 credit in fine arts	Not Required	Not Required
Physical Education	1 credit in physical education to include the integration of health ⁽³⁾	Not Required	Not Required
Majors, Minors, or Electives ⁽⁴⁾	8 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	3 credits in electives	3 credits in single vocational/career education program and 2 credits in electives <i>or</i> 3 credits in single career/technical certificate dual enrollment and 2 credits in electives <i>or</i> 5 credits in vocational/career education (including 3 credits in one sequential career and technical education program)
Total	24 credits	18 credits	18 credits
State Assessment Requirements	Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT or scores on a standardized test that are concordant with the passing scores on the FCAT (ACT or SAT)	Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT or scores on a standardized test that are concordant with the passing scores on the FCAT (ACT or SAT)	Passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT or scores on a standardized test that are concordant with the passing scores on the FCAT (ACT or SAT)
Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale	Cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the courses required for the college preparatory program and a weighted or unweighted grade that earns at least 3.0 points or its equivalent in each of the 18 required credits	Cumulative weighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the courses required for the career preparatory program and a weighted or unweighted grade that earns at least 2.0 points or its equivalent in each of the 18 required credits

- (1) All courses earned toward the 18-credit/three-year College Prep Program must satisfy admission requirements for the state university system. To determine which courses meet state university system admissions requirements, please use the Comprehensive Course Table or see school guidance counselor for assistance. At least 6 of the 18 credits must be in classes that are dual enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), or specifically listed as rigorous by the Department of Education.
- (2) See high school guidance counselor for assistance with Algebra I equivalents. Courses or series of courses deemed "equivalent" for satisfying the Algebra I graduation requirements are: Algebra I; Algebra I Honors; Algebra Ia and Ib; Applied Mathematics I and II, Integrated Mathematics I and II; and Pacesetter Mathematics I.
- (3) See high school guidance counselor for physical education electives.
- (4) Students may revise major areas of interest each year as part of their annual course registration processes.

State University/Community College Admission and Bright Futures Requirements

State University System Admission Requirements

To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a student must:

- Meet all traditional requirements
 - high school graduation with a standard diploma
 - grade point average in high school academic core courses
 - admissions test scores (ACT or SAT)

OR

- Qualify for the Talented 20 program

OR

- Be selected through a "student profile assessment" that considers other special factors (e.g., special talents)

OR

- Obtain an associate of arts degree from a Florida community college

The 18 high school credits required for SUS admission are:

- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 3 mathematics (algebra I and above)
- 3 natural science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 social science
- 2 foreign language (in the same language)
- 3 approved electives (in certain combinations)

Students must meet with their counselor to ensure that courses satisfy SUS admission requirements.

Florida Community College System Admission Requirements

To qualify to enter an associate degree program at one of Florida's community colleges, a student must:

- Graduate with a standard high school diploma

OR

- Earn a high school equivalency diploma

OR

- Have previously demonstrated competency in college credit postsecondary coursework

AND

- Demonstrate achievement of college-level communication and computation skills (often determined by exam or standardized test scores)

For those students interested in non-degree certificate programs, please see an admissions counselor as requirements may vary.

The 18 high school credits recommended for community college admission are:

- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 3 mathematics (algebra I and above)
- 3 natural science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 social science
- 2 foreign language (in the same language)
- 3 approved electives (in certain combinations)

Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements for 2011 High School Graduates

Florida Academic Scholars/Florida Medallion Scholars must have:

- 15 credits in college preparatory courses in the following areas:
 - 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
 - 3 mathematics (algebra I and above)
 - 3 natural science (2 with substantial lab)
 - 3 social science
 - 2 foreign language (in the same language)
- Up to three additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above and/or AP, IB, or AICE fine arts courses to raise the GPA
- A 3.5 weighted GPA in the above courses; 75 hours community service; and a minimum score of 1270 on the SAT or 28 on the ACT to be a Florida Academic Scholar (FAS)
- A 3.0 weighted GPA in the above courses and a minimum score of 970 on the SAT or 20 on the ACT to be a Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)

Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) Scholars⁵ must have:

- 16 credits in the following areas:
 - 4 English
 - 4 mathematics (including algebra I)
 - 3 natural science
 - 3 social science (American history, world history, American government, and economics)
 - 1 fine arts
 - 1 physical education to include the integration of health
- A 3.0 weighted GPA in above courses (for 4-year diploma)
- 3 career/technical job-preparatory or technology education program credits in one career/technical program with an unweighted 3.5 GPA in those courses
- A minimum score listed below on *each* subsection of *either* the CPT or SAT or ACT (*Subsections of different test types may not be combined.*)

CPT: Reading 83/Sentence Skills 83/Algebra 72

SAT: Verbal 440/Math 440

ACT: English 17/Reading 18/Math 19

⁵ College or career preparatory diplomas may be used to qualify for GSV, with appropriate career/technical education electives.

For other ways to qualify, visit www.firn.edu/doe/brfutures.