

Academic Advising for 2023-2024 School Year

Graduation Requirements - Bright Futures - College Admissions

24 credit Standard Diploma

Credits:

- 4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA)
- 4 Credits Mathematics
 - One of which must be Algebra I
 - One of which must be Geometry
- 3 Credits Science
 - One of which must be Biology I
- 3 Credits Social Studies
 - 1 credit in World History
 - 1 credit in U.S. History
 - .5 credit in U.S. Government
 - .5 credit in Economics
- 1 Credit Fine and Performing or Practical Arts
- 1 Credit Physical Education
- 8 Elective Credits
 - 1 Online Course

GPA:

Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

State Assessments:

For grades 9, 10 & 11- Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (ELA FAST)
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or a comparative score on SAT, ACT, PSAT, or Geometry EOC

For grades 12 - Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts Florida Standard Assessment (FSA ELA) or ACT/SAT concordant score
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or a comparative score on SAT, ACT PSAT, or Geometry EOC

Students must participate in the following EOC assessments:

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Biology I
- U.S. History

Diploma Designations

In addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, a student may earn two different designations by meeting the following requirements:

Scholar Diploma Designation

- Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the US History EOC
- Earn 2 credits in the same world language
- Earn at least 1 credit in AP or Dual Enrollment

Merit Diploma Designation

- Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per section 1003.162, Florida Statutes)

A student is exempt from the Biology or US History assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP Biology or US History course and the student takes the respective AP assessment and earns the minimum score to earn college credit.

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Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Florida Academic (FAS) & Florida Medallion (FMS)

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award or the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award must meet eligibility requirements:

- * Graduate high school from a Florida public high school with a Florida Standard Diploma
- Complete the required high school coursework
 - 16 High School course credits required:
 - 4 English
 - 4 Math (at or above Algebra 1)
 - 3 Natural Science
 - 3 Social Studies
 - 2 World Language (same language)
- Achieve the required minimum GPA
 - GPA: FAS = 3.5 weighted, FMS = 3.0 weighted
- Achieve the required minimum score on either ACT or
 - FAS = SAT 1330 or ACT 29, FMS = SAT 1210 or ACT 25
- Complete the required number of service or hours:
 - Service hours: FAS = 100 hrs, FMS = 75 hrs
 - Approved work hours: FAS & FMS = 100 hrs

Gold Seal Vocations Scholars

The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) may be funded if enrolled in a career education or certificate program & requires:

- Weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective courses
- Take at least 3 credits in a single Career/Tech Education program
- Achieve minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career courses
- Achieve minimum score on the ACT, SAT, or PERT
- Complete 30 service hours or 100 approved work hours

State University System (SUS)

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 (credit earned by industry certification does not count for SUS admission):

- High school graduation with a standard diploma
- Admissions test scores (SAT/ACT)
- 16 credits of approved college preparatory academic courses
 - o 4 English
 - o 4 Math (Algebra 1 level and above)
 - o 3 Natural Science
 - o 3 Social Science
 - o 2 World Language (in the same language)
 - o 2 approved electives

The Florida College System

The 28-member Florida College System offers career-related certificates and Associate in Science degrees that prepare students to go directly into the workforce, as well as Associate of Arts degrees that prepare students to transfer to a bachelor's degree program. Many also offer baccalaureate degrees in high-demand fields. The Florida College System has an open-door policy enabling students who have earned a standard high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma or have demonstrated success in postsecondary coursework to be admitted to an associate degree program.

Career & Technical Colleges & Centers

Florida also offers students 49 accredited career and technical colleges or 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.