Hillsborough County Public Schools

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

STUDENTS ENTERING 9TH GRADE IN THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

	24 CREDIT PROGRAM STANDARD DIPLOMA	SCHOLAR DESIGNATION (In Addition to 24 Credit Standard Diploma Requirements)
English	4 required English I, II, III, IV	
Mathematics	4 required Including [1]Algebra I or its equivalent, and [2]Geometry • Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra I and Geometry).	1 credit in Algebra II 1 credit in Statistics or equally rigorous mathematics course
Science	3 required Including [3]Biology I Two credits must have a laboratory component. • An industry certification that leads to college credit substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I). • An identified rigorous Computer Science course with a related industry certification substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I).	Pass Biology I End of Course (EOC) exam✓ 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
Social Studies	3 required World History, [4]United States History, United States Government (.50 credit), and Economics (.50 credit)	Pass United States History EOC✓
Fine Arts	1 required + In Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or approved Practical Arts course	
Physical Education	1 required + HOPE	
Reading	.50 credit required	
World Language	Not required for graduation, but at least 2 credits in the same language are required for admission into four year colleges and universities	Two credits in the same world language
Electives	7.50 required ✸	
Online/Virtual Course	At least one course within the 24 credits required must be completed through online learning.	
Minimum Graduation Credit Requirement	24 credits	24 Credits One credit (in any subject area) must be in Advanced Placement, AICE, dual enrollment, or International Baccalaureate.
ACCEL OPTION (18 CREDIT)	Three elective credits instead of 7.5; Physical Education is not required; Online/Virtual Course not required. All other graduation requirements for a 24-credit standard diploma must be met (per Florida Statutes).	
Merit Designation	In addition to the 24-credit standard diploma requirements, students pursuing merit designation must attain one or more industry certifications from list established.	
Assessment	Must pass Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 reading (or earn concordant ACT or SAT score) and [1]Algebra 1 EOC exam (or earn comparative PERT score)	
GPA	2.0 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted state GPA)	
GPA Bonus Points	.04 Points per .50 honors credit (final grade must be C or above) .08 Points for Dual Enrollment and AP per .50 credit (final grade must be C or above)	

Students enrolled in [1]Algebra I, [2]Geometry, Algebra II, [3]Biology I, and/or [4]United States History must take the respective EOC exam, and it will constitute 30% of the student's final course grade.

✸ Elective credit details for Bright Futures Scholarships, go to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org.

\+ Two credits of JROTC can substitute for HOPE and Performing Fine Arts.

✓ A student is exempt from Biology I or United States History assessment if enrolled in AP, IB, or AICE Biology I or United States History course and takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE assessment and earns the minimum score to earn college credit.

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