Hillsborough County Public Schools

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

STUDENTS ENTERING 9TH GRADE IN THE 2013-2014 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	Pass the English Language Arts Grade 11 state assessment if implemented
Mathematics	4 required including [1]Algebra I or its equivalent and [2]Geometry (Industry certification courses that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits. Algebra and Geometry may not be substituted.)	1 credit in Algebra II Pass Algebra II state assessment if implemented 1 credit in Statistics or equally rigorous mathematics course
Science	3 required including [3]Biology and two credits in equally rigorous science courses Two credits must have a laboratory component. (Industry certification courses that lead to college credit may substitute for one science credit. Biology may not be substituted.)	Pass Biology I EOC 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, must include financial literacy)	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 two 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 (excluding Drivers Education) 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, dual enrollment, or International Baccalaureate.
Merit Designation	In addition to the requirements for a standard diploma, students pursuing merit designation must attain one or more industry certifications.	
Assessment	Passing score on Grade 10 Reading assessment (until the state administers the Grade 10 English Language Arts state assessment), [1]Algebra 1 EOC (or comparative PERT score), and a proficient score on state writing assessment♦ Must take the English Language Arts Grade 11 state assessment if implemented.	
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, [3]Biology, and/or [4]United States History must take the respective End of Course (EOC) exam, and it will constitute 30% of the student's final course grade. Students enrolled in Algebra II must take the Algebra II state assessment (if implemented), 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.

♦ Students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on FCAT 2.0 Reading and/or Algebra I EOC must be enrolled in a remedial course as per state statute.

As of November 20, 2013