

# Students Entering Grade Nine in the 2016-2017 School Year

## Academic Advisement Flyer—What Students and Parents Need to Know

### What are the diploma options?

Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:

- 24-credit standard diploma
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

### What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) and the results constitute thirty percent of the final course grade\* or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)

Students must participate in the EOC assessments, and the results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade\*. These assessments are in the following subjects:

- Biology I
- U.S. History
- Geometry
- Algebra II (if enrolled)

\*Special Note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC.

### What is the credit acceleration program (CAP)?

This program allows a student to earn high school credit if the student passes an advanced placement (AP) examination, a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a statewide course assessment without enrollment in the course. The courses include the following subjects:

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

### What are the graduation requirements for students with disabilities?

Two options are available only to students with disabilities. Both require the 24 credits listed in the table and both allow students to substitute a career and technical (CTE) course with related content for one credit in ELA IV, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I and U.S. History).

- Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least .5 credit via paid employment.

### What are the requirements for the 24-credit standard diploma option?

<b>4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ELA I, II, III, IV</li> <li>▪ ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement.</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>
<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>
<b>3 Credits Social Studies</b>
1 credit in World History 1 credit in U.S. History .5 credit in U.S. Government .5 credit in Economics with Financial Literacy
<b>1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts<sup>†</sup></b>
<b>1 Credit Physical Education<sup>†</sup></b>
To include the integration of health
<sup>†</sup> Special Note: Eligible courses and eligible course substitutions are specified in the Florida Course Code Directory at <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/ccd">http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/ccd</a> .
<b>8 Elective Credits</b>
<b>1 Online Course</b>
Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.