

What are the requirements for standard diploma designations?

Scholar Diploma Designation
<p>In addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, a student must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Earn 1 credit in Algebra II (must pass EOC); ▪ Pass the Geometry EOC; ▪ Earn 1 credit in statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course; ▪ Pass the Biology I EOC; ▪ Earn 1 credit in chemistry or physics; ▪ Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics; ▪ Pass the U.S. History EOC; ▪ Earn 2 credits in the same world language; and ▪ Earn at least 1 credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course. <p>A student is exempt from the Biology I or U.S. History assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology I or U.S. History course and the student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and ▪ Earns the minimum score to earn college credit.
Merit Diploma Designation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet the standard high school diploma requirements ▪ Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per section 1003.492, Statutes [F.S.]).

Can a student who selects the 24-credit program graduate early?

Yes, a student who completes all the 24-credit program requirements for a standard diploma may graduate in fewer than eight semesters.

What is the distinction between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical Education is not required
- Online course is not required

All other graduation requirements for a 24-credit standard diploma must be met (per s. 1003.4282(3)(a)-(e), F.S.).

Where is information on Bright Futures Scholarships located?

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program rewards students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding to attend a postsecondary institution in Florida. For more information, visit <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/>.

What are the public postsecondary options?

State University System
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High school graduation with a standard diploma ▪ Admission test scores ▪ 16 Credits of approved college preparatory academic courses ▪ 4 English (3 with substantial writing) ▪ 4 Mathematics (Algebra I level and above) ▪ 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab) ▪ 3 Social Science ▪ 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language) ▪ 2 Approved electives <p style="text-align: right;">http://www.flbog.edu/forstudents/planning</p>
The Florida College System
<p>The 28 state colleges offer career-related certificates and two-year associate degrees that prepare students to transfer to a bachelor's degree program or to enter jobs requiring specific skills. Many also offer baccalaureate degrees in high-demand fields. Florida College System institutions have an open door policy. This means that students who have earned a standard high school diploma, have earned a high school equivalency diploma or have demonstrated success in postsecondary coursework will be admitted to an associate degree program.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/index.stml</p>
Career and Technical Centers
<p>Florida also offers students 48 accredited career and technical 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Career and Technical Directors</p>

Where is information on financial aid located?

The Office of Student Financial Assistance State Programs administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships. To learn more, visit <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>.