

# UNDERSTANDING FLORIDA'S GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students Entering Grade 9 in 2023-2024 and Thereafter

Whether you're a student or a parent, understanding these pathways is key to planning a successful high school journey. In Florida, students can choose from five diploma options:

24-Credit Standard







18-Credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway

Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)

International Baccalaureate (IB)


## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH PATHWAY

24-Credit Standard Diploma				18-Credit (ACCEL)	
16.5 Credits in Core Coursework		7.5 Electives		2.5 electives instead of 7.5; Physical education is not required	
 ELA	 Math*	 Science**	 Social Studies	<b>CTE Pathway</b> 18 credits required with 3.5 electives (2 credits in CTE courses that result in a program completion and industry certification); Phys Ed, Fine & Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, CTE or Practical Arts not required	
1	1			1	0.5
2	2	1	1	2	5
3	3	2	2	3	6
4	4	3	3	4	7
				 Fine & Performing Arts, Debate, CTE	 Personal Financial Literacy
					0.5

\*One credit must be Algebra 1 and one in Geometry.  
\*\*One credit must be Biology, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses.

**Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)**  
Students must pass seven credits worth of AICE examinations. At least one from Mathematics and Sciences, Languages, Arts and Humanities. Students must also pass examinations in the core requirements of AS Level Global Perspectives. (Only available at certain high schools)

**International Baccalaureate (IB)**  
Students must complete six IB courses across various designated subject areas, score at least 24 points on IB exams (including 12 in higher level courses). Students must also successfully complete IB core requirements including the extended essay, Theory of Knowledge and CAS. (Only available to IB magnet high schools)



Students must also earn a 2.0 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale and pass the statewide and standardized assessments listed below.

## STATEWIDE & END OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS REQUIREMENTS

Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) exam or an equivalent score

AND

Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) exam or a comparative score

Students enrolled in the following courses must participate in the corresponding EOC assessment, which constitutes 30% of the final course grade: **Algebra 1, Biology, Geometry, and US History**

NOTE: A waiver of assessment results is granted by the IEP team for students with disabilities. Additionally, students enrolled in ESOL program for less than two years may meet the requirement for grade 10 ELA by satisfactorily demonstrating grade level expectations of formative assessments.

Additional diploma designations are also available for students in Florida: **The Scholar Designation** and the **Industry Scholar Designation** with additional requirements over the standard diploma.  
Visit [fldoe.org](http://fldoe.org) for more information on these requirements.