

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

4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA I, II, III, IV • ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB) and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement
4 Credits Mathematics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of which must be Algebra I and one of which must be Geometry • Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics
3 Credits Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of which must be Biology I, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses. • Two of the three required credits must have a laboratory component. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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)
3 Credits Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 credit in World History • 1 credit in U.S. History • .5credit in U.S. Government • .5credit in Economics with Financial Literacy
1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts*
3 Elective credits
Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and pass statewide assessments or meet the criteria for a waiver of assessment results.

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*Eligible courses and eligible course substitutions are specified in the Florida Course Code Directory.

A student with a significant cognitive disability, whose parent has given consent for the student to take access courses, may substitute access courses for the courses specified above.

**Florida Standard Diploma High School Graduation Options
for Students Entering 9th Grade in 2014-2015 or After**

24 credit standard diploma option available to all students, students with disabilities.	24 credit standard diploma option with academic and employment requirements , available only to students with disabilities	24 credit standard diploma option available only to students with significant cognitive disabilities, who take access courses and the alternate assessment*
4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA I, II, III, IV • ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB) and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column • May substitute a CTE course with content related to English for English IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column • May substitute access courses for general education courses • May substitute a CTE course with content related to English for English IV
4 Credits Mathematics		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of which must be Algebra and one of which must be Geometry I • Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra I and Geometry) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column • May substitute a CTE course with content related to mathematics for one mathematics credit (except for Algebra I and Geometry) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column • May substitute access courses for general education courses • May substitute CTE courses with content related to mathematics for one mathematics credit (except for Algebra I and Geometry)
3 Credits Science		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be Biology 1, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses • Two of the three required credits must have laboratory components • An industry certification that leads to college credit substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1) • An identified rigorous Computer Science course with a related industry certification substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column • May substitute a CTE course with content related science for on science credit (except for Biology 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column • May substitute access courses for general education courses • May substitute a CTE course with content related science for on science credit (except for Biology 1)
3 Credits Social Studies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 credit World History • 1 credit U.S. History • .5 credit U.S. Government • .5 credit Economics with Financial Literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column • May substitute a CTE course with content related to social studies for one social studies credit (except for U.S. History) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must earn credits for all of the courses listed in the first column • May substitute access courses for general education courses • May substitute a CTE course with content related to social studies for one social studies credit (except for U.S. History)
1 Credits Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts **		
8 Elective Credits		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must include .5 credit in an employment based course • May include ESE courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include employment based course(s)
1 Credits Physical Education to include the integration of health		
1 On-line Course		
	On-line course may be waived by IEP team	
Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and pass statewide assessments Unless a waiver of assessment results is granted by the IEP team.		

* Parental consent is required before a student may be placed on access points

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