

For students entering ninth grade

2013-2014

- You must take the **Algebra I End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment** and pass the assessment at Level 3 or higher to earn the course credit.
- You must take the **Geometry EOC Assessment** and pass the assessment at Level 3 or higher to earn the course credit.
- You must earn credit in **Algebra I***, **Geometry*** and **Algebra II*** as three of the four mathematics credits required for high school graduation.
- You must take the **Biology EOC Assessment** and pass the assessment at Level 3 or higher to earn the course credit.
- You must earn three science credits for high school graduation in:
 - ◇ **Biology I***
 - ◇ **Chemistry*** or **Physics*** and an
 - ◇ Equally rigorous science course
- You must take the Grade 10 FCAT Writing.
- You must take the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading and attain a Level 3 or higher to satisfy graduation requirements.
- You are encouraged to enroll in advanced courses and accelerated programs in order to be better prepared for postsecondary education and/or industry certification.
- Use FACTS.org (<http://www.FACTS.org>) to
 - ◇ Plan/revise a program of study with an electronic personal education plan (ePEP)
 - ◇ Check Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility, graduation status, and university admission requirements

Check your school curriculum guide and visit your school counselor for all required coursework.

* or an equivalent course

Helpful Websites

FACTS.org: <http://www.FACTS.org> —Florida's free academic advising website. The site includes services to help students prepare for and succeed in school and beyond.

Office of Student Financial Assistance:
<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org>

CHOICES: <http://www.flchoices.org>

ACT for Students: <http://www.actstudent.org/>

College Board for Students:
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/index.html?student>

For more information about a special diploma and other graduation options for students with disabilities, contact your child's school counselor or exceptional student education teacher, or visit: <http://www.fldoe.org/ese/>.



NOTE!!

PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM GUIDE AND VISIT YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR FOR ALL OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

This publication is designed to assist students, parents, and school districts in support of educational programs. For additional information on this publication, or for a list of available publications, contact the Department of Education, Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 432, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

Florida Department of Education

Florida's Graduation Requirements for a Standard Diploma



The State of Florida is phasing in new, additional graduation requirements. This brochure explains the changes that are based on the school year in which you enter ninth grade.

For students who entered ninth grade

2010-2011

- You must take the **Algebra I End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment** and your performance will count as 30 percent of your final course grade.**
- You must earn a **Geometry*** credit as one of the four mathematics credits for high school graduation.
- You must take the Grade 10 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Writing.
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2011-2012

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- You must earn a **Geometry*** credit as one of the four mathematics credits for high school graduation, and your performance on the **Geometry EOC Assessment** will count as 30 percent of your final course grade.**
- You must earn a **Biology I*** credit as one of the three science credits required for high school graduation, and your performance on the **Biology I EOC Assessment** will count as 30 percent of your final course grade.**
- You must take the Grade 10 FCAT Writing.
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2012-2013

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