

## Diploma Requirements

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Governor Rick Scott signed Senate Bill 1076 into law with an effective date of July 1, 2013. Its provisions address numerous areas, including Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) options, middle grades progression, high school graduation requirements, student assessment and student progression plans.

The new standard diploma requirements as well as the Scholar and Merit designations are available to all students. Most seniors will graduate under the 24 credit diploma plan in place when they entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2010-2011, however some may strive to earn the Scholar or Merit Designations. To obtain the Scholar designation, in addition to the requirements for the 2010-2011 cohort, seniors would need to:

- pass Algebra II and Statistics (or an equally rigorous course)
- pass Biology
- complete the online requirement
- take and pass the EOC's in Algebra I, Biology and U.S. History
- earn one credit in an AP, IB, AICE, or dual enrollment course
- earn two credits in the same foreign language

To obtain the Merit designation, in addition to the requirements for the 2010-2011 cohort, seniors would need to:

- pass Biology
- complete the online requirement
- take and pass the EOC in Algebra I
- attain one or more industry certifications

Parents and students may find a wealth of information on the eligibility requirements for Florida Student Scholarship and Grant Programs and postsecondary admissions at:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/>.