

## Standard Diploma Requirements & Designations July 1, 2013

	<b>Standard Diploma Requirements</b>	<b>Scholar Designation<sup>1</sup></b> (in addition to Standard Diploma Requirement)	<b>Merit Designation<sup>1</sup></b>
English	<u>4 credits in ELA I, II, III, IV</u> Reading 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade, MP FCAT Must take 10 <sup>th</sup> grade FCAT Writing	MP11 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA assessment (when administered)	Same as standard
Math	<u>4 credits</u> Algebra I, MP EOC <sup>2</sup> ; 30% EOC Geometry, 30% EOC 2 may be substituted with allowable industry certification courses that lead to college credit	Algebra II, MP CC assessment (when administered) Statistics (or equally rigorous course)	Same as standard
Science	<u>3 credits</u> Biology 1, 30% EOC <sup>2</sup> 2 credits equally rigorous course 2 of 3 required credits must have lab 1 credit may be substituted with allowable industry certification that leads to college credit	Biology I, MP EOC; Chemistry or Physics 1 credit equally rigorous course	Same as standard
Social Studies	<u>3 credits</u> US History, 30% EOC; World History ½ Economics; ½ Government	US History, MP EOC	Same as standard
Fine/Performing Arts	<u>1 credit</u>	Same as standard	Same as standard
Foreign Language	None	<u>2 credits</u> Must be same foreign language	Same as standard
Physical Education with Health	<u>1 credit</u>	Same as standard	Same as standard
Electives/Other	<u>8 credits electives</u>	Must earn one AP, IB, AICE, or dual enrollment course credit	<u>8 credits electives - Students pursuing a merit designation must use electives to attain one or more industry certifications.</u>
Online Course Requirement <sup>2</sup>	1 course – Excludes driver education course	Same as standard	Same as Standard
Total Credits <sup>3</sup>	24 credits	24 credits	24 credits
	24 credits may be earned through equivalent, applied, or integrated or career education courses, including work-related internships		24 credits may be earned through equivalent, applied, or integrated or career education courses, including work-related internships approved by SBE.
	MP=Must Pass EOC=End of Course Exam	MP=Must Pass EOC=End of Course Exam	

<sup>1</sup> All students may earn either or both designations if they meet all requirements listed in the table for each designation.

<sup>2</sup> The online course requirement, the Biology course requirement, and the MP Algebra 1 EOC requirement do not apply to seniors who are graduating under the 2010-2011 9<sup>th</sup> grade cohort requirements.

<sup>3</sup> An accelerated 18 credit option is also available. For more information see the Student Progression Plan at [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/cs/spp](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/cs/spp)