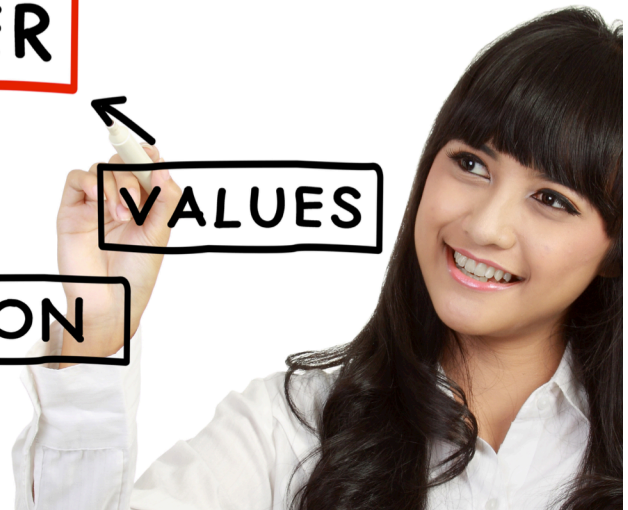


# Florida's College & Career Planner 2015-2016



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One day, your goal will be to find a job in a career that you really want to pursue. The level of education you achieve can determine the type of job you will be eligible for one day (and your potential income).

Today, many careers in business, education, technology, and a host of other fields require you to have a four-year degree (Bachelor's degree). Some careers in medicine or law require you to have an advanced degree beyond a Bachelor's such as a Master's or Doctorate degree. Other professions such as nursing or law enforcement may expect you to have at least a two-year degree (Associate's degree) to begin. Particular jobs in the computer, automotive, or construction industries require their employees to have Industry Certification to gain entry into that profession. What will you need?

It's important to think about careers early and map out a plan so you reach the goals and income level you want to achieve. The decisions you make about the high school courses you take can make all of this happen.

This *College and Career Planner* is brought to you by the FloridaShines – Student Hub for Innovative Educational Services - so you can make informed decisions about your educational options and find the best option that fits you. It will walk you through the many opportunities available and lay out the key information you need to make your own college and career plan.

### Real Life Examples

People with a college education typically earn more money during a shorter span of time. Check out these examples:

#### Buying Groceries

Terry is a dental assistant (two years of college). Terry generally will earn enough money to buy groceries for a week after working only one day.

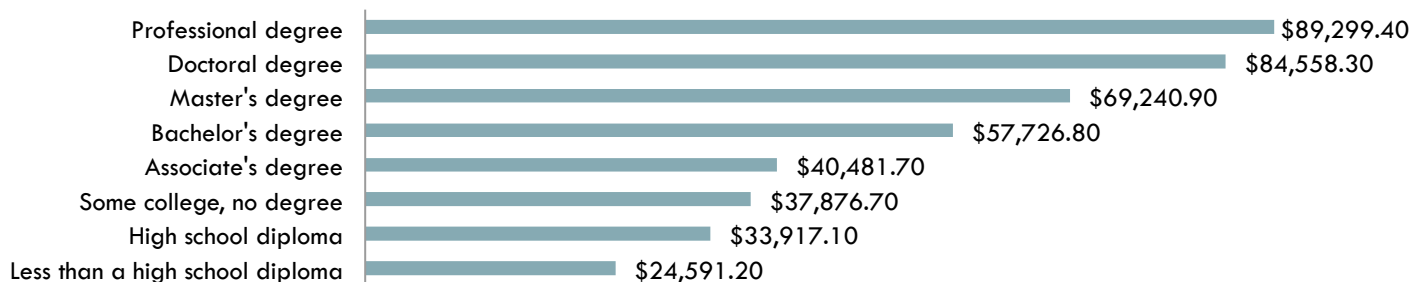
Sam is a high school graduate and works as a salesperson in a department store. To buy the same groceries, it generally takes Sam three days' pay.

#### Buying a TV

Jamie is a college graduate and works as an accountant (four years of college). Based on her salary, Jamie could buy a large screen TV using less than two weeks' pay.

Chris never went to college and works as a waiter. Based on his salary, Chris will have to work two months to buy the same TV.

## How much money do you plan to make?



Source: [Current Population Survey](#), U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### **It's a Florida Thing**

The FloridaShines is an online academic support system for Florida's students – whether attending classes online or in the classroom. As a middle or high school student, you can:

- Explore career and academic options
- Access high school transcript information
- Evaluate courses completed against the requirements for graduation, college and career readiness, and Bright Futures Scholarships
- Search college and university profiles and degree offerings
- See requirements for admission and transferring
- Find college- and university-level distance learning courses
- Search library offerings
- Apply online for admission and financial aid
- And so much more!

FloridaShines is a service provided by the Florida College System and State University System so you can make informed decisions about your educational options and find the best option that fits you. Go to [www.FloridaShines.org](http://www.FloridaShines.org) to learn more.

### **Career Planning**

Exploring careers has never been easier! All of Florida's middle, high school, college, and university students, as well as all Florida residents, can access **MyCareerShines** for free through the FloridaShines website or [www.MyCareerShines.org](http://www.MyCareerShines.org). You can take assessments to learn about yourself, explore careers and school options, and use the financial aid planning tools to research sources of aid, including scholarships. You can also search for jobs, develop a resume, and practice job interview skills. Your end result is a plan for your life that is compiled in your individual portfolio.

### **Find Your Career Cluster**

Careers that have something in common are grouped together. Go to [www.MyCareerShines.org](http://www.MyCareerShines.org) to find out more about each of the 17 career clusters listed below and select the one that fits you best. Knowing your career cluster can help narrow down careers and academic programs you may want to pursue.

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, Audio-Video Technology and Communications
- Business, Management and Administration
- Education and Training
- Energy
- Finance
- Government and Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

## **Your Education. Your State. Your Options.**

You don't have to go too far in Florida to find an option that fits you!

### **State Universities**

Florida offers you 12 public universities, many with branch campuses and centers throughout the state. State universities offer Bachelor's degrees in addition to Master's, Doctorate, and Professional degrees through on-campus and distance learning (online) courses. Because space is limited at each university, students must compete to be admitted. Keep in mind that there are minimum requirements just to apply and a university can have additional requirements as well.

#### **State University System (SUS) Fast Facts**

- In 2014, over 341,000 students were enrolled in Florida's state universities.
- Current tuition and fees for Florida residents averaged \$202 a credit hour or \$6,069 for 30 hours (2 semesters).
- The SUS offers 11 different honors colleges and programs.
- There are over 600 online degree programs available offered at colleges and universities in Florida.
- To meet minimum requirements for SUS admission, universities will evaluate a student's College Prep curriculum, Grade Point Average (GPA), and test scores on a college entrance exam (SAT, ACT).

#### **State University System Admission Requirements**

To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a student must meet the minimum requirements. Each university may have higher and/or additional requirements. Check the admissions pages for universities that you may be interested in attending:

Florida A&M University	<a href="http://www.famu.edu">http://www.famu.edu</a>
Florida Atlantic University	<a href="http://www.fau.edu">http://www.fau.edu</a>
Florida Gulf Coast University	<a href="http://www.fgcu.edu">http://www.fgcu.edu</a>
Florida International University	<a href="http://www.fiu.edu">http://www.fiu.edu</a>
Florida Polytechnic University	<a href="http://floridapolytechnic.org/">http://floridapolytechnic.org/</a>
Florida State University	<a href="http://www.fsu.edu">http://www.fsu.edu</a>
New College of Florida	<a href="http://www.ncf.edu">http://www.ncf.edu</a>
University of Central Florida	<a href="http://www.ucf.edu">http://www.ucf.edu</a>
University of Florida	<a href="http://www.ufl.edu">http://www.ufl.edu</a>
University of North Florida	<a href="http://www.unf.edu">http://www.unf.edu</a>
University of South Florida	<a href="http://www.usf.edu">http://www.usf.edu</a>
University of West Florida	<a href="http://www.uwf.edu">http://www.uwf.edu</a>

## The College Prep Curriculum

Students must complete at least 18 credits of high school work in the five academic core areas listed below in addition to two academic electives to meet minimum eligibility. Not all courses that count for your high school diploma in a core area count for university admission. Your school counselor can assist you in selecting the right types of courses that meet these requirements.

Core Area	Credits Required*
English/Language Arts	4 credits (3 with substantial writing)
Mathematics	4 credits (at or above the Algebra I level)
Natural Science	3 credits (2 with substantial lab components)
Social Science	3 credits
Foreign Language or American Sign Language	2 credits (in same language) or show competency by completing the second-level course
Approved Academic Electives	2 credits (or 1 academic elective and 1 ROTC credit)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18 Credits</b>

\*noted in the *Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook*

## What do Freshmen in Florida Universities Look Like?

Below are the statistics for Fall 2015 Newly Admitted and Registered First Time in College Students

University	Middle Range SAT Reading Average	Middle Range SAT Math Average	Middle Range SAT Writing Average	Middle Range ACT	Middle Range GPA
<b>FAMU</b>	470	470	460	21	3.0 – 3.49
<b>FAU</b>	490 - 590	490 - 590	480 - 570	21 – 26	3.52 – 4.25
<b>FGCU</b>	500 - 580	490 - 580	490 - 570	22 – 26	3.32 – 4.06
<b>FIU</b>	530 - 620	520 - 620	520 - 610	23 – 28	3.4 – 4.0
<b>FLPOLY*</b>	640	670	600	28	4.08
<b>FSU</b>	590 - 670	590 - 670	580 - 670	27 – 31	3.9 – 4.4
<b>NCF</b>	600 - 730	580 - 670	590 - 690	27 – 31	3.78 – 4.39
<b>UCF</b>	600	600	600	25 – 29	3.7 – 4.3
<b>UF</b>	580 - 690	600 - 700	580 - 690	27 – 32	4.2 - 4.5
<b>UNF</b>	570 - 640	560 - 640	500 - 590	24 – 28	3.9
<b>USF</b>	601	617	587	26 – 30	3.81 – 3.84
<b>UWF</b>	530	522	510	23	3.59

## Did You Know?

The Talented 20 Program (<http://www.fldoe.org/Talented20/>) guarantees you admission into a state university (not necessarily the university of your choice) if you:

- Graduate with a standard diploma from a Florida public high school
- Rank in the top 20% of your graduating class
- Complete all 18 college prep credits required for state university admission
- Take the ACT or SAT (no minimum score)

If you are seeking admission to a state university based on Talented 20, please know that space fills up at the universities early. You should try applying through the standard way first in order to have the best opportunity for housing and financial aid opportunities. Students seeking admission after June have very limited opportunities.

**Industry Certifications** add to a student's portfolio; however, it does not count as one of the Mathematics or Natural Sciences college prep credits expected for state university admission.

## Florida Colleges

The Florida College System provides you with 28 public state colleges, colleges, and community colleges at 178 sites across the Sunshine State. Florida College System institutions offer a wide variety of degrees and certificates, as well as training to obtain Industry Certifications. Many state colleges even offer four-year Bachelor's degrees in high demand, high need areas! Earning a two-year Associate degree enables a student to transfer to a university or enter a career field that requires specific skills.

### Florida College System Fast Facts

- In 2014-2015, over 800,000 students were enrolled either full-time or part-time in Florida state colleges.
- Students who earn an Associate in Arts degree from the Florida College System are guaranteed admission to the upper division of a state university or a Florida College System institution.
- The average cost of tuition is much lower in the Florida College System compared to private institutions and public universities.

### Florida College System Admission Requirements

Florida colleges offer an "open-door" policy, which guarantees admission to obtain an Associate degree provided you have completed any of the following:

- Earned a standard high school diploma
- Earned a high school equivalency diploma
- Previously demonstrated competency in college credit coursework

Upon admission, private high school and home schooled students are required to take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.), CPT-Accuplacer, or present scores on the ACT or SAT to determine appropriate course placement. Students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade at a Florida public high school in 2003-04 and thereafter, and earned a standard diploma from a Florida public school are not required to take a common placement test (P.E.R.T.) and are not required to take developmental education courses. These students are considered college ready.

Baccalaureate degree admission requirements depend on the program of study. Students seeking a Bachelor's degree at a college are encouraged to contact the college of interest.

## Florida Colleges

- Broward College – Ft. Lauderdale
- Chipola College – Marianna
- College of Central Florida – Ocala
- Daytona State College – Daytona Beach
- Eastern Florida State College – Cocoa
- Florida Gateway College – Lake City
- Florida Keys Community College – Key West
- Florida SouthWestern State College – Ft. Myers
- Florida State College at Jacksonville – Jacksonville
- Gulf Coast State College – Panama City
- Hillsborough Community College – Tampa
- Indian River State College – Ft. Pierce
- Lake-Sumter State College – Leesburg
- Miami Dade College – Miami
- North Florida Community College – Madison
- Northwest Florida State College – Niceville
- Palm Beach State College – Lake Worth

- Pasco-Hernando State College – New Port Richey
- Pensacola State College – Pensacola
- Polk State College – Winter Haven
- Santa Fe College – Gainesville
- Seminole State College of Florida – Sanford
- South Florida State College – Avon Park
- St. Johns River State College – Palatka
- St. Petersburg College – St. Petersburg
- State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota – Bradenton
- Tallahassee Community College – Tallahassee
- Valencia College – Orlando



## Career and Technical Centers

Florida also offers students 47 accredited career and technical centers throughout the state, which provide the education and certification necessary to work in a particular career or technical field. Programs are flexible for students, and provide industry specific education and training for a wide variety of occupations.

### Career and Technical Center Fast Facts

- Over 51,000 students enrolled in a district career and technical program during the 2014-2015 year.
- More than 7,400 students participated in an Apprenticeship program at their chosen career and technical center during the 2014-2015 school year.
- 29 school districts have one or more accredited career and technical center.
- The Bright Futures Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award is available to assist with the payment of educational expenses.

District	Florida Technical Centers and Colleges
Bay	Tom P. Haney Technical Center
Bradford	Bradford-Union Technical Center
Broward	Atlantic Technical College
	Sheridan Technical College
	William T. McFatter Technical College
Charlotte	Charlotte Technical Center
Citrus	Withlacoochee Technical College
Collier	Lorenzo Walker Technical College
	Immokalee Technical College
Escambia	George Stone Area Vocational Technical Center
Flagler	Flagler Technical Institute
Hillsborough	Aparicio-Levy Technical Center
	Erwin Technical College
	Brewster Technical College
	Fred D. Learey Technical Center
Indian River	Technical Center for Career and Adult Education
Lake	Lake Technical College
Lee	Cape Coral Institute of Technology
	Fort Myers Institute of Technology
Leon	Lively Technical Center
Manatee	Manatee Technical College
Marion	Community Technical and Adult Education Center
Miami-Dade	D.A. Dorsey Technical College
	George T. Baker Aviation Technical College
	Lindsey Hopkins Technical College
	Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College
	Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College
	South Dade Technical College
	The English Center
Okaloosa	Choices High School and Technical Center

Orange	Orange Technical Education Centers-
	Mid-Florida Tech
	Orlando Tech
	Winter Park Tech
	Westside Tech
Osceola	Technical Education Center of Osceola
Pasco	Marchman Technical College
Pinellas	Pinellas Technical College –
	Clearwater
	St. Petersburg
Polk	Maynard A. Traviss Career Center
	Ridge Career Center
Santa Rosa	Radford M. Locklin Technical Center
Sarasota	Suncoast Technical College
St. Johns	First Coast Technical College
Suwannee	Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center
Taylor	Taylor Technical Institute
Walton	Emerald Coast Technical College
Washington	Florida Panhandle Technical College
Gadsden	Gadsden Technical Institute

### **Independent Colleges and Universities**

In addition to public colleges and universities, Florida offers 31 private, not-for-profit educational institutions all based in Florida and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). These schools serve 155,000 students across Florida at 135 different locations. Florida's independent colleges and universities award 25% of Florida's Bachelor's degrees and 33% of all degrees in Florida. They vary in enrollment size from 200 to 26,000 students. Florida's independent colleges and universities guarantee access for all state college graduates as well. Nearly 80% of full- and part-time students receive some form of financial aid. Admission requirements vary by school, so students must stay informed about what each program requires.

### **U.S. Military Entrance**

The U.S. Military branches offer another option for students after high school graduation. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is the required entrance test to enlist in the U.S. Military. For more information on the ASVAB, please visit <http://www.military.com/ASVAB>.

Please visit the websites below for more information related to entrance requirements:

- United States Air Force (<http://www.airforce.com/>)
- United States Army (<http://www.goarmy.com/>)
- United States Coast Guard (<http://www.uscg.mil/>)
- United States Marine Corps (<http://www.marines.com/>)
- United States Navy (<http://www.navy.com/>)

## Improve Your Chances of Being Admitted!

There are many ways to challenge yourself in high school, and in some cases earn high school *and* college credits at the same time. Get to know the “lingo” so an opportunity doesn’t pass you by. Each of these options can help improve your chances of being admitted to a Florida college, university, or career and technical center.

Accelerated course options vary by school. Set up a time to speak to your school counselor about these possibilities at the high school you will or already attend:

- **Honors Courses:** Rigorous, accelerated learning in particular subject areas. Can be taken on a course by course basis.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:** A nationwide program sponsored by the College Board consisting of more than 30 college-level courses and exams offered at participating high schools. Credit is earned by passing a highly rigorous exam. (<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org>)
- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program:** A two-year, internationally recognized program of study which allows you to earn college credit. Credit is earned by passing a highly rigorous exam. (<http://www.ibo.org/general/who.cfm>)
- **Dual Enrollment and Early Admission:** Take college courses at your local college, university, or technical center while you are still in high school. Earn college credits toward a certificate, Associate, or Bachelor’s degree. Remember that these courses begin your college grade point average. Grades count! (<http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/pdf/dualenrollfaqs.pdf>)
- **Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE):** An internationally recognized program of study that can earn students up to one year of college credit. Credit is earned by passing a highly rigorous exam. (<http://www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/uppersec/aice>)
- **The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (Pre-AICE) Program (IGCSE):** Designed for students in grades nine and ten to prepare them for the AICE Program. College credit is typically not awarded for this program level. (<http://www.cie.org.uk> < Cambridge Secondary 2 (14–16 yr olds))
- **College Level Examination Program (CLEP):** College credit is earned by passing a nationally standardized exam, although no high school credit is awarded. There is no associated course or curriculum involved with the CLEP exam. (<http://clep.collegeboard.org/>)
- **Industry Certifications:** Locally awarded; defined as a process by which individuals are assessed by an independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies, resulting in the award of a time-limited credential that is nationally recognized and applicable to an occupation that is included in the workforce system’s targeted occupation list or determined to be an occupation that is critical, emerging, or addresses a local need. These credentials are industry-recognized and portable within Florida and, in most cases, to other states. Some Industry Certifications can lead to college credit towards Associate degree at a college. Check out the list of Industry Certification Programs now available from many Florida public high schools. ([http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/artic\\_indcert2aas.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/artic_indcert2aas.asp))

- **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID):** A concentration of electives which promote college readiness; can begin as early as elementary school and provide academic support through college. ([http://www.avid.org/abo\\_whatisavid.html](http://www.avid.org/abo_whatisavid.html))
- **Career Academies:** These small, concentrated college-prep programs allow a high school student to focus on a particular career cluster and study related coursework in that area. ([http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/careeracademies/ca\\_home.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/careeracademies/ca_home.asp))
- **Florida Virtual School (FVS):** Florida also offers students accelerated coursework through online learning. Courses include honors and AP levels. (<http://www.flvs.net>)

## My Way to Pay

You don't need to win the lottery to go to college in Florida! Every student can get some type of financial aid regardless of age or income as long as you meet some basic eligibility requirements. Use this money to help pay for your tuition, housing, books, and even living expenses while you attend a college, university, or career and technical center. Don't be shy! Last year, students in the United States received over \$200 billion in financial aid to pay for these programs, so take advantage of the opportunities that can make your education goals a reality!

There are several different types of financial aid and you can earn more than one type. You just need to become familiar with what is available, so you don't miss out!

### Types of Financial Aid

Scholarships	Grants	Work Study	Loans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free money!</li> <li>Requirements for each scholarship must be met (academic, background, need, athletic, and/or program of study).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free money!</li> <li>Does not need to be repaid.</li> <li>Provided by state and national sources.</li> <li>Amounts vary based on need, school cost, and/or enrollment status.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earned money!</li> <li>Does not need to be repaid.</li> <li>Provided by state and national sources.</li> <li>Amounts vary based on need.</li> <li>School pays student to work part-time job on campus or within a community based program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Borrowed money!</li> <li>Must be repaid with interest.</li> <li>Students or parents can borrow money to help pay for a student's college, university, or career and technical education.</li> </ul>
Example: Bright Futures Scholarship Program	Example: First Generation Matching Grant Program	Example: Federal Work Study Program	Example: Federal Perkins Loans

### Finding Your Financial Aid

You have to rely on accurate information if you want to get the most money. Start by reviewing state and federal financial aid web sites.

- MyCareerShines allows personalized scholarship searches (<http://www.mycareershines.org>)
- U.S. Department of Education Financial Aid (<http://studentaid.ed.gov/>)
- Florida Department of Education Financial Aid (<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>)

### Applying for Financial Aid

After a student has applied for admission to a future college, university, or career and technical center, the next step is to fill out financial aid applications. This is usually done after January 1 of your senior year. There are two applications you'll need to complete and both are available online:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)
- Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) ([https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/ua/sawstua\\_uaform.asp](https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/ua/sawstua_uaform.asp))

### The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Florida a number of scholarship and grant programs to help you pay for college. One of the most recognized programs is the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program (<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>) that is made possible with proceeds from the Florida Lottery. This money can be used at a Florida university, college, or even a career and technical center.

As a Florida resident, you could earn Bright Futures scholarship money if you meet certain general and specific requirements. *These requirements can change after each Legislative session*, so it's important to stay aware of all the necessary details.

**Bright Futures Scholarship Award Requirements**

There are three Bright Futures scholarships and each award has its own academic eligibility requirements, and award amounts. While the FAS and FMS awards can be used at any eligible institution, the GSV award can only be used toward a applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program at eligible institutions. Here is a quick overview of the academic requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarships for students graduating in 2016:

Criteria	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)	Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GSV)
GPA (weighted)	3.5	3.0	3.0 weighted in core credits and a 3.5 unweighted in three CTE credits in one vocational program.
Required Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 English (3 with substantial writing)</li> <li>• 4 Mathematics (at or above Algebra 1 level)</li> <li>• 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)</li> <li>• 3 Social Science</li> <li>• 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 English (3 with substantial writing)</li> <li>• 4 Mathematics (at or above Algebra 1 level)</li> <li>• 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)</li> <li>• 3 Social Science</li> <li>• 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language)</li> </ul>	<p>Courses required for high school graduation. Please refer to the appropriate requirements for the entering high school 9<sup>th</sup> grade cohort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/bii/studentpr/o/grad-require.asp">http://www.fldoe.org/bii/studentpr/o/grad-require.asp</a></li> </ul>
Test Scores	1290 SAT <u>or</u> 29 ACT	1170 SAT <u>or</u> 26 ACT	<p>SAT Reading: 440 SAT Math: 440</p> <p><u>or</u></p> <p>ACT English: 17 ACT Reading: 19 ACT Math: 19</p> <p><u>or</u></p> <p>P.E.R.T. Writing: 103 P.E.R.T. Reading: 106 P.E.R.T. Math: 114</p>
Community Service Hours	100 hours	75 hours	30 hours

## High School Graduation

All of the resources outlined in this document have led up to one thing: creating your own career and education plan for high school. This plan should include your intended high school diploma type, graduation plan, career cluster, graduation goal, and the courses you will take in order to earn your diploma.

## Diploma Options

Florida provides several different standard diploma options to all high school students. Each involves a set of minimum requirements established by the Florida State Legislature. And, just like a university, individual districts or schools can have *additional requirements*, so it is important to talk to your school counselor and stay informed about what you will need to achieve your goals. The pathways to earn a standard diploma include the following:

- 24-credit option
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

## Graduation Plan

The 24-credit option is by far the most popular option. When a standard diploma is selected, you can choose to include course requirements for College Prep, Career Prep, or both. For example, if you plan to attend a state university to pursue a 4-year Bachelor’s degree, selecting the College Prep or College & Career Prep plan will include the course requirements for state university admission, two of the higher Bright Futures Scholarship awards, and high school graduation. The chart below shows the various graduation plans available for a standard diploma.

Course Requirements Met by Graduation Plan	College Prep	Career Prep	College & Career Prep
State University Admission	X		X
Florida College Admission	X	X	X
Technical Center Admission	X	X	X
Bright Futures Scholarship - Florida Academic Scholars Award	X		X
Bright Futures Scholarship - Florida Medallion Scholars Award	X		X
Bright Futures Scholarship - Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award		X	X
High School Graduation	X	X	X

*Note: Graduation plans are based on a 24-credit standard diploma only; additional requirements (beyond courses) may apply such as GPA, test scores, and community service. Speak with your school counselor and use the Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility Evaluation and College & Career Readiness Evaluation on [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org) to monitor your progress.*

## Make a Career & Education Plan

The following pages provide specific graduation requirements for the 24-credit option to earn a standard diploma based on a student’s ninth grade year. Using the resources in this document and assistance from your school counselor or parent/guardian, you can create an academic plan for high school, which meets your selected career and education goals.

# My Career & Education Plan

Name:  Date:

Grade Level:  School District:  School Name:

**Create an academic plan for high school, which meets the selected career and education goals.**

Diploma Option:  Choose an item. Graduation Plan:  Choose an item. Career Cluster of Interest:  Choose an item.

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English				
Mathematics				
Science				
Social Studies				



**Fine /  
Performing  
Arts**

**Physical  
Education**

**Electives**

**Total Credits**


The courses listed above are for planning purposes only and are subject to change.

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Student's Signature

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Parent's Signature

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Counselor's Signature

Additional requirements (beyond courses) may apply such as GPA, test scores, and community service. Speak with your school counselor and use the *Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility Evaluation* and *College & Career Readiness Evaluation* on [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org) to monitor your progress.

## High School Graduation Requirements

The chart below outlines the minimum 24-credit option standard diploma requirements for Florida public school students. It is important to note that individual high schools may have additional requirements and you should always consult your school counselor for assistance.

In addition, high school students may also earn a standard diploma through the 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option. This option requires the same academic core requirements as the 24-credit option with the following differences:

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical education is not required
- Online course is not required.

Find the year you will enter/entered **ninth grade** to see your requirements.

	2012-2013	2013-2014 and forward
<b>English Language Arts (ELA)</b>	4 credits in English (ELA 1, 2, 3, 4)	4 credits in English (ELA 1, 2, 3, 4)
<b>Mathematics</b>	1 credit in Algebra 1 1 credit in Geometry 2 credits in Math  (Industry certification that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two math credits, except for Algebra I and Geometry)	1 credit in Algebra 1 1 credit in Geometry 2 credits in Math  (Industry certification that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two math credits, except for Algebra I and Geometry)
<b>Science</b>	1 credit in Biology 2 credits in Science courses (2 of the 3 required credits must have a laboratory component)  (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 may substitute for up to one science credit, except for Biology I)	1 credit in Biology 2 credits in equally rigorous Science courses (2 of the 3 required credits must have a laboratory component)  (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 may substitute for up to one science credit, except for Biology I)

<b>Social Studies</b>	1 credit in World History 1 credit in U.S. History .5 credit in U.S. Government .5 credits in Economics	1 credit in World History 1 credit in U.S. History .5 credit in U.S. Government .5 credits in Economics (which must include financial literacy)
<b>Fine/Performing Arts</b>	1 credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts  (as defined in the Florida Course Code Directory <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/CCD/1415.asp">http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/CCD/1415.asp</a> )	1 credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts  (as defined in the Florida Course Code Directory <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/CCD/1415.asp">http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/CCD/1415.asp</a> )
<b>Physical Education</b>	1 credit of Physical Education to include the integration of Health	1 credit of Physical Education to include the integration of Health
<b>Electives</b>	8 credits selected from below	8 credits selected from below
<b>Online Courses</b>	1 Online Course	1 Online Course

<b>College Prep</b>	<b>Career Prep</b>	<b>College &amp; Career Prep</b>
3 credits in core academic areas 2 credits in single World Language 3 credits in academic electives	3 credits in single vocational/career education program  5 credits in electives	3 credits in core academic areas 2 credits in single World Language 3 credits in single vocational/career education program

**State Assessment Requirements:** Students must earn passing scores on the Grade 10 Reading or concordant scores on a standardized test, and meet additional statewide standardized end-of-course (EOC) assessment requirements. See your school counselor for more information.

**GPA Requirement:** Students must receive a minimum of a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for graduation; State scholarships and state universities have higher GPA standards.

**Online Learning Requirement:** At least one course within the 24 credits must be completed through online learning.

**State University System (SUS) Admission Requirements:** Students wanting to gain admission to competitive universities such as those in the SUS must complete the College Prep or College & Career Prep credit requirements (wherein all courses earned must satisfy admission requirements) and achieve GPA and entrance exam minimums as set forth by the university.