

**PRIMARY TYPES OF DIPLOMAS/CERTIFICATES**  
**Florida Department of Education**  
[Graduation Requirements](#)

Name of Diploma	Description of Diploma
<p><b>Standard Diploma – 24 credit</b></p>	<p>This program may take four years to complete high school and requires students to take at least 24 credits in core content areas. World language credit is not required for this program, although it is recommended for state college preparation and is required for admission to Florida’s state universities. Students who choose this program are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete 12 credits in core content areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 English</li> <li>○ 4 mathematics</li> <li>○ 3 science</li> <li>○ 3 social science</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Complete 1 credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or specified practical arts courses</li> <li>• Complete 1 credit in physical education that includes integration of health</li> <li>• Complete 8 elective credits</li> <li>• Earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment (beginning with students who enter ninth grade in 2011–2012)</li> <li>• Earn passing scores on the Geometry and Biology EOC Assessments in order to award course credit (beginning with students who enter ninth grade in 2012–2013)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Standard Diploma – three-year, 18 credit career preparatory</b></p>	<p>The requirements of the program are designed to prepare students for entrance into a technical center or state college for career preparation or for entrance into the workforce. This accelerated graduation program requires fewer credits than the 24-credit program. It focuses more on academic courses, which means students take fewer elective courses. Students who select this program are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earn specific credits in a single vocational or career education program</li> <li>• Maintain a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>• Earn grades of 2.0 or its equivalent, weighted or unweighted, in each of the 18 required credits for the career preparatory program</li> <li>• Earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment (beginning with students who enter ninth grade in 2011–2012)</li> <li>• Earn passing scores on the Geometry and Biology EOC Assessments in order to award course credit (beginning with students who enter ninth grade in 2012–2013)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Standard Diploma – three-year, 18 credit college preparatory</b></p>	<p>The requirements of this program are designed to prepare students for entering a postsecondary institution of education. This accelerated graduation program requires fewer credits than the 24-credit program. It focuses more on academic courses, which means students take fewer elective courses. Students who select this program are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earn 2 credits in a world language</li> <li>• Earn at least 6 of the 18 required credits in specified rigorous courses</li> <li>• Maintain a cumulative weighted grade point average of a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>• Earn grades of 3.0 or its equivalent, weighted or unweighted, in each of the 18 required credits for the college preparatory program</li> <li>• Complete higher-level mathematics courses than the 24-credit program and the three-year career preparatory program</li> <li>• Earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment (beginning with students who enter ninth grade in 2011–2012)</li> <li>• Earn passing scores on the Geometry and Biology EOC Assessments in order to award course credit (beginning with students who enter ninth grade in 2012–2013)</li> <li>• Satisfy the minimum standards for admission into Florida’s state universities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Special Diploma – Option 1 &amp; 2</b></p>	<p>To graduate with special diploma option 1, a student must do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earn the minimum number of course credits determined by the local school district</li> <li>• Demonstrate proficiency at the independent, supported, or participatory level of each of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Special Diploma, as determined through the individual educational plan (IEP) process</li> </ul> <p>Option 2 is based on mastery of a set of employment and community competencies identified in the training plan developed for each individual student by the IEP committee.</p> <p>To graduate with special diploma option 2, a student must do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be successfully employed in a community-based job for the number of hours per week specified in the student’s training plan, the equivalent of one semester, and paid a minimum wage in compliance with the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act.</li> <li>• Achieve all annual goals and short-term objectives related to employment and community competencies in the training plan.</li> <li>• Show mastery of competencies in his or her employment and community competencies training plan.</li> </ul>
<p><b>State of Florida High School Diploma (GED)</b></p>	<p>This diploma is awarded to students based on the student’s satisfactory completion of the General Education Development (GED) Tests.</p>

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<b>State of Florida High School Performance-Based Diploma</b>	<p>This diploma program is for students who are in jeopardy of not graduating with their kindergarten cohort class due to being one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overage for grade</li> <li>○ Behind in credits</li> <li>○ Having a low grade point average</li> </ul> <p>To successfully complete the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students must be enrolled in K–12 courses, earning credits that meet high school graduation requirements, which may not include Level 1 courses, unless documented on the student’s IEP</li> <li>○ Pass the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading</li> <li>○ Pass all sections of the GED</li> <li>○ Satisfy any additional requirements specified by the student’s school district, such as the completion of vocational credits</li> </ul>
<b>Certificate of Completion</b>	<p>A Certificate of Completion may be awarded to a student who completes all standard course requirements, but who is unable to earn an overall 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and earn a passing score on the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading.</p>
<b>Certificate of Completion – College Placement Test (CPT)-Eligible</b>	<p>A Certificate of Completion – CPT-Eligible may be awarded to a student who completes standard course requirements and earns an overall 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale but who is unable to earn a passing score on the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading. Students who receive a CPT-Eligible Certificate of Completion must be allowed to take the College Placement Test and be admitted to remedial or credit courses at a Florida state college, as appropriate.</p>