

Everything A Home School Parent Needs To Know About High School

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“Piecing Together the High School Puzzle
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A comprehensive guide written for Florida high school students

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Florida Credits Required for Graduation

Subject Area	Graduation Requirements in Florida 24-Credit Program
English	4 credits, with major concentration in composition, reading for information, and literature
Math	4 credits, one of which must be in Algebra I or higher
Science	3 credits, two must have a lab component
Social Studies	1 credit World History, 1 credit American History, ½ credit American Government, ½ credit Economics
Foreign Language	Not required for graduation, but admission requirement for state universities
Fine Arts or Performing Arts	1 credit in fine or performing arts OR 1 credit Speech and Debate
Physical Ed	1 credit, physical education that integrates health
Major, Minor, or Electives	8 credits 4 credits, in a Major Area of Interest (MAI) 4 credits, can be combined for second MAI or a Minor Area of Interest (3 credits), or elective courses
Total	24 Credits

Creating A Transcript

Information to be included at the top of the Transcript

- Name
- Contact Information
- Date of Birth
- Social Security #
- Email Address
- Gender
- Expected Graduation date

Information to be included at the bottom of the Transcript

- Total # of credits
- Weighted GPA
- Unweighted GPA
- Parent Signature

Optional information to be included on Transcript

- SAT Scores
- ACT Scores

Transcript Continued

Credit

- FL Statute 1003.436
- 1 Credit = 135 hours
- ½ Credit Courses
- Dual Enrollment Credits

Grade

- A B C D F
- Can be + or -

Reference Code

- Florida Course Code Directory
- www.fldoe.org/bil/curriculum/course_descriptions



How To Earn A Credit

- ❖ **Traditional Home School Method**
- ❖ **DVD Courses**
- ❖ **Online Courses**
 - FVS
 - Catie Frates
- ❖ **Classes**
 - Equip
 - Sunshine Learning Center
- ❖ **Coops**
- ❖ **Dual Enrollment Courses**

Calculating GPA

- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0
- F = 0

Unweighted

- A = 5.0
- B = 4.0
- C = 3.0
- D = 1.0
- F = 0

Weighted
Brownie Points

- Total Credits
- Total Grades Using Point System
- Divide Total Points by Total Credits to Find GPA

Calculations

Earning College Credit While In High School

- **Dual Enrollment/Early Enrollment**
Broward College
No Charge for Classes/\$ for Books
Classes on Campus or Online
- **Advance Placement (AP) Courses**
30 College level courses
Traditional Textbooks or FVS
***Must Pass Exam to Receive College Credit
Scores 1–5 (Each College Has Different Requirements)
Taken at Assigned High School – \$86 fee
- **CLEP –College Level Examination Program**
Collegeboard.com

Dual Enrollment Program

➤ Program

- 2 Years of Dual Enrollment + 1 Year Early Enrollment
- Course can be taken online or at multiple campuses–Davie, Pines, Weston, Tigertail, Downtown, Miramar, South, and North Campus
- No Cost for Classes/\$ for Books
- High School Credit and College Credit

➤ Requirements

- Must Have Completed 11 High School Credits
- Transcript
- 3.0 Unweighted GPA
- Must Pass CPT or Passable Scores SAT or ACT
- Completed and Signed: Application and Recommendation for Dual Enrollment Admission for Home School Students
 - Pick up application at one of the campuses
 - Complete application and send to Broward office with a self-addressed stamped envelope

Dual Enrollment Continued

- Send to:
The School Board of Broward County
600 S.E. 3rd Ave. – 10th Floor
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
- To Find Classes
 - www.broward.edu
 - Click on tab for “Future Student”
 - Scroll down to “Program of Study”
 - Choose which program you will work towards/Trying to complete high school credits at the same time
 - Click on tab for “Classes” and type in course and search
 - www.ratemyprofessor.com
 - Choose which class and write down reference #
 - Some good choices:
 - ENC1101, ENC1102
 - MAT1033, MAT1105, MAT1140 Jennifer Seigal – Davie
 - SPC1024 Herb Sennett–South
 - Recommended Professors:
 - EUH1000 Dr. Corseri – South
 - AMH2010, AMH2020 Rosalie Billera – Davie
 - PSY2012 Bernstein – South

Testing – Alphabet Soup

Achievement Tests

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)

Produced by the University of Iowa, originated 1935, nationally normed percentiles

Stanford Achievement Test (SAT)

Originated in 1926, nationally normed percentiles, percentiles for comparison with Accredited Christian Schools (ACSI), Bible section created for ACSI

College Entrance Exams

PSAT – Preliminary SAT – Always given 2nd Wednesday of October
Does NOT qualify for college entrance

10th grade – Practice – Results and Book Returned

11th grade – Qualification for National Merit Scholarship

www.collegeboard.com

Test sites: Local High School, Private Schools, Home School Groups

Testing – Continued

SAT

Entrance Exam for College

www.collegeboard.com

Test Sites: Local High Schools

Reading – Math – Writing; Combination of Math and Reading

Scores for each section – 200–800

Scores can be mixed

Penalty for wrong answers

Choose Colleges and Universities where scores will be sent

Choose ANY State University

Reasoning Abilities – Must Study

Test Dates: Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan 22, March 12, May 7, June 4

Testing – Continued

ACT – American College Testing Program

Entrance Exam for College

www.act.org

English – Math – Reading – Science (Optional Writing Section)

Test Dates: Sept 11, Oct 23, Dec 11, Feb 12, April 9, June 11

Test Sites: Local High Schools

Scores for each section 1–36; Composite Score

No Penalty for Wrong Answers

Higher Level of Math; Literary & Historical Passages in Reading

Choose Colleges and Universities where scores will be sent

****Choose ANY State University****

Scholarship Opportunities

➤ Bright Futures

Beverly 850-245-1898

Must Be Home Schooled 11th & 12th Grade

Apply After Dec. 1, But before Graduation date; Due date Sept 1

Need Form From County Stating that Student was Home Schooled

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

3 Award Levels

Florida Academic Scholars Award \$126 per credit (1270 or 28)

Florida Medallion Scholars Award \$100 per credit

(1070 or 23) + 3.0 GPA qualifies without transcript;

970 or 20 qualifies with proof of 3.0 GPA in the required 16 academic courses; documented through FI public school, FDOE-Registered Private, FLVS, or Dual Enrollment

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award (440 each section or 18 Reading, 17 English, 19 Math) Must have 3 Vocational or Technology Credits in one vocational program

Scholarship Opportunities

➤ Florida Residence Grant (FRAG)

Money to attend ANY Private College in
the State of Florida

Approximately \$2700 each year

FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov/

No Charge for application

Federal student aid