

Duval County Public Schools

High School Graduation Requirements

For students entering grade 9 for the first time in 2007-2008 and thereafter	
Courses	
English	4 credits (include writing requirements appropriately rigorous – not just a literature course)
Mathematics	4 high school math credits taken in middle or high school in 2007-2008 or thereafter 1 Algebra I – required (MS/HS) 1 geometry – required (MS/HS) 1 Algebra II – required (HS only) 1 additional math (HS only)
Science	4 credits 1 biology 2 physical sciences (chemistry, physics , earthspace) [two must have lab component] 1 additional science
Social Studies	3 credits 1 world history 1 American history ½ American government ½ economics
World Language*	2 high school credits taken in middle or high school from 2007-2008 or thereafter which include two courses in the same language Students who have been required to take 3 years of Intensive Reading in high school may be exempt from this requirement through a waiver process
Practical Career Education and/or Visual/Performing Fine Arts	1 credit performing fine arts or a state-approved practical arts
Physical Education	1 credit H.O.P.E.
Electives**	5 credits
Total	24 credits
State Assessment Requirements	earn passing scores on the FCAT (grade 10) Reading/Math, OR the state End Of Course Exams (EOCs) if applicable For students entering ninth grade for the first time in 2010-2011 a Level 3 will be required on the 10 th Grade Reading FCAT
Grade Point Average Requirements (GPA)	earn a cumulative, unweighted GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

* American Sign Language (ASL) may be used to meet the foreign language requirement. Postsecondary institutions outside of Florida may not accept ASL as a foreign language credit.

** Students who scored a Level 1 or 2 on the FCAT Reading and/or Mathematics tests must be scheduled into an appropriate intensive reading/mathematics course or provided remediation as determined by diagnosis of needs.