

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Misconception #1: There are different diploma tracks (i.e. career, college, advanced)

- Correct: Everyone pursues the same standard diploma path, some may choose to pursue additional distinctions.

Misconception #2: The FCAT is going away

- Correct: The FCAT will be replaced in the 2014-2015 school year by a Common Core-aligned assessment

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS CON'T

Misconception #3: Foreign Language is required to graduate

- 2 years of a foreign language is required for Bright Futures and admission to a college/university

Misconception #4: Community Service is required to graduate

- Community service is required for Bright Futures
 - 100 hours for FAS
 - 75 hours for FMS
 - 30 hours for FGS

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **There is ONE standard diploma**
- **ALL students pursue a standard diploma***
- **ALL students meet the same requirements to graduate from high school, regardless of post-secondary plans**
- ***AICE students are exempt from a few requirements**

DISTINCTIONS

- **In addition to the standard diploma, there are two additional “distinctions” that students can earn**
- **Merit**
- **Scholar**
- **A student’s choice to pursue or not pursue one or both of these does not have any bearing on whether or not they:**
 - Graduate from high school
 - Are accepted to a college or university

REQUIREMENTS

G.P.A.

- 2.0 Un-Weighted GPA
- Semester grades are calculated into GPA's
- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0

ASSESSMENT

- **Must pass 10th grade Reading FCAT 2.0**
- **Must take the 10th grade FCAT Writing**
- **Must pass the Algebra 1 End-of-Course Exam**
 - Also counts as 30% of the Algebra 1 course grade

END OF COURSE EXAMS

- **All count as 30% of the overall grade for the following courses:**
 - Algebra 1
 - Geometry (or Pre-AICE Math 2)
 - Biology (or Pre-AICE Biology)
 - US History

CREDITS

- **4 English**
- **4 Math (must include Algebra & Geometry)**
- **3 Science (must include Biology)**
- **3 Social Studies (World History, US History, US Gov & Econ w/Financial Literacy)**
- **1 Fine/Performing Art**
- **1 HOPE**
- **8 Electives**

ONLINE COURSE

- **Essential skill for college and career readiness**
- **SAHS is creating virtual-blended courses to meet the requirement**
- **2012-2013 Piloting**
- **2013-2014 US Gov & US Gov Honors in place**
- **Driver's Ed doesn't count for current 9th graders**

DESIGNATIONS

MERIT DESIGNATION

- In addition to standard diploma:
 - Earn at least one industry certification

SCHOLAR DESIGNATION

- **In addition to standard diploma:**
 - Pass 11th Grade ELA Assessment (2014-15)
 - Earn Algebra 2 Credit
 - Pass Algebra 2 EOC (2014-15)
 - Earn Statistics or Equally Rigorous Math credit (Pre-Calculus, AP Stat, AP Calculus, AICE Math)
 - Pass Biology 1 EOC
 - Earn Chemistry or Physics Credit
 - Pass US History EOC
 - Earn 2 credits in same foreign language
 - Earn 1 AP/AICE/DE credit

SUMMARY

- **We've got your student covered!**
- **Everyone pursues the same track**
- **Students who wish to earn the additional “designation” do some more things**
- **Ultimately what matters: post-secondary**
 - Career Readiness
 - College Readiness
 - Colleges – On website post admissions criteria – visit early, familiarize yourself
 - Bright Futures – On website they post their criteria

IN CASE YOU FORGET

- Daily Summary
- Schedule
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Classwork
- Interim progress
- Report Card
- Transcript
- Test Scores
- Registration
- School Website
- FL Standards
- PayPams (Student Meal Payment)
- Florida Path to Success
- Standard Diploma Requirements 2013-2014 **
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- My Profile

QUESTIONS?