



RAM ACADEMIC FAQS

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE ON TIME?

For the class of 2018, 2019, 2020, & 2021

STANDARD DIPLOMA - 4 YEARS Credit Requirements

English	4.0 credits
Math*	4.0 credits
Science**	3.0 credits
Social Studies***	3.0 credits
Fine/Performing Art	1.0 credit
Physical Education (Personal Fitness/PE .5 credits each)	1.0 credit
Electives	8.0 credits

* Math credits must include Algebra 1 AND Geometry.

**Science credits must include Biology.

*** Social Studies credits must include World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government (0.5 credit), and Economics (0.5 credit).

GPA Requirement

All students must earn a 2.0 unweighted cumulative GPA

Virtual Course Requirement

All students must successfully complete one virtual course.

Math & English Senior Course Requirement

During their Junior year, all students will take the PERT Test. The score on this test will determine the level of the English and Math course in which students will be placed during their Senior year.

Testing Requirements*

All students must pass the FSA ELA in the 10th grade in order to graduate.

The FSA ELA is a combination of the writing and reading subtests.

Students will have opportunities to retake the FSA ELA test in the 11th and 12th grades if needed and may also use the ACT/SAT as a concordant score (19).

The following courses will have an End of Course (EOC) Exam: Algebra 1, Biology, Geometry, U.S. History, and Algebra II (enrollment is not required).

*All courses will have a District (EOC) Exam.

Results will be added into the semester grade.

Graduation Year	Must Participate In Exam	Must Pass EOC to Earn Course Credit
2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021	U.S. History Geometry Biology Algebra II (enrollment not required to take an EOC exam) *All State EOCs will count as 30% of the final grade All other courses will have a District EOC exam. *All District EOCs will count as 10% of the final grade	Algebra I (Students who pass the course will get the credit, but they must pass the EOC to graduate. Students may meet this requirement via the PERT Comparative Score - 97)

* This information is current as of 12/15/15 and is subject to change by the FLDOE.

SCHOLAR AND MERIT DIPLOMA DESIGNATION

In addition to meeting all requirements for a Standard High School Diploma, students can earn a **Scholar Diploma Designation** based on these additional requirements:

- Pass the ELA Common Core Assessment
- Earn 1 credit in Algebra II AND pass the EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous Mathematics course
- Pass the Biology EOC
- Earn 1 Credit in Chemistry or Physics AND earn 1 credit in an equally rigorous Science course
- Pass the US History EOC
- Earn 2 Credits in the same World Language course
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP or Dual Enrollment Course

In order to earn the **Merit Diploma Designation**, students must meet the Standard High School Diploma requirements AND earn one or more industry certifications.

WHAT ARE THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND A 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY?

COLLEGES RECOMMEND

18 OF THE 24 CREDITS SHOULD BE

English	4.0 credits
Math*	4.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Social Studies**	3.0 credits
World Language (of the same language)	2.0 credits
Academic Electives	2.0+ credits

* Math credits must include Algebra I & II or its equivalent AND Geometry.

** Social Studies credits must include World History, US History, US Government, and Economics.

Rigorous Course Recommendation

Rigorous and challenging courses in high school, for example, Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment

GPA & Standardized Test Scores

Competitive GPA and Standardized Test scores on the ACT/SAT.

Extracurricular Activities & Service

Involvement in student activities, leadership positions, and volunteering is strongly encouraged.

For Your Information

Although **World Language** and **Community Service Hours** are **NOT** required for graduation, they are required for entrance into a 4-year university and scholarships.



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ACCEL PROGRAM (18 CREDITS)

STUDENTS CAN GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITH A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY EARNING 18 CREDITS AND MEETING THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 4.0 CREDITS IN ENGLISH
- PASS THE FSA ELA (WRITING AND READING COMBINATION)
- 4.0 CREDITS IN MATH (ALGEBRA I AND GEOMETRY REQUIRED)
- PASS THE ALGEBRA I EOC AND TAKE THE GEOMETRY EOC
- 3.0 CREDITS IN SCIENCE (BIOLOGY REQUIRED)
- 3.0 CREDITS IN CORE SOCIAL STUDIES
- 1.0 PERFORMING/FINE ART CREDIT
- 3.0 ELECTIVE CREDITS
- STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO MEET PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
- STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE A VIRTUAL COURSE

*STUDENTS FOLLOWING THE ACCEL PROGRAM ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLAR OR MERIT DIPLOMA DESIGNATION.

*ANY STUDENT FOLLOWING THIS PLAN MUST MEET WITH THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO DEVELOP AN INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN THAT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE.

OTHER COURSES THAT SATISFY THE FINE/PERFORMING ART REQUIREMENT (1.0 CREDIT)

COURSES AT RHS

Art 2D	Digital Info Tech
Art 3D	Digital Design
Band	Guitar
Chorus	Journalism 1
Dance	Musical Theatre
Eurhythmics	Theatre 1-4

OTHER

Enrollment in 2 years of ROTC (*also satisfies the PE requirement*)

COURSES AT MARCHMAN

Commercial Arts (All Courses)
Culinary Arts (Culinary Arts 2 Level 2 and Culinary Arts 2 Level 3)
Cosmetology (Nails, Facials, Cosmetology 4 Level 2 and Cosmetology 9 Level 2)
Early Childhood Education (ECE 2, ECE 3 and ECE 3 New)

COURSES ONLINE VIA PASCO ESCHOOL ONLY

AP Art History
Creative Photography
Art History and Criticism Honors
Journalism I
Guitar
Music of the World
User Interface Design
Foundations of the Web Design

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Floridashines.org - **HIGH SCHOOL 101**

This website will have individual information on student graduation status and other important topics such as:

Career Exploration
College Planning
Go Higher, Education Pays
Bright Futures Scholarships

QUICK NOTES ON SPECIFIC TOPICS

Bright Futures

Each graduation cohort will have individualized information regarding Bright Future Requirements. School counselors are also able to provide information regarding specific graduation cohorts and classes.

Visit the following website for more information:
<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>

COLLEGE READINESS TESTING **ACT & SAT**

How to prepare for college readiness tests:

PSAT is offered every October for students in 9-11th grades

Also visit for more information:

For the SAT www.collegeboard.org

For the ACT www.actstudent.org

When should you take the SAT or ACT?

We recommend **NO LATER THAN** the **SPRING** of your **JUNIOR** year so that you will have as much course work under your belt as possible.

*Students who receive free/reduced lunch are eligible for fee waivers for the ACT and SAT in their junior year.
See your School Counselor for more information.