

Indian River County District School Board Workshop
AGENDA OUTLINE
October 23, 2012
9:00 a.m.

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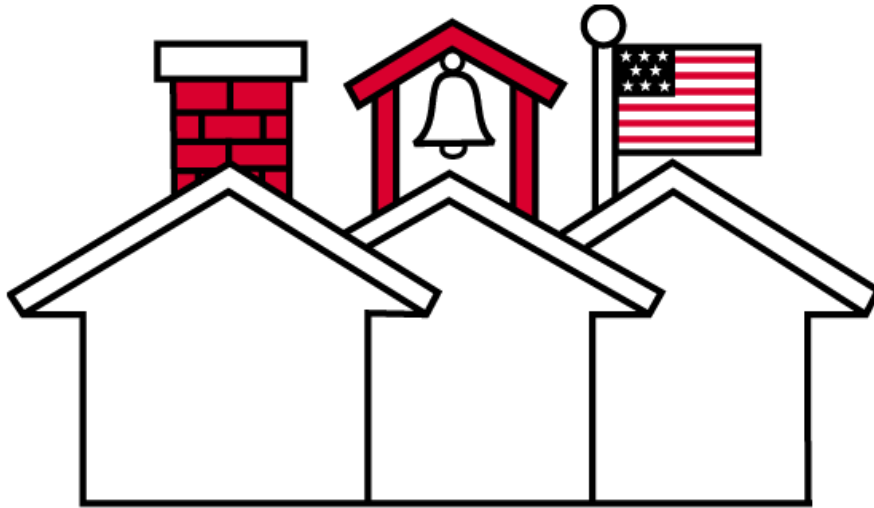
Student Progression Plan Workshop

- I. **Call Workshop to Order – Chairman Pegler**
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- II. **Purpose of the Workshop – Dr. Adams**
- III. **Presentation – Mrs. D'Albora**
- IV. **Questions – Chairman Pegler**
- V. **ADJOURNMENT**

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STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

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REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

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STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

The School District of Indian River County Student Progression Plan is designed to provide valuable information for school personnel, students, families, and interested citizens with regard to student progression from grade to grade and graduation requirements. Satisfactory progress through the system depends on the combined efforts of students, parents, professional educators and the School Board.

This plan gives consideration to the best interest of our students, and complies with state statutes and State Board of Education directives. As with all policy handbooks, periodic review and revision is undertaken in order to remain consistent with the intent of our local school board and legislative actions.

The document is divided into grade level sections; elementary, middle and high school, in order to facilitate location of specific information. The introduction provides information that is applicable to all grade levels.

This document along with School Board policies and district procedures guides our staff as we strive to educate and inspire every student to be successful.

2012-2013 STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

The District School Board of Indian River County, Florida is dedicated to providing instruction that enables students to achieve academically. The school district staff has the responsibility for developing and implementing a plan for student progression.

ADMISSION - REQUIREMENTS FOR ORIGINAL ENTRY

Any pupil enrolled in a school of the Indian River County School District for the first time shall be required to present certification of a medical exam performed within one year prior to entry into Florida schools. Certification of immunization is also required from those communicable diseases identified by the Department of Children and Family Services: poliomyelitis, diphtheria, rubella, rubeola, pertussis, mumps, and tetanus. An exemption may be granted as provided in Section 1003.22, Florida Statutes.

Any pupil previously enrolled in a public school outside the State of Florida who seeks admission to school within the district shall be admitted under the same admission requirements established in the state in which the pupil resided prior to moving to Indian River County. However, any student who does not meet the immunization and health examination requirements set forth in State Statute shall be refused admittance. An exemption may be granted as provided in Section 1003.22, Florida Statutes.

A pupil enrolled as an original entry shall present evidence of date of birth as outlined in Section 1003.21, Florida Statutes. In addition, he/she should present proof of residency and a report card or school records from the school of last attendance. Placement will be made according to the pupil's school records. In the absence of appropriate records, the principal shall temporarily assign the pupil to the grade deemed to be proper until a copy of the student's official record is received or proper grade placement is otherwise determined. Schools are to maintain a log of the transfer of student cumulative folders from one school to the next and a confirmation of receipt needs to be documented. *IRCS D 5.03. F.S. 1003.21, 1003.22, 1003.25*

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children removes barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents.

Assistance To Transitioning Students From Military Families

The School Board of Indian River County is working closely with U.S. Southern Command to ensure that students who are military dependents receive the necessary support as they transition into Indian River. Special accommodations are made for dependents of active military personnel.

(Documentation of "active" military status is required). SB 1060 - ss. 1000.36, 1000.37, 1000.38, and 1000.39, F.S.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

The ESOL coordinator/contact person and the guidance counselor/administrator review the educational background of the transferring student to determine appropriate grade level, subject, and ESOL program placement. Parental input regarding educational background should be taken into consideration especially when transcripts, records or report cards are not readily available. Program placement is reflected in the student's schedule in TERMS. Bilingual personnel assist the students and their families when necessary to ensure proper program/course placement.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is the direct responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s). All students are expected to attend school regularly and to be on time for classes in order to benefit from the instructional program and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline and responsibility.

CURRICULA

Curricula for the elementary, middle and high schools shall be determined by the laws of the State of Florida and shall be based on Student Performance Standards that are determined by the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The CCSS will be fully implemented in grades K-12 in the 2013-2014 school year. The curriculum will include all topics and subject matter required by the State Board of Education. In addition, the following may also be used to determine curricula.

1. Needs of students as determined by studies and surveys.
2. Continuous evaluation of the effectiveness of the curricula of the schools in meeting the needs of all students
3. Instructional needs of students requiring remediation in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics and science. Remediation shall be for students not demonstrating grade level proficiency.
4. Individual Educational Plan for students in exceptional educational programs for children with disabilities.

The superintendent may appoint such committees and special study groups as may be necessary to assist him/her in determining the educational needs of the district.

The superintendent shall designate a member of the administrative or supervisory staff to be responsible for the development and coordination of the total curricula of the school district.

REPORT CARDS

Evaluation of student progress is a vital part of the teaching learning process. Effective evaluation provides a sound working relationship between the home and the school and indicates to the parent, the student and the teacher the progress made in reaching the Next Generation Sunshine State standards and Common Core State Standards set for that course or grade level.

Each student is entitled to receive a fair and accurate evaluation of his performance in a subject, course, or program for which a grade is awarded. A grade or report of progress shall be given in all subjects or courses for which promotion or credit is earned in grades kindergarten through twelve. The evaluation shall relate to the objectives of the subject or course (content and skills), which have been identified as being appropriate for the level and subject. The content or skills taught to a particular group of students should be commensurate with the ability and needs of the student in that group or class. The standards and expectations established by the teacher for each group should be appropriate for that level and grade, yet should challenge the students to reach a higher level of achievement. The assessment and other evaluative procedures used should relate directly to the body of knowledge and standards taught. Students should be given a grade which represents an accurate measure of performance and should be based on data which is collected throughout the grading period for which the evaluation is made.

Report cards will be issued each nine weeks, four times during the school year. Report cards will reflect:

1. The student's academic performance in each class or course based on examinations (daily, quizzes, weekly, unit, quarterly and semester), special projects, laboratory activities, reports, research papers, notebooks, written papers, class participation and other academic performance criteria. The value based on each of the above should be in keeping with the importance of that item as it relates to achievement in a specific subject and instructional level.
2. The student's conduct and behavior should be reported separate from the academic grade
3. The student's attendance, including absences and tardies

The primary responsibility for evaluating the progress of a student and the assignment of a grade shall rest with the teacher. Each teacher shall, however, establish a system or procedure for determining grades for each course, which can be understood by students and parents. The system for determining grades shall be in writing, submitted to the principal, and shall be shared with students and parents/guardians at the beginning of the course or school term.

Each teacher has a responsibility to work with the other teachers at the department, the grade and school level in developing consistent assessments, grading standards, and achievement expectations within similar subjects or courses. A uniform grading system shall be developed. An individual teacher may evaluate student performance in a manner that is different from other teachers when there are justified reasons. The principal has the responsibility to determine if rules and procedures of the school board are being followed and if sound and fair professional practice has been applied in assessing students. The principal has the responsibility to review the system for determining grades and the standards and achievement expectations set by the teacher. In all cases, the teacher will be consulted in any review and the teacher's professional judgment shall be respected. The principals shall give direction when the teacher's grading system, standards or measurement are not appropriate to the level, subject or ability of the students.

Homework shall **may** be used to reinforce or enrich course content and skills. The homework assigned shall be appropriate for the level and subject and in an amount which will provide the student an opportunity to acquire the knowledge or master the skills which are required. When assigned, homework will be monitored by the teacher and shall **may** be considered by the teacher in grade determination. To enhance the learning process and to keep parents informed, teachers are expected to return student work and test papers when appropriate.

Tests shall relate directly to that which has been taught and should be designed in a manner that will provide an accurate evaluation of the student's knowledge or performance. Teachers are encouraged to develop test questions that span all levels of cognitive complexity.

The final report card for the school year shall contain a statement indicating end-of the year status or performance or nonperformance at grade level, acceptable or unacceptable behavior and attendance, and promotion or non-promotion.

A school shall not exempt students from academic performance requirements based on policies or practices designed to encourage student attendance. A student's attendance record may not be used in whole or in part to provide an exemption from any academic performance requirement. Student midterm progress reports will be sent home each grading period. *F.S. 1003.33(1)*

STUDENT PROGRESSION AND PROGRESS MONITORING PLANS

Florida Statutes require that students who score below achievement level 3 on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 (FCAT 2.0) in reading and mathematics in grades 3-10 must be provided with additional assessments to determine the nature of the student difficulty, the areas of academic need, and strategies for appropriate intervention and instruction.

The school in which the student is enrolled must develop, in consultation with the student's parent, and must implement a progress monitoring plan. A progress monitoring plan is intended to provide the school district and the school flexibility in meeting the academic needs of the student. A student who is not meeting the school district or state requirements for proficiency in reading and math shall be covered by one of the following plans to target instruction and identify ways to improve his or her academic achievement.

1. A federally required student plan such as an individual educational plan;
2. A school-wide system of progress monitoring for all students; or
3. An individualized progress monitoring plan.

The plan chosen must be designed to assist the student or the school in meeting state and district expectations for ~~proficiency~~ **satisfactory performance on FL DOE standards**. If the student has been identified as having a deficiency in reading, the K-12 comprehensive reading plan required by statute shall include instructional and support services to be provided to meet the desired levels of performance. District school boards may require low-performing students to attend remediation programs held before or after regular school hours or during the summer if transportation is provided.

The allocation of remedial and supplementary instructional resources for students shall occur in the following priority:

1. Students who are deficient in reading by the end of grade 3
2. Students who fail to meet performance levels required for promotion consistent with the district's plan for student progression *F.S. 1008.25(1)(2)(3)*

Retention decisions should be based on more than a single test score. If a student is retained, it must be within an intensive program that is different from the previous year's program and that takes into account the student's learning style. An appropriate alternative placement for a student who has been retained two or more years should be made. The nature of the alternative placement is determined by the school district.

If the documented deficiencies have not been remediated according to the Progress Monitoring Plan, the student may be retained. Each student who does not meet minimum performance expectations for the statewide assessment tests in reading, writing, mathematics and science must continue remedial or supplemental instruction until expectations are met or the student graduates from high school or is no longer subject to compulsory school attendance.

F.S. 1008.25(4)(b)(c)

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION(RtI) MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT (MTSS)

The School District of Indian River County is committed to the implementation of a ~~Response to Intervention(RtI)~~ process to improve educational outcomes and meet the academic and behavioral needs of all students. By implementing the comprehensive **MTSS** ~~RtI~~ process, the district will ensure that all students are provided with every reasonable opportunity and support to succeed in the general education environment prior to determining that the student has a disability.

A comprehensive ~~RtI~~ **MTSS** process includes the following essential components:

1. High quality instruction.
2. Intervention matched to student needs.
3. Learning rate and level of performance measured over time.
4. Multiple tiers of evidence-based instruction service delivery.
5. Problem-solving process to guide decisions about instruction and interventions needed to improve learning and/or behavior.
6. A data based system to inform decisions at each tier of service delivery.

The District established the following components in a three-tiered model to address academic and/or behavioral needs identified by school based ~~RtI~~ teams:

Levels of Interventions

1. Tier I

- Is the core curriculum, research based instruction
- Includes all students
- Employs differentiated instruction
- Uses universal screening as determined by the District
- Is adjusted to assure 80% of District schools/classes meet benchmarks

2. Tier II

- Provides additional interventions to students who do not meet Tier I benchmarks
- Supplements, does not replace, Tier I instruction
- Targets students' needs as determined by a review of student records (school history, assessment data, academic and/or behavioral strengths and needs)
- Includes a Progress Monitoring Plan

3. Tier III

- Targets students who are performing significantly below standards and have not made adequate progress with Tier I and Tier II instruction and interventions
- Provides intense interventions with increased frequency and duration
- Provides small group instruction
- Employs weekly progress monitoring of targeted assessments that acquire more in depth information about students' instructional or behavior needs

At the conclusion of Tier I, Tier II or Tier III interventions, the ~~R#~~ team may consider the following options:

- Scale down (or discontinue) the interventions as students demonstrate skills comparable to their peers and are making satisfactory progress
- Continue the interventions in the general education setting as students show satisfactory progress
- Move forward with decisions regarding eligibility for ESE

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

The School District will annually report to the parent or legal guardian of each student the progress of the student toward achieving state and district expectations for proficiency in reading, writing, science and mathematics. The district shall report to the parent or legal guardian the student's results on each statewide assessment test. The evaluation of each student's progress must be based on each student's classroom work, observations, tests, district and state assessments, and other relevant information. No one test with a single administration shall determine promotion or retention. The preponderance of evidence from various evaluations should be used to determine if a student is ready for the work of the next grade.

Progress reporting will be provided to the parent in writing in a format adopted by the district school board.

The school board will annually publish in the local newspaper and report in writing to the State Board of Education by September 1 of each year the following information on the prior school year:

1. the provisions of the law relating to public school student progression and the district school board's policies and procedures on student retention and promotion;
2. by grade, the performance of all students in grades 3 through 10 on the FCAT 2.0 indicating the number and percentage of students scoring at levels 1 & 2 on the reading portion of the FCAT 2.0.
3. by grade, the number and percentage of all students in grades 3-10 who were retained;
4. information on the total number of students who were promoted for good cause, by each category of good cause;
5. any revision to the district school board's policy on retention and promotion from the prior year.
F.S. 1008.25(8)(a)(b)

SECONDARY SCHOOL REFORM

The SDIRC is implementing a Secondary School Reform Plan, which is designed to ensure instructional excellence and community engagement. The underlying principle of the plan is to significantly alter the educational experience of students in grades six through twelve with the intention of meeting the following goals:

- raise the academic performance of all students;
- increase the graduation rate;
- reduce the achievement gap;
- implement a cycle of continuous improvement in academics; and
- produce literate graduates who are ready for college, career, and citizenship.

ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING CURRICULUM TO ENHANCE LEARNING

The ACCEL (Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning) options are educational options that provide academically challenging curriculum or accelerated instruction to eligible public school students in kindergarten through grade 12.

Options are offered in two categories, Content Enrichment and Grade Advancement. F.S. 1002.3105

Content Enrichment ACCEL options include:

- independent or small group studies
- enrichment programs
- flexible grouping
- combined classes
- self-paced instruction
- telescoping curriculum

Grade Advancement ACCEL options include:

- whole-grade and midyear promotion
- subject-matter acceleration
- virtual instruction in higher grade level subjects
- Credit Acceleration Program under [s. 1003.4295, F.S.](#)

Eligibility for ACCEL options include a team review of the student's grade point average, state, district, and standardized assessments, attendance and conduct records, and other pertinent data. A recommendation from one or more of the student's teachers in core-curricula courses and a guidance counselor, if one is assigned to the student's school, is also required. If the student meets eligibility and procedural requirements the student must be provided the opportunity to participate in the ACCEL option.

The school based team must carefully consider the effect of ACCEL options, especially Grade Advancement, on the student's future social, emotional and academic life. A plan for the smooth transition from the student's current grade to a higher grade must be developed. Additionally, assurance of continuous course progression into middle or high school must also be planned. The students' commitment, desire for the program, maturity, attendance and disciplinary record must also be considered. Parent permission is necessary for grade advancement.

A written ACCEL Plan will be developed for students meeting eligibility requirements. A Performance Contract with attendance, conduct, participation requirements and grade expectations will also be developed. Parent notification is required for Content Enrichment. Parent permission is required for Grade Advancement.

HOME EDUCATION

Section 1002.01, F.S., defines home education as the sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his or her parent or guardian in order to satisfy Florida's compulsory education requirements. Florida Statute 1002.41 specifies the responsibilities of parents who establish a home education program.

1. Send a written notice of intent to the school district superintendent. The notice must be filed within 30 days of beginning the home education program and must include the following information:
 - a) Name of the home education student(s)
 - b) Date(s) of Birth
 - c) Address
 - d) Parent's signature
2. Maintain a portfolio of educational records. Statute defines a portfolio as
 - a) A log of educational activities which is made contemporaneously with the instruction and which designates by title any reading materials used, and
 - b) samples of any writings, worksheets, workbooks or creative materials used or developed by the student.
3. Make the portfolio available for inspection by the superintendent upon 15-day written notice (The statute does not require the superintendent to inspect all portfolios).
4. Provide an annual educational evaluation of the student's educational progress to the superintendent. The evaluation must consist of one of the following:
 - a) A Florida certified teacher chosen by the parent may evaluate the child's progress based on a review of the portfolio and discussion with the student.
 - b) The student may take any nationally-normed student achievement test administered by a certified teacher.
 - c) The student may take a state student assessment test at a location and under testing conditions approved by the school district.
 - d) The student may be evaluated by a psychologist holding a valid, active license pursuant to Section 490.003 (7) or (8), F.S.
 - e) The student may be evaluated with any other valid measurement tool as mutually agreed upon by the parent and the superintendent.
5. Preserve each student's portfolio for two years.
6. Submit a letter of termination to the school district superintendent upon completion of the home education program, enrollment in a public or private school or moving from the district.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students who participate in home education for grades kindergarten through fifth, are not eligible to participate on a part time basis in academic or extracurricular activities at the elementary school campus. 1002.41 and 1006.15 F.S.

Transferring into Elementary School from Home Education

The principal is responsible for appropriate placement of students. Principals will use records provided to place students who transfer from home education programs. In the absence of appropriate records, the principal shall temporarily assign the pupil to an age appropriate placement and validate the placement through performance during the first grading period. It is the intention of the School District of Indian River County to meet student academic needs in an age appropriate setting whenever possible

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Part-time Enrollment

Middle school students who are participating in a home education program in accordance with Florida Statutes may be admitted to the public middle schools of the district on a part-time basis, provided there is space available in the requested class. Students in home education who wish to attend public school must have met the criteria for a home education program for the entire semester immediately prior to the time of admission. In addition, they must meet the same registration requirements as full-time students and enroll for and attend at least one regularly scheduled class period at the school. Students must register prior to the start of the semester they wish to attend. Students who are enrolled in the public school full time will be given priority. Home education students who attend school on a part-time basis are subject to all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to full-time students. Attendance on a part-time basis does not entitle the student to participate in non-interscholastic extra-curricular activities.

Interscholastic Extra-curricular Activities

Eligible home education students are permitted to participate in interscholastic extra-curricular activities at the middle school level. Some non-athletic extra-curricular activities require enrollment in a specific class. In those cases, eligible home education students will be permitted to enroll in the appropriate class on a space available basis. The approval of the principal is required. Home Education students are not eligible to participate in non-athletic extracurricular activities that are unrelated to an academic course (i.e. dances).

For participation in an interscholastic extracurricular activity, students must meet the requirements for home education outlined in Florida Statutes *1003.21, 1002.20 and 1006.15* and all other eligibility requirements for participation as designated by state statutes, the Florida High School Activities Association or any other association that governs the district's middle and high school interscholastic extracurricular activities.

Transferring into Middle School from Home Education

If the transfer student does not possess an official transcript or is a home education student, credits shall be validated through performance during the first grading period. A student transferring into a school shall be placed at the appropriate sequential course level and should be passing each required course at the end of the first grading period. Section *1003.25(3)*, F.S.

HIGH SCHOOL

Part-time Enrollment

Students who are participating in a Home Education Program in accordance with Florida Statutes may be admitted to the public high schools of the district on a part-time basis.

Students in home education who wish to attend public school must have met the criteria for a home education program during the entire semester immediately prior to the time of admission. In addition, they must meet the same registration requirements as full time students, including immunizations, and enroll for and attend at least one regularly scheduled class at the school. Students must register prior to the start of the semester they wish to attend. However, students who are enrolled in the public schools full time will be given priority in course registration. Home education students who attend school on a part-time basis are subject to all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to full-time students. Attendance on a part-time basis does not entitle the student to participate in non-interscholastic extra-curricular activities, including graduation.

Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities

Students will be eligible for participation in interscholastic activities based upon the rules and guidelines of the FL High School Athletic Association.

Florida Statutes permit eligible home education students to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at the high school level. Some non-athletic extracurricular activities require enrollment in a specific high school course or courses. In those cases, eligible home education students will be permitted to enroll in the appropriate courses on a space available basis. The approval of the principal is required. Home Education students are not eligible to participate in non-athletic extracurricular activities that are unrelated to an academic course (i.e. prom, homecoming dances, etc).

Students who want to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity must meet the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which they participate. The residency requirement is identified as the School Zone. Therefore, all home education students who want to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity, must go through School Assignment and be assigned a school for participation in an interscholastic extracurricular activity, students must meet the requirements as outlined in Florida Statutes *1002.41* and *1006.15* and all other eligibility requirements for participation as designated by state statutes or the Florida High School Activities Association or any other association that governs the district's interscholastic extra-curricular activities. *F.S.1007.27(4)*

Transferring into High School from Home Education

State Board Rule 6A-1.09941 establishes a uniform transfer of credit at the high school level as follows: If the transfer student does not possess an official transcript or is a home education student, credits shall be validated through performance during the first grading period. A student transferring into a school shall be placed at the appropriate sequential course level and should have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 at the end of the first grading period.

Section *1003.25(3)*, F.S.

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

HB 7067, passed in 2008, created 1002.45, F.S. The statute states, "Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, each school district shall provide eligible students within its boundaries the option of participating in a virtual instruction program."

Virtual instruction is defined as instruction provided in an interactive learning environment created through technology in which the student and teacher are separated by time, space or both. Students residing within Indian River County have opportunities to participate in virtual education programs, they include, Indian River Virtual School, Pasco Virtual, K12 Virtual School and FL Virtual School full and part time.

Section [1011.61\(1\)\(c\)1.b.\(III\) and \(IV\)](#), F.S.

INDIAN RIVER VIRTUAL SCHOOL

The School District of Indian River County has established the Indian River Virtual School (IRVS) to provide students with a high quality virtual program. All district policies and procedures applying to student progression and academic achievement apply to students enrolled in Indian River Virtual School. The IRVS offers of a full-time program for students in grades K-12. Initiating enrollment in Indian River Virtual School is through www.FLVSFT.com.

To be eligible to enroll in the Indian River Virtual School for ~~2011-2012~~ [2011-2012](#) ~~2012-2013~~ school year, students must reside within the district and meet at least one of the following conditions:

- (a) The student has spent the prior school year in attendance at a public school in this state and was enrolled and reported by a public school district for funding during the preceding October and February for purposes of the FEFP surveys.
- (b) The student is a dependent child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who was transferred within the last 12 months to this state from another state or from a foreign country pursuant to the parent's permanent change of station orders.
- (c) The student was enrolled during the prior school year in a school district virtual instruction program under this section or a K-8 virtual school program under Section 1002.415, Florida Statutes.
- (d) The student has a sibling who is enrolled in a Virtual Instruction Program.
- (e) The student is eligible to enter Kindergarten or 1st grade.
- (f) The student is eligible to enter grades 2-5 and is enrolled full-time in a school district virtual instruction program, virtual charter school, or the FL Virtual School.

GRADE PLACEMENT PROCEDURES

Students enrolling in the IRVS shall be administratively placed in the appropriate grade level. This placement will be based on the most recent school records on file with the District, or another approved education provider. If there is no history of school enrollment, the placement will be based on the grade level recommended by the parent. The curriculum provider and District administration will determine final grade placement.

Criteria to be considered may include age, school readiness, ability to work independently, standardized achievement test results, state assessments, previous performance in public and private schools, progress towards graduation standards, and (when applicable) compliance with home education program requirements. In no instance shall placement in a grade be based solely on the recommendation of the parent/guardian or a non-approved curriculum provider.

The provisional placement decision is subject to screening and review of the student's work and performance. Subsequent to appropriate screening, the student shall be allowed to remain in the assigned grade or placed in the most appropriate grade.

ATTENDANCE

The School Board attendance policy will apply to the IRVS. The K-12 IRVS full-time program follows the same school calendar as all other Indian River County public schools. Attendance in the program is expected to be for the entire school year.

~~FCAT AND OTHER MANDATORY ASSESSMENTS~~

~~Students enrolled in IRVS are public school students and are therefore required to participate in all District and State mandated testing, including but not limited to the FCAT 2.0 and End of Course Assessments. District and State mandated tests will be administered in a nearby traditional school which is based on the student's place of residence.~~

EXTRACURRICULAR AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Virtual school is a school of choice and therefore certain programs and activities offered at traditional schools may not be available to virtual students. The District has made every attempt possible to create equity between traditional and virtual instructional programs, however, there are activities and events that are impossible to replicate in an individual, online instructional environment.

Students in grades 6-12 may participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities providing they adhere to the requirements, as specified in 1006.15, F.S. Students who want to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity must meet the same residency requirements as other students in the school where they participate. The residency requirement is based on the District student assignment plan. Therefore, all Indian River Virtual School (IRVS) students who want to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity must go through School Assignment and be assigned a school. IRVS students participating in interscholastic extracurricular activities must meet the requirements of participation as set forth by the Florida High School Athletic Association Policy 26 Section C. All Florida High School Athletic Association requirements must be met, as specified in 1006.15, F.S.

RETENTION/CREDIT RETRIEVAL

Elementary School

Elementary students (K-5) who do not successfully complete grade level requirements will not be permitted to continue in the virtual program for the following year. Instead, students who did not complete the grade level must enroll the following year in a traditional school location to repeat the grade.

Middle School

Middle School students (6-8) who do not successfully pass a course must retake that course before being promoted to high school.

High School

High School students (9-12) must successfully complete the graduation requirements, as specified in 1003.4, F.S. or 1003.429, F.S.

PROMOTION/GRADUATION

The IRVS is a public school in Indian River County and therefore students will be held to all promotion and graduation requirements of Indian River County and the State of Florida. IRVS students will receive an Indian River County School District diploma. The Indian River Virtual School diploma will be mailed to the student upon completion of the 9-12 IRVS.

FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Student may take courses through the Florida Virtual School that is an accredited school funded by the Department of Education. The Florida School Code establishes Florida Virtual School (FLVS) as an educational choice and an acceleration option for parents and students. Students enrolled in district elementary schools, middle schools and high schools may choose to enroll in courses available through Florida Virtual School. Students will receive credit for successful completion of such courses. Because of the unique nature of this program, approval of the principal or guidance counselor is required to ensure that the courses meet the student's expectations, academic needs and/or graduation requirements. Students may take courses from the Virtual School on campus before or after school hours in addition to the regular school day or through summer school enrollment. A student may not enroll in the same course concurrently at two different public schools, such as their district school and Florida Virtual School. Initiating enrollment in virtual coursework is through www.FLVS.net. F.S. 1002.37(1)(b)1,2 F.S.; 1002.37(2)(g) F.S.

PART-TIME PROGRAM

Some of the students who may benefit from enrolling for courses at FLVS are:

- (a) Students who might need to make up credits in order to graduate on schedule
- (b) Students who want to enrich their academic program.
- (c) Students who want to take a course(s) not offered at their school.
- (d) Students who need a more flexible schedule.

VIRTUAL/ONLINE COURSE REQUIREMENT

~~Starting the 2011-2012 school year, all incoming 9th grade students (Class of 2015 and thereafter) are required to complete an online course before graduating.~~

Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, at least one course within the 24 credits required in this subsection must be completed through online learning. However, an online course taken during grades 6 through 8 fulfills this requirement. This requirement shall be met through an online course offered by the Florida Virtual School, an online course offered by the high school, or an online dual enrollment course. A student who is enrolled in a full-time or part-time virtual instruction program meets this requirement. A school district may not require a student to take the online course outside the school day or in addition to a student's courses for a given semester.

Section 1003.428 F.S.

This requirement does not apply to a student who has an individual education plan under s. 1003.57, F.S., which indicates that an online course would be inappropriate or a student who is enrolled in a Florida high school and has less than 1 academic year remaining in high school.

FCAT 2.0 AND OTHER MANDATORY ASSESSMENTS

Students enrolled in Florida ~~Virtual School, Indian River Virtual School, K12 or Pasco County~~ are public school students and are therefore required to participate in all District and State mandated testing, including but not limited to the FCAT 2.0 and End-of-Course Assessments. District and State mandated tests will be administered ~~in a nearby traditional school which is based on the student's place of residence~~ at the student's zoned school.

STUDENT PROGRESSION GRADES K – 5

The school district shall provide all courses required for elementary grade promotion, and appropriate instruction will be designed to ensure that students meet State Board of Education adopted standards (Next Generation Sunshine State Standards **and Common Core State Standards**) in the following subject areas: reading and other language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, health and physical education, and the arts.

CURRICULA

1. Instruction for the elementary program shall include reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education, music, art, media, and other such disciplines as may be considered necessary for a comprehensive school program.
2. The program for elementary schools shall include physical education classes staffed by physical education teachers. The program will reflect the following outcomes.
 - a. Fitness education and assessment to help students to understand, improve, or maintain their physical well being.
 - b. Instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental and social or emotional development of every student.
 - c. Development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy life style.
 - d. Opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation.
 - e. Instruction in healthy life-long habits

Section 1003.455 F.S.

3. The school district may deliver courses in the traditional school setting by personnel certified pursuant to s. 1012.55, F.S., who provide direct instruction through who provide direct instruction through virtual instruction or through blended learning courses consisting of both traditional classroom and online instructional techniques. Students in a blended learning course must be full-time students of the school and receive the online instruction in a classroom setting of the school. The funding, performance, and accountability requirements for blended learning courses are the same as those for traditional courses.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

1. Thirty minutes of physical activity per day is required. This requirement shall be waived for a student who meets one of the following criteria and for whom a waiver request is submitted to the principal. The waiver form is available at
<http://www.indianriverschools.org/SiteDirectory/Curriculum/Pages/default.aspx>
2. The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course.
3. The student's parent indicates in writing to the school that:
 - a. The parent requests that the student enroll in another course from among those courses offered as options by the school district;

- b. The student is participating in physical activities outside the school day which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.
- c. The student's parent will be notified of the options available before scheduling the student to participate in physical education.

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

The principal is responsible for appropriate placement of students. Principals will use records provided to place students who transfer from non-district schools, private schools or home education programs. In the absence of appropriate records, the principal shall temporarily assign the pupil to the grade deemed to be proper until a copy of the student's official record is received or proper grade placement is otherwise determined. It is the intention of the School District of Indian River County to meet student academic needs in an age appropriate setting whenever possible. The principal may reassign students during the school year if teacher evaluation and test scores indicate the need for reassignment. When consideration is given to placing students outside of their age appropriate setting, the Executive Director of Core Curriculum will be involved in the decision making process. This process would involve the accumulation of evidence that the student is prepared academically, socially and emotionally for the challenges of that grade.

PARTICIPATION IN STATE WIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

1. Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS)

The purpose of the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) is to gather information on a child's overall development and to specifically address the readiness of each student for kindergarten based on the VPK Education Standards. The FLKRS is also used to calculate the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate, which measures how well a VPK provider prepares four-year-olds to be ready for kindergarten based upon Florida's VPK Education Standards.

Each student who enters kindergarten for the first time, before the 30th day of school will be administered a FLKRS assessment. A screener determined by the Department of Education. Section 1002.69, Florida Statutes

2. Florida Assessment for the Instruction of Reading (FAIR)

The Florida Assessment for the Instruction of Reading is administered to all students in grades K –12 three times a year. The Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading provides valid and reliable measures of reading in Kindergarten through Grade 12 in a system that combines screening, targeted diagnostic tasks, and ongoing progress monitoring.

3. Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 (FCAT 2.0)

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 measures student success with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and Common Core State Standards and includes assessments in reading (grades 3-10), writing 2.0 (grades 4, 8, and 10), mathematics (grades 3-8) and science (grades 5 and 8).

All third through fifth grade students are expected to participate in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0) except for: All third through fifth grade students are expected to participate in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0) except for (1) students with an active Individual Education plan (IEP) for whom alternative assessment has been identified on the IEP and (2) students who have received services in a program operated in accordance with an approved district limited English proficiency (LEP) program for ~~two years~~ one year or less, and who have been recommended for exemption by the majority of the students' LEP committee. In this instance, alternative assessments must be identified

4. CELLA Testing: All English Language Learners (ELL) K – 12 will be assessed using the Comprehensive English Language Learners Assessment (CELLA) in the areas of language acquisition: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

5. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

The National Assessment of Educational Progress is a periodic national assessment of America's students in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history.

6. Other International Assessments

The Florida Commissioner of Education has the authority to identify additional international assessments.

PROGRESS MONITORING PLANS AND REMEDIATION

The School District of Indian River County monitors the progress of all students through several aspects of the district progress monitoring plan. The district progress monitoring schedule is accessible through the district website.

Students who do not demonstrate proficiency with grade level curriculum in reading, writing, science and mathematics or who score below Level 3 in reading or math must be provided with additional diagnostic assessments to determine the nature of the student's difficulty and areas of academic need. The school must develop, in consultation with the student's parent, and implement a Progress Monitoring Plan.

The purpose of the Progress Monitoring Plan is to guide the teacher's instruction which will assist the student in meeting state and district expectations for proficiency in reading and math. Each Progress Monitoring Plan must identify the specific need, and planned intervention in the area(s) of deficiency. Progress Monitoring plans must be frequently reviewed by the teacher and the assistant principal following each progress monitoring assessment. Progress monitoring data will be evaluated when determining continuation or revision of intervention strategies. If the documented deficiency in reading or mathematics is not remediated in accordance with the Progress Monitoring Plan, the student may be retained. The student must continue to be provided with remedial or supplemental instruction until the expectations are met. Schools shall determine the supplemental strategies that are most appropriate for each student.

READING PROFICIENCY (READ Initiative)

The focus of the READ Initiative is to prevent the retention of grade 3 students and to offer intensive accelerated reading instruction to grade 3 students who failed to meet standards for promotion to grade 4 and to each K-5 student who is assessed as exhibiting a reading deficiency.

Each elementary school in Indian River County shall provide comprehensive research based reading instruction for all students. This reading instruction will be provided for a minimum of 90 minutes each day through the district adopted reading program differentiated for student ability during small group time.

Each K-5 student's reading ability will be regularly assessed. Any student who is observed to have a reading deficiency will be further assessed through diagnostic assessments to measure student proficiency with oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

Using the assessment results, any students who score below proficiency will be provided, during regular school hours, intensive reading instruction in addition to the regular reading instruction using a state-identified reading curriculum.

This additional instruction will be provided to target specific deficiencies highlighted through assessment and outlined on the Progress Monitoring Plan. Throughout the school year, instructional strategies will be determined through progress monitoring.

The state identified reading curriculum will have been reviewed by the Florida Center for Reading Research at Florida State University and will meet at a minimum the following:

1. Assists students assessed as exhibiting a reading deficiency in developing the ability to read at grade level
2. Provides skill development in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
3. Provides scientifically based and reliable assessment
4. Provides initial and ongoing analysis of each student's reading progress
5. Is implemented during regular school hours
6. Provides a curriculum in core academic subjects to assist the student in maintaining or meeting proficiency levels for the appropriate grade in all academic subjects.

Parents will be consulted in the development of the Progress Monitoring Plan (PMP) for reading which includes diagnosis of specific deficiencies in the areas of oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.

The District School Board shall assist schools and teachers to implement research-based reading activities that have shown to be successful in teaching reading to low performing students. Student progress in each of the areas shall be monitored frequently.

Reading proficiency must be reassessed by locally determined assessment or through teacher observations at the beginning of the grade following the intensive reading instruction.

The student must continue to be provided with intensive reading instruction until the reading deficiency is remediated. *F.S. 1008.25(4)(b), 1002.20(11)*

The parent of any student who exhibits a substantial deficiency in reading must be immediately notified in writing of the following:

1. That his or her child has been identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading with a description of the exact nature of the student's difficulty in learning and lack of achievement in reading.
2. A description of the current services that are provided to the child
3. A description of the proposed supplemental instructional services and supports that will be provided to the child that are designed to remediate the identified area of reading deficiency.
4. That the intensive reading instruction will continue until the deficiency is corrected.
5. Strategies for the parent to use in helping their child succeed in reading proficiency
6. That the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 (FCAT 2.0) is not the sole determiner of promotion and that the additional evaluation, portfolio reviews, and assessments may be used to determine if the student is reading at or above grade level. If the child's reading deficiency is not remediated by the end of grade 3, the child must be retained unless he or she is exempt from mandatory retention for good cause. *F.S. 1008.25(5)(b)*.

7. The district's criteria and policies for mid-year promotion of a retained 3rd grade student during the year of retention once the student has demonstrated ability to read at grade level. F.S. 1008.25(5)(c)

GRADING AND REPORTING FOR KINDERGARTEN TO FIFTH GRADE

A report shall be made to parents each grading period concerning the academic achievement, work habits, attendance, conduct of students in kindergarten through grade five. The report will be based upon the student's classroom work, observations, tests, district and state assessments, and other relevant information as per Section 1008.25, F.S.

It shall be the teacher's responsibility to determine grades based on student mastery of the current K-12 FLDOE Standards. The nine-week evaluations shall reflect all academic performance to determine a final evaluation.

Progress shall be indicated in kindergarten and first grade on the report card by assessing skill attainment. In grades two through five, letter grades shall be entered on the report cards to indicate academic achievement and work habits.

GRADING - ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GRADE

When reporting a student's academic achievement grade the evaluation shall relate to:

1. level of mastery of standards of the course objectives that have been identified for each course in the state course description and are compatible with the current K-12 FLDOE Standards,
2. performance on district and/or school assessment criteria, and
3. teacher evaluation of students based on mastery of performance standards.

The academic achievement grade shall be representative of the student's level of mastery of standards based on data collected throughout the grading period for which the student is being evaluated. The academic achievement grade shall be based on non-curved measurable evidence such as, but not limited to the following:

- Individual Class Work (essays, research papers, note-taking, etc.)
- Chapter/Unit Tests
- Alternative Assessments (oral exams, rubrics, labs, projects, portfolios, etc.)
- ~~Benchmarks (Not baseline)~~
- End of Course Exams

Teachers are encouraged to develop test questions that span all levels of cognitive complexity.

*Accommodations must be provided for ELL students receiving services in accordance with an ELL plan .

*Accommodations for ESE students must adhere to the individuals' IEP.

*A student's academic achievement grade shall not be lowered as a disciplinary measure according to SDIRC School Board Policy, Pupil Personnel 5.14.

WORK HABIT GRADE

When determining a student's work habit grade the evaluation shall relate to:

1. learning practices that lead to the mastery of current K-12 FLDOE standards
2. behaviors and personal responsibilities that contribute to student success.

The work habit grade shall be based on measurable evidence such as, but not limited to the following:

- Conduct/Behavior
- Class work/Homework Completion
- Individual and Group Participation
- Organization
- Preparedness
- Punctuality
- Attendance
- Honesty

Academic progress may be reported in a variety of formats including but not limited to the following options listed below. Our electronic grading system employs the numerical values below.

1. Numerical grades used in core academic areas in grades 2 through 5

A	=	89.5 -100
B	=	79.5 - 89.49
C	=	69.5 - 79.49
D	=	59.5 - 69.49
F	=	0 - 59.49

2. Letter Grades used in grades K and 1 and in special area classes K through 5.

E	=	Exceeding Expectations	89.5 -100
S	=	Successfully Meeting Expectations	79.5 - 89.49
P	=	Progressing, But Needs Support	69.5 - 79.49
N	=	Not Meeting Expectations	0-69.49
X	=	Area of Concern	
NG-E	=	Not graded evaluated at this time, standard not covered	

The following letter grades are used in Kindergarten:

ACADEMIC & WORK HABIT REPORT CARD KEY	
S = Satisfactory / Successfully Completed Skill	
I = Improving, but Needs Support	
X = Area of Concern / Improvement Needed	
NE = Not Evaluated at this Time	

The following letter grades are used in First Grade:

ACADEMIC & WORK HABIT REPORT CARD KEY	
E = Exceeding Expectations	P = Progressing, but Needs Support
S = Successfully Meeting Expectations	N = Not Meeting Expectations
I = Improving, but Needs Support	
X = Area of Concern / Improvement needed	
NE = Not evaluated at this time	

3. Narrative Reports of Progress
4. Competency Checklists
5. Portfolios

The letters NG (No Grade) may be substituted for a grade when a student has been in attendance for 21 days or less during a nine week grading period.

1. The student had a serious illness or has been absent through no fault of his own and is unable to make up the work.
2. A transfer student has been enrolled for less than 21 days and grades have not been received from the previous school.

If records are received at a later time, the NG should be changed to the appropriate letter grade. An "NG" is not to be used as a substitute for an incomplete or an F. An "NG" does not calculate into the grade point average and requires principal's approval. The final report card for each school year shall contain a statement indicating end-of-the-year status in academic achievement, behavior, attendance and promotion or non-promotion. Students may not be exempt from academic performance requirements based on practices or policies designed to encourage attendance. A student's attendance may not be used in whole or in part to provide an exemption from any academic performance. Student midterm progress reports will be sent home each grading period.

F.S. 1003.33

PROMOTION POLICY

Student promotion in kindergarten through fifth grade is based upon an evaluation of each student's achievement in attaining specific district and/or state requirements. A student will be eligible for promotion when all criteria for promotion have been met. A student who does not demonstrate achievement as described in Section 1008.25, F.S. and the Indian River County Student Progression Plan will be referred to the school's Promotion Review Committee for promotion with a Progress Monitoring Plan or retention. No student may be assigned to a grade level based solely on age or other factors that constitute social promotion. F.S. 1008.25(6)(a)

To be eligible for promotion a student must:

1. Demonstrate ~~proficiency~~ **satisfactory performance** with grade level curriculum in reading, writing, mathematics and science. Grade level curriculum is built on a continuum of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards **and the Common Core State** that are necessary for successful grade-to-grade progression and high school graduation. ~~Proficiency~~ **Satisfactory performance** shall be measured based upon the student's classroom work, observations, tests, district and state assessments, and other relevant information as per Section 1008.25, F.S.
2. Participate in and performance on statewide assessment as defined in Section 1008.22, F.S., in grades three through five, at, or above the levels required by the state.

REFERRAL TO PROMOTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

A student who does not demonstrate achievement as described in State Statutes and the Indian River County Student Progression Plan will be referred to the school's Promotion Review Committee (PRC) for promotion with a PMP or retention. Following the PRC meeting, parents will be notified of the committee decision. When a student's academic achievement does not demonstrate proficiency with grade level curriculum, parent notification will occur throughout the year. The teacher will provide to the Promotion Review Committee a form that reviews a student's academic history including but not limited to:

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| 1. Attendance | 2. Performance on district assessments |
| 3. Intervention services | 4. Performance on state assessments |
| 5. Promotion history | 6. Work samples |
| 7. Report card | |

The Promotion Review Committee in each school will consist of the principal or a designee, the classroom teacher, and at least one other member of the instructional staff. This team will review the student's progress toward proficiency with grade level curriculum in reading, writing, mathematics and science. In grades three through five, they will additionally review performance on statewide Assessments.

After careful consideration of all of a student's relevant information, as documented on the Promotion Review Form, along with teacher observations, the committee will make a recommendation in writing to the principal for promotion with a PMP or retention. The principal shall make the final determination for students based upon State Statutes and the Indian River County Student Progression Plan.

Notification prior to the final report card will be made to the parent(s) or guardian(s) if a child is promoted with a PMP or retained.

PROMOTION WITH A PROGRESS MONITORING PLAN (PMP)

Students who are promoted with a PMP must continue to be provided with remedial or supplemental instructional interventions until proficiency is demonstrated, as determined by the teacher in the next grade level.

RETENTION

A student not demonstrating proficiency with grade level curriculum in reading, writing, science, and mathematics at any grade may be retained within an intensive program that is different from the previous year's program and takes into account the student's learning style. When the teacher's classroom assessments, evaluation of the Progress Monitoring Plan and/or performance on statewide assessments indicate a student has not met state and/or local requirements, retention may be recommended to the principal through the Promotion Review Committee. *F.S. 1008.25(2)(b)*

RETENTION IN GRADE 3 BASED ON READING PROFICIENCY AND GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTIONS

If a student's reading deficiency as identified on the Progress Monitoring Plan has not been remediated by the end of grade 3, as demonstrated by scoring at Level 2 or higher on the statewide assessment test in reading, the student must be retained. An appropriate alternative placement must be considered for a student who has been retained 2 or more years.

The District School Board may only exempt students from mandatory retention, for good cause. Good cause exemptions are limited to the following:

1. Students with disabilities whose Individual Educational Plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of State Board of Education rule.
2. Limited English Proficient students who have had less than ~~2~~ 2 years of instruction in an English for Speakers of other Languages program.
3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment approved by the State Board of Education.

4. Students with a portfolio, demonstrating reading performance equal to at least FCAT 2.0 Level two.
5. Students with disabilities who participate in the FCAT 2.0 and who have an individual Educational Plan or a section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received the intensive remediation in reading, and was previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3.
6. Students who have received intensive remediation in reading for 2 or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3 for a total of 2 years. Intensive reading instruction for students so promoted must include an altered instructional day based upon an academic improvement plan that includes diagnostic information and specific reading strategies.

Requests for good cause exemptions for students from the mandatory retention requirement as described in items 3 and 4 above shall be made consistent with the following:

The teacher will submit to the principal documentation that indicates that the promotion of the student is appropriate and is based upon the student's academic record. Such documentation may consist only of the existing plan, Individual Educational Plan, if applicable, report card, alternative assessment results or Indian River County Third Grade student portfolio. The principal shall review and discuss such recommendation with the Promotion Review Committee and make the determination as to whether the student should be promoted or retained. If the school principal determines that the student should be promoted through a good cause exemption, the school principal shall make such recommendation in writing to the district school superintendent/designee. The district school superintendent/designee shall accept or reject the school principal's recommendation in writing. *F.S.1008.25(b)(c)*

SUMMER SCHOOL

An academic summer school may be provided for students in grades kindergarten through five, with funding priority given to third grade. The academic summer school will be operated primarily for students who are in need of significant remediation in reading. Third grade students who attend summer reading camp and have not demonstrated reading proficiency at FCAT 2.0 level 2 or higher must so demonstrate through a good cause exemption before being promoted. Academic summer programs will be offered beyond third grade when funding is available.

PROMOTION AFTER SUMMER SCHOOL (3rd Grade Reading Camp)

Students who score at level 1 in the reading portion of FCAT 2.0 in third grade must be retained. These students can demonstrate reading proficiency at level 2 or higher through a portfolio. Students who are not exempted from retention through these or other good cause exemptions can continue to accumulate evidence for a portfolio throughout summer reading camp. At the conclusion of summer reading camp students will have an opportunity to demonstrate reading proficiency by scoring at state designated levels on a nationally normed reading comprehension assessment. If evidence is accumulated during summer school, it will be reviewed by the Executive Director of Core Curriculum for verification. When performance is verified, the student's home school will be notified. Students who do not meet one of these promotion criteria at the end of summer reading camp, will be retained in third grade.

THIRD GRADE MID-YEAR PROMOTION

Mid-year promotion is available to any retained student who can demonstrate that they are a successful and independent reader, reading at or above grade level, and ready to be promoted to grade 4.

Mid-year promotion may occur only within the first semester of the school year.

1. Mid-Year Promotion prior to November 1

a) By portfolio

At the beginning of the next school year retained third grade students will be allowed to accumulate additional portfolio evidence during the first 20 days of school. The completed portfolio must meet the standards set by the state for exemption from retention.

b) By standardized Assessment

Students can also be promoted during that period of time by demonstrating reading proficiency on an alternate form of the SAT-10 reading comprehension test. Proficiency will be considered met if the student scores within the 5th stanine on the SAT 10.

2. Mid-Year Promotion after November 1

a) By portfolio

The portfolio must contain evidence of mastery of third grade Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Benchmarks for Language Arts as required for good cause exemption. In addition there must be at least two samples of evidence of beginning mastery of each fourth grade reading benchmark as demonstrated on FCAT 2.0. This evidence must include multiple choice items from passages that are approximately 50% literary text and 50% informational text and that are between 100-900 words with an average of 375 words. All examples of mastery must be demonstrated by a grade of "C" or higher.

b) By standardized Assessment

Students must demonstrate reading mastery by scoring at or above grade level in reading comprehension. This score must be measured in standard scores and translated to a grade equivalent score consistent with the month of promotion to fourth grade (i.e. promotion to fourth grade during the month of December would require a score of 4.3 based on the table provided by the test developer)

SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION OF RETAINED THIRD GRADERS

Students who score at level one in the reading section of FCAT 2.0 and are not eligible for promotion through good cause will be retained in third grade. Written notice will be sent to the parent of any third grade retained student. This notice will indicate:

1. that the student has not met the proficiency level requirement for promotion
2. the reasons the child is not eligible for good cause exemption
3. a description of proposed interventions and supports that will be provided

The notification must comply with the provisions of *s.1002.20(14)* and must include a description of proposed interventions and support that will be provided to the child to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency.

Before the beginning of the second year in third grade, the principal, assistant principal, reading coach and classroom teacher will meet to review each retained student's progress. This review must address additional supports and services needed to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency. Retained students must be provided intensive interventions in reading to ameliorate the student's specific reading deficiency as identified by valid and reliable diagnostic assessments.

INTENSIVE INTERVENTION

Appropriate teaching methodologies will be implemented to assist students in becoming successful readers, able to read at or above grade level and ready for promotion to the next grade.

Retained third graders will

1. be taught through effective instructional practices
2. receive differentiated and intensive instruction with materials different than those used with the child during their previous year in third grade.
3. have a daily, uninterrupted 90 minute reading block that uses scientifically research-based reading instruction including small group instruction.
4. be provided additional reading instruction at least twice a week
5. have more frequent progress monitoring than other students
6. have a student portfolio developed.
7. have a tutor or mentor provided.
8. be assigned to a high performing teacher as determined by student performance data and above-satisfactory performance appraisals
9. be provided an opportunity to attend summer reading camp

The school district of Indian River County will provide to parents of retained students at least one of the following:

1. supplemental tutoring in scientifically research-based reading services in addition to the regular reading block, including tutoring before and/or after school
2. a read at home plan outlined in a parental contract, including participation in "Families Building Better Readers Workshops" and regular parent-guided home reading
3. a mentor or tutor with specialized reading training

INTENSIVE ACCELERATION CLASS

An intensive acceleration class must be provided to any student in grade 3 who scores at level 1 on the reading portion of the FCAT 2.0 and who was retained in grade 3 the prior year because of scoring at Level 1 on the reading portion of the FCAT 2.0. This class must:

1. have a student teacher ratio lower than other 3rd grade classes.
2. be provided with uninterrupted reading instruction for the majority of the student contact time each day
3. be provided opportunities to master the grade 4 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards in other core subject areas
4. use a reading program that is scientifically research-based and has proven results in accelerating student reading achievement within the same school year
5. be provided intensive language and vocabulary instruction using a scientifically research-based program including the use of a speech and language therapist. The classroom teacher will meet with a speech and language therapist on a regular basis to determine the most effective use of the program.
6. have weekly progress monitoring to ensure that progress is being made
7. report to the Department of Education the progress of students at the end of the first semester
8. report to the State Board of Education, as requested, on the specific intensive reading interventions and supports implemented at the school district level.

TRANSITION CLASSES

Students who have been retained in grade 3 and have received intensive instructional services but are still not ready for grade promotion, as determined by the school district, have the option of being placed in a transitional instructional setting. This setting must be designed to produce learning gains sufficient to meet grade 4 performance standards while continuing to remediate the areas of reading deficiency.

STUDENT PROGRESSION GRADES 6-8

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Program requirements are established to ensure that students promoted from grade 8 have the necessary academic skills for success in high school.

The following subjects are required in the 6-8 Program Curriculum frameworks and performance standards in the form of benchmarks for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards have been developed for each course offered in the 6-8 Program.

English/Language Arts 3 years

Mathematics 3 years

Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics. Middle schools must offer at least one high school level mathematics course for which students may earn high school credit. Successful completion of a high school level Algebra I or geometry course is not contingent upon the student's performance on the end-of-course assessment required under 1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I), F.S. Students who have earned high school credit for Algebra I before the 2010-2011 school year are not subject to the EOC requirements. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, to earn high school credit for an Algebra I course, a middle school student must pass the Algebra I end-of-course assessment, and beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to earn high school credit for a geometry course, a middle school student must pass the geometry end-of-course assessment.

Science 3 years including the study of life and physical or earth sciences

Social Studies 3 years including the study of the US and Florida history, world geography Civics, and world cultures

Reading Students with a deficiency in reading will be assigned to a remedial program.

A variety of elective experiences may be offered by schools including, but not limited to:

Physical Education Required for one semester each year
(unless exempted through the waiver process)

Career and Technology Elective

Art Elective

Band/Orchestra Elective

Chorus Elective

Computer Literacy Elective

Drama Elective

Foreign Language Elective

Health Elective

There shall be instruction in any subject matter, field, topic, or specific area required by law in accordance with the law or implementing regulations of the State Board of Education.

The program for middle schools shall include physical education classes staffed by physical education teachers. The program will reflect the following outcomes:

1. Physical fitness and assessment to help students to understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being
2. Instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental and social or emotional development of every student
3. Development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a life-long healthy life style
4. Opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activities
5. Instruction in Healthy life-long habits

Students will be given special instruction or services as an exceptional education student pursuant to evaluation, eligibility, placement, and dismissal in the manner prescribed in the Special Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Education in the Indian River School District.

In order to be promoted to the ninth grade, students are required to successfully complete:

English/Language Arts	3 year- long (or equivalent) middle school or higher courses that shall emphasize literature, composition and technical text
Mathematics	3 year -long (or equivalent) middle school or higher courses. Each middle school will offer at least one high school level mathematics course for which students may earn high school credit
Science	3 year- long (or equivalent) middle school or higher courses in science
Social Studies	3 year- long (or equivalent) middle school or higher courses in social studies, one semester of which must include the study of state and local government and civics education.

Florida CHOICES requires that the personalized academic and career plan (electronic Personalized Education Plan [ePEP]) must inform students of high school graduation requirements, high school assessment, college entrance test requirements, and programs through which a high school student can earn college credit, including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), dual enrollment, career academy opportunities, and courses that lead to national industry certification. Each student shall complete an electronic personal education plan (e-PEP) to be signed by the student, the student's instructor or guidance counselor, and available for the student's parent or guardian to access and view. The e-PEP is part of a course in career planning required before a student leaves middle school.

Career and Education Planning	One course in career and education planning to be completed in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade.
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The course may be taught by any member of the instructional staff; must result in a completed personalized academic and career plan for the student; must emphasize technology or the application of technology in career fields.

The required personalized academic and career plan must inform students of high school graduation requirements, high school assessment and college entrance test requirements, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program requirements, state university and Florida College System institution admission requirements, and programs through which a high school student can earn college credit, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, career academy and career-themed course opportunities, and courses that lead to national industry certification.

Each student shall complete a personal education plan that must be signed by the student and the student's parent.

For each year in which a student scores at Level 1 on FCAT Reading, the student must be enrolled in and complete an intensive reading course the following year. Placement of Level 2 readers in either an intensive reading course or a content area course in which reading strategies are delivered shall be determined by diagnosis of reading needs. Reading courses shall be designed and offered pursuant to the comprehensive reading plan required by s. 1011.62(9), F.S.

A middle grades student who scores at Level 1 or Level 2 on FCAT Reading but who did not score below Level 3 in the previous 3 years may be granted a 1-year exemption from the reading remediation requirement; however, the student must have an approved academic improvement plan already in place, signed by the appropriate school staff and the student's parent, for the year for which the exemption is granted.

State Board Rule 6A-6.054, F.A.C. establishes guidelines for placement in reading intervention and for progress monitoring. Progress monitoring must occur three times per year. A student scoring at Level 1 or Level 2 on FCAT Mathematics must receive remediation the following year, which may be integrated into the student's required mathematics course.

Students in grades 6 through 8 may be assigned to an academic support program for the purpose of providing immediate instructional support and/or course recovery when they have demonstrated unsuccessful progress in English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies. This program may be implemented during the school day, before and after school and/ or during the summer, when funding is available. *F.S. 1003.4156*

The equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for one semester of each year is required. When possible, this requirement may be waived for a student who meets one of the following criteria and for whom a waiver request is submitted to the principal:

1. The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course.
2. The student's parent indicates in writing to the school that:
 - a) The parent requests that the student enroll in another course from among those courses offered as options by the school district;
 - b) The student is participating in physical activities outside the school day which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.
3. The student's parent will be notified of the options available before scheduling the student to participate in physical education.

The waiver form is available at:

<http://www.indianriverschools.org/SiteDirectory/Curriculum/Pages/default.aspx>

GRADING AND REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be issued quarterly (every nine weeks). It shall be the teacher's responsibility to determine grades. When determining a student's grade the evaluation shall relate to:

1. mastery of the course objectives that have been identified for each course in the state course descriptions and are compatible with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for that course.
2. performance on school and/or district assessment criteria; and
3. teacher evaluation based on mastery of the exit criteria.

The grade shall be representative of the student's progress and, inasmuch as possible, be based on data collected throughout the grading period for which the student is being evaluated. The grade shall be based on such factors as tests and assessments, homework, special projects, laboratory activities, reports, research papers, notebooks, class participation, portfolios and any special activities that relate to a subject area. Teachers are encouraged to develop test questions that span all levels of cognitive complexity.

Each nine weeks during the school year a student will receive a report card indicating student academic progress, conduct and behavior, and attendance. To indicate academic progress letter grades shall be averaged to determine a semester grade. The symbol for plus shall be affixed to the letter grade as an incentive to the student and shall be used in averaging semester grades. However, no plus may be affixed to the final semester grade. A semester examination is given in academic courses in grades seven through twelve. No comprehensive semester exams will be given in sixth grade. Sixth grade students will take a unit or quarter test during the regularly scheduled exam period that will be calculated into the grade for that marking period. Teachers of students in grade six will use **Appendix A** Grade Conversion Chart.

Semester exams shall be comprehensive and cover the entire semester's work. A copy of each semester exam shall be filed with the principal. A semester exam shall be given in all academic subjects. In other courses, a project or other special activity may be used in lieu of a semester exam when approved by the principal. In seventh grade, semester examinations shall determine one-seventh of the semester average. Each grading period will determine three-sevenths of the semester grade. In eighth grade, semester examinations shall determine one-fifth of the semester average. Each grading period will determine two-fifths of the semester grade. For consistency throughout the district teachers of students in grade seven will use **Appendix B** Grade Conversion Chart to determine semester grades. Teachers of students in grade eight or students who are earning high school credit in middle school will use **Appendix C** Grade Conversion Chart.

Within each semester a student receives three grades, one for each nine weeks and a

semester exam grade. Receiving two F's for a course on the report card in the same semester, in any combination, shall result in a final semester grade of F.

No student shall be exempt from academic performance requirements, such as final exams, based on practices or policies designed to encourage student attendance. A student's attendance record may not be used in whole or in part to provide an exemption from any academic performance.

A student's final report card for the school year shall indicate end of year status in academic achievement including promotion or non-promotion.

F.S. 1003.33(2)

Achievement will be measured according to the following state grading scale. Only letter grades will be entered on the report cards to indicate student progress. Our electronic grading system employs the numerical values listed below.

A	=	89.5 – 100	Outstanding Progress
B	=	79.5 - 89.49	Above Average Progress
C	=	69.5 - 79.49	Average Progress
D	=	59.5 - 69.49	Lowest Acceptable Progress
F	=	0 - 59.49	Failing

I = Incomplete Incomplete
(The work must be made up within twice as many days as missed with excused absence or grade will convert to an F. The principal can make exceptions to this time limit if necessary)

S = Satisfactory
U = Unsatisfactory
NG = No Grade

The no grade option is only to be used under the following circumstance(s).

1. The student has suffered a serious illness and will be unable, through no fault of his/her own, to make up the work.
2. A transfer student has been enrolled in a course for a very short time, has not been enrolled in an equivalent course and will not be able to make up the work through no fault of his/her own.

An "NG" is not to be used as a substitute for an incomplete or an "F" and requires a principal's approval.

CREDIT ACCELERATION PROGRAM (CAP)

CAP allows a ~~secondary~~ student to earn high school credit in a course that requires a statewide, standardized end-of-course (EOC) assessment whether or not the student is enrolled in the course or has completed the course. Course credit shall be awarded if the student takes the standardized end-of-the-course assessment and makes a passing proficient score. The standardized EOC assessment will be taken during the regular administration of the assessment.

Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)

The ACCEL options are educational options that provide academically challenging curriculum or accelerated instruction to eligible public school students in kindergarten through grade 12. Options are offered in two categories, Content Enrichment and Grade Advancement. F.S. 1002.3105

Content Enrichment ACCEL options include:

- independent or small group studies
- enrichment programs
- flexible grouping
- combined classes
- self-paced instruction
- telescoping curriculum

Grade/Subject Area Advancement ACCEL options include:

- whole-grade and midyear promotion
- subject-matter acceleration
- virtual instruction in higher grade level subjects
- Credit Acceleration Program under s.1003.4295, F.S.

Eligibility for ACCEL options include a team review of the student's grade point average, state, district and standardized assessments, attendance and conduct records, and other pertinent data. A recommendation from one or more of the student's teachers in core-curriculum courses and a guidance counselor, if one is assigned to the student's school, is also required. If the student meets eligibility and procedural requirements the student must be provided the opportunity to participate in the ACCEL option.

The school based team must carefully consider the effect of ACCEL options, especially Grade Advancement, on the student's future social, emotional and academic life. A plan for the smooth transition from the student's current grade to a higher grade must be developed. Additionally, assurance of continuous course progression into middle or high school must also be planned. The student's commitment, desire for the program, maturity, attendance and disciplinary record must also be considered. Parent permission is necessary for grade advancement.

A written ACCEL Plan will be developed for students meeting eligibility requirements. A Performance Contract with attendance, conduct, participation requirements and grade expectations will also be developed. Parent notification is required for Content Enrichment. Parent permission is required for Grade Advancement.

STUDENT MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORTS

Student midterm progress reports will be sent each grading period.

PROMOTION CRITERIA

Student promotion in grades six through eight is based upon an evaluation of each student's achievement in attaining specified district or state requirements. A student will be eligible for promotion when all promotion criteria have been met.

To be eligible for promotion in grades six through eight, a student must:

1. Participate in statewide assessment tests in grades 6, 7 and 8 as required by Florida Statutes 1008.22. Students will perform on all statewide assessments in reading, writing, science and mathematics at or above the minimum level determined by the state.
2. Pass language arts, mathematics, science and social studies each year in grades 6, 7, & 8. Students will not be promoted from 8th grade to 9th grade until they have successfully completed all of the requirements in the core academic areas as required by the State of Florida. ~~A student who has been retained 2 or more years in grades K-8 will be eligible for an appropriate alternative program.~~

REMEDICATION AND PROGRESS MONITORING

Students will be identified for remediation by the student's classroom work, observations, tests, district and state assessments, and other relevant information. Remedial instruction may differ according to age, grade, and educational need. The principal may reassign students during the school year if teacher evaluations and test scores indicate the need for reassignment. Students who are performing below grade level expectations and who do not meet specific levels of performance as determined by the district school board in reading, writing, science and mathematics for each grade level, or who score below Level 3 on statewide assessments as stated in *Section 1008.22, F.S.* must be provided with additional diagnostic assessments to determine the nature of the student's difficulty, the areas of academic need, the strategies for appropriate intervention and the instruction needed.

The school in which the student is enrolled must develop, in consultation with the student's parents, and must implement a progress monitoring plan (PMP). A progress monitoring plan is intended to provide the school district and the school with flexibility in meeting the academic needs of the student and to reduce paperwork.

A student who is not meeting the school district or state requirements for proficiency in reading and math shall be covered in one of the following plans to target instruction and identify ways to improve his or her academic achievement:

1. A federally required student plan such as an individual educational plan;
2. A school wide system of progress monitoring for all students; or
3. An individualized progress monitoring plan.

The plan chosen must be designed to assist the student or school in meeting state and district expectations for proficiency.

Progress monitoring will take place a minimum of three times per year. The progress monitoring data will be used to evaluate and revise classroom instruction and determine individual student remediation needs.

If the student has been identified as having a deficiency in reading, the K-12 comprehensive reading plan required by FS1011.62(9) shall include instructional support services to be provided to meet the desired levels of performance. The district school board may require low-performing students to attend remediation programs held before and after regular school hours or during the summer if transportation is provided.

For each year in which the student scores at Level 1 or Level 2 on FCAT Mathematics, the student shall receive remediation the following year.

These requirements apply to students in grades 6, 7, or 8 independent of the grade configuration at the school.

If the student has been identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading as determined by state assessments, the progress monitoring plan will describe specific deficiencies in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. It will describe the desired performance in these areas and the instructional/ support services to be provided. The schools will monitor the progress of these students. The district will assist schools and teachers in implementing research-based activities for low performing students. *F.S. 1008.25 (4)(b)*

Upon subsequent evaluation, if the documented deficiency has not been remediated in accordance with the progress monitoring plan, the student may be retained. Each student who does not meet the minimum performance expectations defined by the state for the statewide assessment tests in reading, writing, science and mathematics must continue to be provided with remedial or supplemental instruction until the expectations are met or the student graduates from high school or is not subject to compulsory school attendance. The principal may reassign students during the school year if teacher evaluation and test scores indicate the need for reassignment. *F.S. 1008.2(4)(c)*

Schools shall provide for the frequent monitoring of the student's progress in meeting the desired levels of performance. The District School board shall assist schools and teachers to implement research-based reading activities that have shown to be successful in teaching reading to low performing students. *F.S. 1008.25(4)(b)*

PROMOTION WITH REMEDIATION AND RETENTION

A middle school student who does not meet all of the eligibility requirements for promotion to the next grade will be referred to the school's Promotion Review Committee. A Promotion Review Committee in each school, consisting of the principal or a designee, classroom teacher(s), department chairman and/or guidance counselor will review the achievement of each student who has not met all of the promotion criteria. When results of statewide assessments differ from classroom performance, the teacher(s) will supply a written explanation supporting retention or promotion with remediation. Retention decisions must be based on more than a single test score.

After careful consideration of all of the relevant information, the committee will make a recommendation to the principal. The committee may recommend:

1. promotion with a PMP and assignment to the academic support program (course recovery) if the student has met criteria on statewide assessments, but has not successfully completed core academic courses;
2. promotion with a PMP and remediation (intensive reading and/or math) if the student has not met criteria on statewide assessments but has successfully completed the core academic courses;
3. promotion with a PMP and assignment to both the academic support program (course recovery) and remediation (intensive reading and/or math);
4. referral to a special or different program in lieu of promotion; or
5. retention

The principal shall make the final determination. Notification will be made to the parent(s) or guardian if a child is promoted with remediation or retained.

No student may be assigned to a grade based solely on age or other factors that constitute social promotion. ~~A student who has been retained two or more years in grades K-8 will be eligible for an appropriate alternative program within the school.~~

The Promotion Review Committee should make its recommendation based on one or more of the following conditions: teacher evaluation; two (2) previous retentions in grades kindergarten through eight; English as a student's second language; attendance; mental, physical and social maturity; general progress; and classroom, district and state assessments. However, no student will be promoted to high school who has not successfully completed the core academic courses in middle school as required by the state for high school progression.

Students who have not passed each semester of Language Arts, mathematics, science and social studies will be assigned to the Academic Support Program (course recovery) for the purpose of providing immediate instructional support through remediation and/or course recovery. The program may be implemented during the regular school day, during an extended school day and/or during the summer when funding is available. Students who do not complete the courses required for promotion to high school at the end of summer school after 8th grade will be retained.

Students who are retained in 8th grade and have ~~3 or less than 5~~ semesters to recover may be provided an opportunity to earn high school credit while recovering middle school courses. Midyear promotion (~~semester~~) will be considered when a student has met all middle school course recovery requirements. ~~AND earned a minimum of four (4) high school half credits during the first semester.~~

SUMMER SCHOOL

Students in grades 6-8 who have not met specific promotion criteria may be eligible to attend summer school when summer school is provided. Summer school will be offered only when funding is available. At the end of summer school, the sending principal will make the final determination regarding promotion, promotion with a progress monitoring plan or retention. However, no student will be promoted to high school that has not successfully completed the core academic courses in middle school as required by the state for high school progression.

STATE UNIFORM TRANSFER OF MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE/CREDITS

Grade or level placement for transfer students in middle school classes, to include students from out of state and from foreign countries, will be in accordance with the following:

1. Grades earned and offered for acceptance shall be based on an official transcript and shall be accepted at face value subject to validation if required for the receiving school's accreditation. If validation is necessary, or if the student does not possess an official transcript or is a home education student, successful completion of courses shall be validated through performance during the first grading period, as outlined in Section 2 of this rule.
2. Validation of courses shall be based on performance in classes at the receiving school. A student transferring into a school shall be placed at the appropriate sequential course level and should be passing each required course at the end of the first grading period. Students who do not meet this requirement shall have courses validated using the Alternative Validation Procedure, as outlined in Section 3.
3. If validation based on performance as described above is not satisfactory then any one of the following alternatives shall be used for validation purposes as determined by the teacher, principal and parent:
 - a. Portfolio evaluation by the Superintendent or designee;
 - b. Demonstrated performance in courses taken at other public or private accredited schools;
 - c. Demonstrated proficiencies on nationally-normed standardized subject area tests;
 - d. Demonstrated proficiencies on the FCAT; or
 - e. Written review of the criteria utilized for a given subject provided by the former school.

Students must be provided at least ninety (90) days from date of transfer to prepare for assessments outlined in paragraphs (3) (c) and (d) of this rule if required. F.S.

1003.4156(3)

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT EARNED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

A middle school student may earn credits toward high school graduation through courses offered while in middle school. Specific courses may also be used to satisfy requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. ~~The student will be classified as a ninth grader for that portion of the school day for which the student is enrolled in high school coursework.~~

All students will take, at a minimum, one high school math credit during middle school. The chart below presents the courses offered for high school credit in middle schools.

Course	Grade offered	What is the last day that a student can be placed in a lower level course?	Appropriate lower level course placement
Algebra 1A	8 th	NA	There is not a lower level course
Algebra 1	8 th	65 th day	Algebra 1A
Algebra 1 Honors	7 th & 8 th	65 th day	Algebra 1 or Algebra 1A
Geometry Honors	8 th	65 th day	Elective or On-line FLVS Liberal Arts Math or FLVS Regular Geometry
Spanish 1	8 th	65 th day	Elective
Intro to Info Tech	8 th	NA	Elective

*6th grade honors math covers the content of 6th & 7th grade M/J Math

The coursework offered is the same as the coursework offered at the high school; therefore, some students may find the work so challenging that they are unable to maintain an acceptable grade. The following procedures will be followed for high school course work offered in middle school.

1. Schools will conference with parents during the first nine weeks when the student grade is below a B average. Parents who decide to leave their child in the course will be asked to sign a letter indicating their understanding of the high school coursework grade on GPA.
2. Before the 65th day of school, parents will be contacted again if the student's grade is a "C" or lower to discuss appropriate reassignment.
3. Students who are struggling with a high school course (except Algebra 1A) taken in middle school who want to be removed from the course, must be removed by the 65th day of the semester. If they are not removed at that time, they must earn the grade they have.
4. Students who have an F in a high school course must be moved to a different course (except Algebra 1A) by the 65th day of the first semester, if not before.
5. Students who are moved to a different course will keep the grade earned in the previous grading period in the higher level course. Grades earned in the new course will be averaged with the grades from the previous course to determine the new grade.

Students in the middle school who take any high school course for high school credit and earn a grade of "C", "D", or "F" may retake the course for forgiveness. The grade will be replaced with a grade of "C" or higher earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. ~~Grade forgiveness for high school courses taken in middle school can only be recovered through the district course recovery program if the student earned a grade of "F". All other grade forgiveness ("C" or "D") requires the student to retake the course. Grade forgiveness for honors courses in which a student earns the grade of "F" cannot be recovered through the district course recovery program at the honors level.~~

Since high school courses taken in middle school calculate into the student's high school cumulative Grade Point Average, it is recommended that students and parents strongly consider the grade forgiveness option allowed for middle school students when the grade earned is lower than a "B". Once a student enters high school, grade forgiveness is only allowed for courses where a student has a grade of "D" or "F" and a subsequent grade of "C" or higher has been earned. *F.S. 1003.43(1)*

End of Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements

For promotion to 9th grade, successful completion of a high school level Algebra I, Geometry, or Biology course is not contingent upon the student's performance on the end-of-course assessment. However, to receive high school credit students will be required to pass the appropriate end-of-course assessment, as defined under 1008.22 F.S. ~~Students who have earned high school credit for Algebra I before the 2010-2011 school year are not subject to the EOC requirements. Students enrolled in an Algebra 1, Geometry, or Biology 1 course or an equivalent course with a statewide, standardized EOC assessment are not required to take the corresponding grade-level FCAT assessment.~~

Middle grades students and EOC assessment requirements

Middle Grade Student	Algebra 1, Geometry or Biology 1 EOC
2011-2012 and thereafter	Must pass EOC for high school credit in the course.

STUDENT PROGRESSION GRADES 9-12

CREDIT (AS DEFINED IN SECTION F.S. 1003.436)

These requirements are established to ensure that students graduating from high school have the necessary academic skills for success in the workplace and postsecondary education. One full credit means 135 hours of bona fide instruction. The hourly requirements for one-half credit are one-half the requirement for a full credit. Each course in grades 9 through 12 for which credit toward high school graduation is awarded shall have student performance standards identified. Students must demonstrate performance mastery before credit is awarded. A student may be awarded credit for less than 135 hours of instruction provided that the student has mastered course requirements and the Florida Sunshine State Standards. This may include awarding credit for courses taken during summer school, through performance-based instruction, or course modifications that combine courses.

Credit will be earned in a subject when the teacher certifies that the student has satisfactorily met the student performance standards for that course. Course credit will be awarded on a semester basis. All courses are offered as semester courses. In order to earn one full credit in a one-credit course as described in the Florida Course Code Directory, a student must pass both semesters of the course. Failure to pass a semester will result in loss of one-half credit. A passing grade in the course will denote mastery of the standards. Teacher observations, classroom assignments, performance testing and examination may be considered appropriate methods of assessing student mastery.

The State Board of Education shall determine the number of postsecondary credit hours earned through dual enrollment that satisfy the requirements of the district's inter-institutional articulation agreement and that equal one full credit of the equivalent high school course.

F.S. 1003.235, 1007.271

Virtual On-Line Course Requirement

Beginning with the students entering Grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, at least one course within the 24 credits required must be completed through online learning. A school district may not require a student to take the online course outside the school day or in addition to a student's courses for a given semester. An online high school course taken during grades 6 through 8 fulfills this requirement. This requirement shall be met through an online course offered by the Florida Virtual School, an online course offered by the high school, or an online dual enrollment course. A student who is enrolled in a full-time or part-time virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 meets this requirement. This requirement does not apply to a student who has an individual educational plan under s. 1003.57, F.S., which indicates that an online course would be inappropriate or a student who is enrolled in a Florida high school and has less than one academic year remaining in high school.

End of Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements

The 2010-2011 ninth grade cohort shall take the statewide, standardized Algebra I end-of-course assessment under 1008.22(3)(c)2.c., F.S. 30 percent of a student's course grade shall be comprised of performance on the statewide, standardized end-of-course assessment. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, to earn high school credit for an Algebra I course, a student must pass the Algebra I end-of-course assessment.

The 2011-2012 ninth grade cohort shall take the statewide, standardized Geometry or Biology end-of-course assessment under 1008.22(3)(c)2.c., F.S. 30 percent of a student's course grade shall be comprised of performance on the statewide, standardized end-of-course assessment. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, to earn high school credit for a Geometry or Biology course, a student must pass the Geometry or Biology end-of-course assessment.

The 2012-2013 EOC US History is a baseline assessment. Effective 2012-2013, under 1008.22(3)(c)2.c., F.S. 30 percent of a student's course grade shall be comprised of performance on the statewide, standardized end-of-course assessment. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, to earn high school credit for a US History course, a student must pass the US History end-of-course assessment.

Summary of High School Accountability Assessments and High School Graduation Requirements

The statewide assessment program will be changing over the next several years to phase in new assessments aligned to Florida's new expectations for student learning, known as the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

These new assessments will be named FCAT 2.0 and Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments. FCAT 2.0 will measure student achievement in reading (grades 3-10), mathematics (grades 3-8), and science (grades 5, 8), and the design of the assessments will be similar to the current FCAT. The Florida EOC Assessments are will be very different from the FCAT—students will participate in these computer-based assessments on the computer at the conclusion of specific high school courses. The following information is provided to summarize the implementation schedule and how these requirements will likely impact students and school accountability calculations.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
School Grades Calculations	Gr. 9/Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading (Scores Linked to FCAT) • Gr. 10 FCAT Math • Gr. 10 FCAT Writing • Gr. 11 FCAT Science	Gr. 9/Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading • Gr. 10 FCAT Writing • Algebra 1 EOC • Biology 1 EOC†	Gr. 9/Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading • Gr. 10 FCAT Writing • Algebra 1 EOC • Geometry EOC • Biology 1 EOC	Gr. 9/Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading • Gr. 10 FCAT Writing • Algebra 1 EOC • Geometry EOC • Biology 1 EOC • US History EOC
Adequate Yearly Progress	Gr. 9/Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading (Scores Linked to FCAT) • Gr. 10 FCAT Math • Gr. 10 FCAT Writing	Gr. 9/Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading • Algebra 1 EOC • Gr. 10 FCAT Writing	Gr. 9/Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading • Algebra 1 EOC • Gr. 10 FCAT Writing	Gr. 9/Gr. 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading • Algebra 1 EOC • Gr. 10 FCAT Writing

This requirement does not apply to students who complete the course prior to this year.

ESEA does not allow for middle school students' scores in high school courses to be used in determining AYP for middle schools.

†Further discussion is needed on how best to include results for school grading without the presence of achievement levels.

HIGH SCHOOL STANDARD DIPLOMA GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to S.1003.429, F.S., for Accelerated high school graduation options, beginning with students entering their first year of high school in the 2007-08 school year, graduation requires the successful completion of a minimum of 24 credits, or an International Baccalaureate curriculum. Students will be advised of eligibility for the state scholarship program and post-secondary admissions.

The 24 credits required for graduation may be earned through applied, integrated and combined courses approved by the Department of Education.

Sixteen (16) core curriculum credits:

English	4 credits	A major concentration in composition, reading for information and literature
Mathematics	4 credits	Algebra I or a series of course equivalent to Algebra I, or a higher level mathematics. Successful completion of Geometry and Algebra II is encouraged Four credits in mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I, a series of courses equivalent to Algebra I, or a higher-level mathematics course. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year(30 % of the student's Algebra grade), in addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year (30 % of the student's Geometry grade), the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in geometry. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2012-2013 school year, in addition to the Algebra I and geometry credit requirements, one of four credits in mathematics must be Algebra II or a series of courses equivalent to Algebra II as approved by the State Board of Education.
Science	3 credits	Two courses must have a lab component Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year (30 % of the student's Biology grade), one of the three credits in science must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II), F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Biology I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year, one of the three credits must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education, one credit must be chemistry or physics or a series of courses equivalent to chemistry or physics as approved by the State Board of Education, and one credit must be an equally rigorous course, as

		determined by the State Board of Education.
Social Studies	3 credits	1 World History 1 United States History In the 2012-2013 school year the end-of course assessment will account for 30 % of the student's US History grade. One of the three credits must be US History or a series of courses equivalent to US History as approved by the State Board of Education. .5 Economics .5 American Government
Physical Education	1 credit*	To include the integration of health
<p>Students in a District that has chosen the Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE) or the HOPE-PE variation will have the following PE waivers available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completing two full seasons of an interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level shall satisfy the one credit requirement in Physical Education provided the student passes a competency test in physical fitness developed by the Florida Department of Education with a "C" or better. Either coursework or interscholastic sports with the passing of the Personal Fitness state developed test with a 70% will satisfy the Physical Education requirement but not a combination. *If the student satisfies the Physical Education requirement through the interscholastic sport option, a one credit elective must be substituted for the Physical Education requirement. 2. Completing two years in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) class satisfies the full 1 credit PE requirement and the full 1 credit Performing Arts requirement. Students will take two additional elective credits to meet the 24 credit requirement. 		
Performing Fine Arts/Practical arts career & technical education	1 credit Or ½ credit in each of the areas to the right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One credit in practical arts career and technical education or exploratory career and technical education • One credit in performing fine arts to be selected from music, dance, drama, painting or sculpture. A course in any art form that requires manual dexterity or a course in speech and debate
Eight credits electives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) credits in elective courses selected by the student as part of the education plan required by S.1003.4156F.S. These credits may be combined to allow intensive reading or mathematics intervention courses or credit recovery courses as described in S.1003.428(2)(b)1,F.S. • Elective courses are selected by the student in order to pursue a complete education program as described in S. 1001.43(3), F.S., and to meet eligibility requirements for scholarships 		

- For each year in which a student scores at Level 1 on FCAT 2.0 Reading, the student must be enrolled in and complete an intensive reading course the following year. Placement of Level 2 readers in either an intensive reading course or a content area course in which reading strategies are delivered shall be determined by diagnosis of reading needs. Reading courses shall be designed and offered pursuant to the comprehensive reading plan required by S.1011.62.(9), F.S.
- For each year in which a student scores Level 1 or Level 2 on FCAT 2.0 Mathematics, the student must receive remediation the following year. These courses may be taught through applied, integrated or combined courses and are subject to approval by the Department of Education.
- At least one course within the 24-credit program must be completed through online learning.

GENERAL 24 CREDIT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS BEGINNING HIGH SCHOOL PRIOR TO THE 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

The 24 credits in the general 24-credit program shall be distributed as follows:

English	4 credits	A major concentration in composition and literature
Mathematics	3 credits	Algebra I or a series of course equivalent to Algebra I, or a higher level mathematics must be completed Three credits and, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, four credits in mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, in addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in geometry.
Science	3 credits	Two courses must have a lab component (Agri-Science Foundations I may count as one science credit) Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, one of the three credits in science must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Biology I.
Social Studies	3 credits	1 World History 1 United States History .5 Economics .5 American Government
Life Management	.5 credits	To include topics listed in <i>F.S. 1003.43(1)(i)</i>
Physical Education	1 credit*	
To include assessment, improvement, and maintenance of physical fitness. Students completing two full seasons of an interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level		

shall satisfy the one credit requirement in Physical Education provided the student passes a competency test in physical fitness developed by the Florida Department of Education with a “C” or better. Either coursework or interscholastic sports will satisfy the Physical Education and Personal Fitness requirement but not a combination. *If the student satisfies the Physical Education requirement through the interscholastic sport option, a one credit elective must be substituted for the Physical Education requirement. Completion of one semester with a grade of “C” or better in marching band or in a physical activity class that requires participation in marching band activities as an extra-curricular activity in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) class a significant component of which is drill, may satisfy one-half of the one credit requirement for physical education but will not receive additional credit for the same course. This half credit may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness requirement nor the requirement for adaptive physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or 504 Plan

Practical Arts/ Performing Fine Arts	1 credit	Students may either earn 1 credit in Practical Arts or 1 credit in Performing Fine Arts or .5 credits in each.
Electives	8.5 credits	
Total Credits required	24 credits	

F.S. 1003.43(1)

EARNING CREDIT

Remedial **and compensatory** courses taken in grades 9-12 may only be counted as elective credit.

Credit for high school graduation may be earned for volunteer activities and nonacademic activities that have been approved by the State Board of Education, and approved by the District School Board. A maximum of one-half credit in social studies and one-half elective credit for student completion of non-paid voluntary community or school service work can be earned for volunteer hours. Students choosing this option must complete a minimum of 75 hours of service to earn the one-half credit in either category of instruction. Credit may not be earned for service provided as a result of court action. Volunteer activities for credit or for use as a Bright Futures application, should take place in a not-for-profit setting. If the proposed volunteer activity is in a for-profit setting approval must first be given by the student’s guidance counselor before student starts the activity. Each student should complete a volunteer activities plan, maintain a log of hours completed, and a volunteer activity certification form signed by an adult who is not a family member of the students. All three documents must be submitted to the student’s guidance counselor before hours/credit is awarded. No student shall be granted credit toward high school graduation for enrollment in the following programs or courses:

1. Any Level 1 course unless the student’s assessment indicates that a more rigorous course of study would be inappropriate, in which case a written assessment of the need must be included in the student’s Individual Educational Plan, (IEP) or in a student performance plan and signed by the principal, guidance counselor, and parent or guardian if the student is not 18 years or older.
2. More than a total of nine elective credits in remedial programs;
3. More than one credit in exploratory career courses; and
4. More than three credits in practical arts family and consumer sciences classes.

The School District will award high school credit for courses taken in middle school that are listed in the Florida Course Code Directory. The credit awarded shall count toward high school graduation credit and may satisfy the requirements of the Bright Futures Scholarship.

A school may require specific modified courses of programs of study so that exceptional students are assured the opportunity to meet graduation requirements through one of the following strategies:

1. Assignment of the exceptional student to an exceptional class for a basic course with the same student performance standards as those for non-exceptional students.
2. Assignment of the exceptional student to a basic education class for instruction, which is modified to accommodate the student's exceptionality.

The district shall determine which strategy to employ based on an assessment of the student's needs and shall reflect this decision on the student's individual education plan. *F.S. 1003.43(1)(2)(3)(4)*

Prior to each student's graduation from high school, the school shall assess the student's preparation to enter the workforce and provide the student and the student's parent or guardian with the results of the assessment. The Department of Education has determined that since FCAT 2.0 assesses certain Education Goal 3 standards, which was developed from a US Secretary of Labor's report on necessary skills for the workforce (SCANS), the FCAT 2.0 may serve as the assessment. *F.S. 1006.02(4)*

THREE YEAR COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM

The three-year college preparatory program requires a minimum of 18 credits. At least 6 of the 18 credits must be received in classes that are classified as honors, dual enrollment, advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate of Education, or specifically listed or identified by the Department of Education as rigorous or weighted by the School District for class rank purposes. The three year college preparatory program requires at least 6 credits be received in classes that are offered pursuant to the International Baccalaureate Program, the Advanced Placement Program, dual enrollment, Advanced International Certificate of Education, or specifically listed or identified by the Department of Education, as rigorous (identified as Level 3 and meet course distribution requirements for state university system admissions), pursuant to F.S.1009.531 (3).

The 18 primary credits required for completion of this program are:

English	4 credits	with major concentration in composition and literature
Mathematics	4 credits	Algebra I or higher from courses that qualify for state university admission 4 credits, one of which must be Algebra I or its equivalent, one of which must be in geometry or its equivalent, or a higher-level mathematics from the list of courses that qualify for state university admission (SUS) Three credits and, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, four credits in mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year (30 % of the student's Algebra grade), in addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I)F.S. must be met

		in order for a student to earn the required credit in geometry.
Science	3 credits	two courses must have a laboratory component Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year (30 % of the student's Biology grade) , one of the three credits in science must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Biology I.
Social Studies	3 credits	1 World History 1 United States History In the 2012-2013 school year the end-of course assessment will account for 30 % of the student's US History grade. One of the three credits must be US History or a series of courses equivalent to US History as approved by the State Board of Education. .5 Economics .5 American Government
World Foreign Language	2 credits	in the same second language unless the student is a native speaker of or can otherwise demonstrate competency in a language other than English, in which case the student may replace this requirement with two credits in other academic courses.
Electives	2 3 credits	
Total Required	18 Credits	

THREE YEAR CAREER PREPARATORY PROGRAM

The three-year career preparatory program requires a minimum of 18 credits, they are to be distributed as follows:

English	4 credits	with major concentration in composition and literature
Mathematics	4 credits	4 credits, one of which must be Algebra I or its equivalent, one of which must be in geometry or its equivalent, or a higher-level mathematics course Three credits and, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, four credits in mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year (30 % of the student's Algebra grade), in addition to the Algebra I credit requirement, one of the four credits in mathematics must be geometry or a series of courses equivalent to geometry as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Algebra I. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(I)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in geometry.
Science	3 credits	two must have a laboratory component Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year (30 % of the student's Biology grade), one of the three credits in science must be Biology I or a series of courses equivalent to Biology I as approved by the State Board of Education. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year, the end-of-course assessment requirements under s.1008.22(3)(c)2.a.(II)F.S. must be met in order for a student to earn the required credit in Biology I.
Social Studies	3 credits	1 World History 1 United States History In the 2012-2013 school year the end-of course assessment will account for 30 % of the student's US History grade. One of the three credits must be US History or a

		series of courses equivalent to US History as approved by the State Board of Education. .5 Economics .5 American Government
Career/Technical	5 credits or 3 credits & 1-2 Elective credits	career education courses including 3 sequential courses in a career program and 2-1 other career education courses in a single career education program or in one sequential career and technical dual enrollment program unless 5 4 credits were earned in career and technical
Total required	18 credits	

F.S. 1003.429(1)

Students may not complete either accelerated option in less than three years, even if 18 credits have been earned. Students may not be part time students.

A student who completes either accelerated option and remains for a fourth year must complete the standard twenty-four credit option.

The selection of one of the three graduation options is exclusively up to the student and parent. If the student and parent fail to select a graduation option, the student shall be considered to have selected the 24 credit general requirements for high school graduation as specified in *F.S. 1003.429(1)(a)*. *F.S. 1003.429*

CAREER & PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIES

A “career and professional academy” is a research-based program that integrates a rigorous academic curriculum with an industry-specific curriculum aligned directly to priority workforce needs established by the regional workforce board. The SDIRC offers a variety of career and professional academies at each traditional high school. 1003.493 F.S.

SELECTION OF AN ACCELERATED GRADUATION OPTION

Prior to selecting an accelerated graduation program described in *F.S. 1003.429* a student and the student’s parent must meet with designated school personnel to receive an explanation of the relative requirements, advantages, and disadvantages of each program option, and the student must also receive the written consent of the student’s parent.

The School Board shall provide each student in grades 6-9 and their parents with information concerning the three year and four year graduation options including the respective curriculum requirement for these options.

The selection of one of these graduation options must be completed by the student prior to the end of grade 9 and is exclusively up to the student and parent, subject to requirements in *F.S. 1003.429(2)*.

The deadline will be extended to the end of the student’s first semester of grade 10 for a student who enters a Florida public school after grade 9 upon transfer from a private school, from another state, or who was previously prevented from choosing a graduation option due to illness during grade 9. If the student and parent/guardian fail to select a graduation

option, the student shall be considered to have selected the 24 general requirements for high school graduation specified in *F.S.1003.429(1)(a)*.

The district will not establish requirements for accelerated three-year high school graduation options in excess of the requirements in statute. *F.S. 1003.429*

CREDIT ACCELERATION PROGRAM (CAP)

CAP allows a **secondary** student to earn high school credit in a course that requires a statewide, standardized end-of-course (EOC) assessment whether or not the student is enrolled in the course or has completed the course. Course credit shall be awarded if the student takes the standardized end-of-the-course assessment and makes a passing proficient score. The standardized EOC assessment will be taken during the regular administration of the assessment.

Early High School Graduation

A student may have the option of early graduation if the student has completed a minimum of 24 credits and meets the graduation requirements in s. 1003.428, F.S. "Early graduation" means graduation from high school in less than 8 semesters or the equivalent. Each school district shall notify the parent of a student who is eligible to graduate early. A school district may not prohibit a student who meets the requirements of this section from graduating early. A student who graduates early may continue to participate in school activities and social events and attend and participate in graduation events with the student's cohort, as if the student were still enrolled in high school. A student who graduates early will be included in class ranking, honors, and award determinations for the student's cohort. A student who graduates early must comply with district school board rules and policies regarding access to the school facilities and grounds during normal operating hours. If eligible for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award under ss. 1009.53-1009.538, a student who graduates from high school midyear may receive an initial award in the spring term following the student's graduation.

A student who graduates from high school midyear must apply no later than August 31 of the student's graduation year in order to be evaluated for and, if eligible, receive an award for the current academic year as specified in s. 1009.531, F.S. In addition, a student who receives an initial award during the spring term shall be evaluated for scholarship renewal after the completion of a full academic year, which begins with the fall term as outlined in s. 1009.532(4), F.S.

Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)

The ACCEL options are educational options that provide academically challenging curriculum or accelerated instruction to eligible public school students in kindergarten through grade 12. Options are offered in two categories, Content Enrichment and Grade Advancement. F.S. 1002.3105

Content Enrichment ACCEL options include:

- independent or small group studies
- enrichment programs
- flexible grouping
- combined classes
- self-paced instruction
- telescoping curriculum

Grade/Subject Level Advancement ACCEL options include:

- whole-grade and midyear promotion
- subject-matter acceleration
- virtual instruction in higher grade level subjects
- Credit Acceleration Program under s.1003.4295, F.S.

Eligibility for ACCEL options include a team review of the student's grade point average, state, district and standardized assessments, attendance and conduct records, and other pertinent data. A recommendation from one or more of the student's teachers in core-curriculum courses and a guidance counselor, if one is assigned to the student's school, is also required. If the student meets eligibility and procedural requirements the student must be provided the opportunity to participate in the ACCEL option.

The school based team must carefully consider the effect of ACCEL options, especially Grade Advancement, on the student's future social, emotional and academic life. A plan for the smooth transition from the student's current grade to a higher grade must be developed. Additionally, assurance of continuous course progression into middle or high school must also be planned. The student's commitment, desire for the program, maturity, attendance and disciplinary record must also be considered. Parent permission is necessary for grade advancement.

A written ACCEL Plan will be developed for students meeting eligibility requirements. A Performance Contract with attendance, conduct, participation requirements and grade expectations will also be developed. Parent notification is required for Content Enrichment. Parent permission is required for Grade Advancement.

FCAT AND GPA REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCELERATED GRADUATION OPTIONS

Students pursuing accelerated three-year high school graduation options are required to:

1. Earn a passing score on the FCAT **2.0** as defined in S 1008.22(3)(c) F.S. or scores on a standardized test that are concordant with passing scores on the FCAT **2.0** as defined in s 1008.22(9), F.S.
2. Achieve a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in courses required for the college preparatory accelerated 3 year high school graduation option.
3. Achieve a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required for the career preparatory accelerated 3-year high school graduation option.
4. Receive a weighted or un-weighted grade that earns at least 3.0 points or its equivalent, to earn course credit toward the 18 credits required for the college preparatory accelerated program. (A "B" or better in an un-weighted course, a "C" or better in a weighted course for it to count toward graduation).
5. Receive a weighted or un-weighted grade that earns at least 2.0 points or its equivalent, to earn course credit toward 18 credits required for the 18 credits required for the career preparatory accelerated high school graduation option.
6. Weighted grades shall be applied to those courses specifically listed or identified by the department as rigorous or weighted by the district school board for class ranking. Students must earn a "C" or better if the district does not weight the course and the

weighted equivalent of a “C” or better if the district weights the course in each course that applies toward graduation. The School District of Indian River County does not give additional weight for a “D”, so a student must earn at least a “C” in both weighted and un-weighted courses for them to count for this graduation option).

At the end of grade 10, a student who is not on track to meet the credit, assessment, or grade point average requirements of the accelerated graduation option selected, will have their parent/guardian contacted by the school. They will be notified of the following:

1. The requirements the student is not currently meeting
2. The specific performance necessary in grade 11 for the student to meet the accelerated graduation requirements
3. The right of the student to change to a four-year program

A student who selects one of the accelerated three-year graduation options shall automatically move to the four-year program if the student:

1. Exercises his/her right to change to the four year program
2. Fails to earn five credits by the end of grade 9 (the first year) or fails to earn 11 credits by the end of grade 10 (the second year). Credits must meet the requirements of the graduation option selected in order to be counted as part of the graduation plan
3. Does not achieve a score of 3 or higher on the grade 10 FCAT **2.0** Writing assessment
4. Has not completed the credit, grade point average, and testing requirement specified in S 1003.429(1) and (6) F.S. by the end of grade 11.

A student who meets all of the requirements of the accelerated graduation options prescribed in 1003.429(1) and (6) F.S. shall be awarded a standard diploma in the form prescribed by the State Board of Education F.S. 1003.429

REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Students are required to have a cumulative grade- point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

Any course grade not replaced according to the forgiveness policy will be included in the cumulative grade point average even if the student has more than the 24 credits required for graduation.

“Grade forgiveness” for required courses shall be limited to replacing a grade of “D” or “F” with a grade of “C” or higher earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. Forgiveness for elective courses shall be limited to replacing a grade of “D” or “F” with a grade of “C” or higher earned subsequently by retaking the same or comparable course or another course. Any course not replaced according to this policy will be included in the GPA.

Special assistance to obtain a regular high school diploma or equivalency diploma pursuant to F.S. 1003.43(5)(c) may be given when the student has completed all requirements for graduation except the attainment of the required cumulative grade point average. These may include but are not limited to the forgiveness policy, summer school attendance, tutoring and study skills sessions. F.S. 1003.43

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Concordant Scores Option—A senior can graduate by receiving a score comparable to the FCAT passing score on the ACT or SAT. The current, approved reading scores may also be used for the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading assessment for students scheduled to graduate in 2012-13. Students may satisfy the score requirements using various combinations of tests. See the chart below for the concordant scores that must be achieved by graduation year:

Concordant Scores by Graduation Year				
	Reading		Mathematics	
	9th Grade Cohort 2009-10 and prior	9th Grade Cohort 2010-11 to 2012-13	9th Grade Cohort 2009-10 and prior	9th Grade Cohort 2010-11 and beyond
FCAT	1926 (scale score of 300)	1926 (scale score of 300)	1889 (scale score of 300)	1889 (scale score of 300)
FCAT 2.0	241	241	N/A	N/A
SAT	410	420	370	340
ACT	15	18	15	15

Note: All enrolled grade 10 students are required to participate in the statewide assessments in accordance with s. 1008.22, F.S. The option of substituting a concordant passing score at any time became available to students who have not passed the FCAT on July 1, 2010. Prior to July 1, 2010, students were required to take the FCAT at least three times without passing in order to use the concordant scores. Additional guidance regarding FCAT concordant scores is posted at <http://www.fldoe.org/BII/StudentPro/resources.asp>.

FCAT—Students who entered grade 9 in the 2008-09 school year or prior and were originally scheduled to graduate between 2010 and 2012 must earn passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT Reading and Mathematics assessments.

FCAT/FCAT 2.0—Students who entered grade 9 in the 2009-10 school year must earn passing scores on the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading and Grade 10 FCAT Mathematics assessments. The required passing scores are as follows:

FCAT Reading/FCAT 2.0 Reading FCAT Equivalent Score	FCAT Mathematics
1926 (scale score of 300) or above	1889 (scale score of 300) or above

Note: The required FCAT 2.0 Reading scores will change in 2012 once FCAT 2.0 Achievement Level standards are set by the State Board of Education. Students will be required to earn an Achievement Level 3 or higher in order to pass the assessment.

FCAT 2.0 and Florida EOC Assessments—Students who entered grade 9 in the 2010-11 school year and beyond must earn an Achievement Level 3 or higher in order to pass the Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading assessment for graduation purposes. Once Achievement Levels are established for an EOC assessment, students must pass the EOC assessment

by earning an Achievement Level 3 score or higher in order to earn course credit. The table below provides the school year when these requirements begin for students entering grade 9.

Achievement Level 3 Requirement Begins for Students Entering Grade 9	Assessment
2010-2011	Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading
2011-2012	Algebra 1 EOC Assessment
2012-2013	Biology 1 EOC Assessment Geometry EOC Assessment

Note: The US History EOC Assessment is not included in this chart because according to current statute, students will not be required to earn an Achievement Level 3 or higher on the US History EOC Assessment to earn course credit.

High School Competency Test (HSCT) – Lower passing scores for the FCAT have been established for students who were previously required to pass the HSCT. The concordant FCAT scores are as follows:

High School Competency Test (HSCT)/FCAT Concordant Scores for Eligible Students		
	READING	MATHEMATICS
FCAT	1753 (scale score of 268)	1799 (scale score of 278)
FCAT 2.0	229	N/A
HSCT	700	700

Note: The approved HSCT concordant score for the 2011 FCAT 2.0 Reading assessment is an FCAT Equivalent Score of 268.

GRADUATION OPTIONS

• **Retaking the Statewide Assessments**—Students can retake the FCAT or FCAT 2.0 as many times as they like until they pass it and can enroll for a “free” 13th year of public education should they need additional instruction to successfully pass the assessment. Students currently have up to five opportunities to pass the assessments prior to their scheduled graduation. Students who do not pass the Grade 10 FCAT or FCAT 2.0 in the spring of their sophomore year may retest in fall and spring of their junior and senior years; however, it is important to note that the last administration of the FCAT Reading Retake assessment will occur in spring 2012, and the last administration of the FCAT Mathematics Retake assessment will occur in spring 2013. Students who have not passed the FCAT by its last administration will need to take and pass the FCAT 2.0 Reading assessment by earning the approved concordant passing scores that will be established, or by achieving a concordant score on the SAT or ACT, as described below. In addition, if students do not pass the required Florida EOC Assessment, they will not earn course credit and must retake the assessment until they pass it.

OTHER OPTIONS

Community / State College—Seniors with a Certificate of Completion may enroll in any public community or state college in Florida by taking the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) or the Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test (CPT) to determine if they qualify to register for college-credit courses or must take remedial courses to continue their college-preparatory studies.

Participation in the testing program is mandatory. The state board shall provide rules for test adaptations and modifications of procedures necessary for students in exceptional education programs and for students who have limited English proficiency.

A student with a disability, as defined in *s 1007.02(2) F.S.*, for whom the individual educational plan (IEP) committee determines that the FCAT cannot accurately measure the student's abilities taking into consideration all allowable accommodations, must have the FCAT requirement waived for the purpose of receiving a standard high school diploma if the student

1. completes the minimum number and distribution of credits and minimum cumulative grade point average required for the general standard diploma
2. does not meet the FCAT testing requirements after at least two opportunities at periods in the high school progression as defined by the state

A student with a disability, as defined in *1007.02(2), F.S.* for whom the IEP committee determines that an End-of-Course (EOC) assessment cannot accurately measure the student's abilities, taking into consideration all allowable accommodations, shall have the end-of-course assessment results waived for the purpose of determining the student's course grade and credit

To be considered for an EOC assessment waiver, the student must meet all of the following criteria:

1. be identified as a student with a disability, as defined in *s. 1007.02(2), F.S.*
2. have an active individual educational plan
3. have taken the EOC assessment with appropriate allowable accommodations at least once
4. have demonstrated, as determined by the IEP team, achievement of the course standards

As defined in *s. 1007.02(2), F.S.*, students with disabilities eligible to receive an EOC assessment results waiver include students with:

1. Intellectual disability
2. Hearing impairment, including deafness
3. Speech or language impairment
4. Visual impairment, including blindness
5. Emotional or behavioral disability
6. Orthopedic or other health impairment
7. Autism spectrum disorder
8. Traumatic brain injury
9. Specific learning disability, including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia

A student who enters a public school at grade 12 from out of state or from a foreign country and provides satisfactory proof of attaining a score on an approved alternative assessment that is concordant to a passing score on the grade 10 FCAT shall satisfy the assessment requirement for the standard high school diploma. A student who enters a Florida public school at grade 12 may use either FCAT or a concordant score to meet graduation assessment requirements.

Transfer students from out of state who have earned a credit in Algebra I, Geometry, and/or Biology I are not required to take the EOC to meet high school graduation requirement.

A student who completes the minimum number of credits prescribed by statute, but who is unable to meet the required grade point average or pass the required Florida Assessments for each subject area or a concordant standardized test at levels determined by the state shall be awarded a certificate of completion in the form prescribed by the state board. However, any student who is otherwise entitled to a certificate of completion may elect to remain in the high school either as a full-time student or a part-time student for up to one additional year and receive special instruction to remedy the identified deficiencies. A student who receives a certificate of completion who subsequently meets the requirements for a standard high school diploma shall be awarded a standard high school diploma whenever the requirements are completed. The awarding of a certificate of completion is limited to those students selecting the 24-credit general high school graduation option and is not applicable to the three-year accelerated graduation programs.

The District Superintendent shall be responsible for notifying all students of the consequences of failure to receive a standard diploma, including the potential ineligibility for financial assistance at post-secondary educational institutions.

F.S. 1008.22(3)(c)5, 1008.221, F.S. 1003.43(5)(a)(10)(11), F.S. 1003.433(4)

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION TO MEET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who have met all of the requirements for the standard high school diploma except for the passage of the grade 10 FCAT 2.0 or an alternate assessment by the end of grade 12 may participate in an adult general education program for such time as the student requires to master English, reading, mathematics, or any other course required for high school graduation. A student attending an adult general education program shall have the opportunity to take the grade 10 FCAT 2.0 an unlimited number of times in order to receive a standard high school diploma.

It will be provided with the following learning opportunities:

- ~~1. Participation in an accelerated high school equivalency diploma program during the summer.~~
- ~~1. Upon receipt of the certificate of completion, be allowed to take the College Placement Test/Postsecondary Education Readiness Test and be admitted to remedial or credit courses at a state community college, as appropriate. To assist community/state colleges in identifying these students during the admission process, the documentation certificate itself will bear the designation of "CPT/P.E.R.T. eligible".~~

Students who have been enrolled in an ESOL program for less than two school years and have met all of the requirements for the standard high school diploma except for the passage of the grade 10 FCAT 2.0 or an alternative assessment may receive immersion English language instruction during the summer following their senior year. Students taking such instruction are eligible to take the FCAT 2.0 or alternative assessment and receive a standard a standard high school diploma upon passage of the grade 10 FCAT 2.0 or the alternative assessment.

These provisions will be implemented to the extent that funding for this purpose is provided by the General Appropriations Act of the Florida Legislature.

F.S. 1003.433(1)(2)

GRADING AND REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be issued quarterly (every nine weeks). It shall be the teacher's responsibility to determine grades. When determining a student's grade the evaluation shall relate to:

1. mastery of the course objectives that have been identified for each course in the state course description and are compatible with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards,
2. performance on district and/or school assessment criteria, and
3. teacher evaluation based on mastery of performance standards and exit criteria

The grade shall be representative of the student's progress and, in as much as possible, be based on data collected throughout the grading period for which the student is being evaluated. The seniors will be eligible to be excused from final exams in individual courses during their last semester of school under the following conditions:

1. They have maintained an average of B or higher in the course for each nine week grading period during the second semester or have a higher grade in the fourth grading period than the third grading period that averages to a B or higher.
2. The principal may excuse a senior from exams under other conditions.

Schools will not exempt students from academic performance requirements, such as final exams, based on practices or policies designed to encourage student attendance. A student's attendance record may not be used in whole or in part to provide an exemption from any academic performance requirement. *F.S. 1003.437, F.S. 1003.33(2)*

GRADING OF DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSEWORK

If a student is awarded a "W" by a post-secondary institution with which the School District has a dual enrollment agreement, the "W" cannot be changed to an "F" by the high school. A "W" will be treated the same as an "NG" and will not be calculated into the grade point average.

WEIGHTED GRADE POLICY

The following guidelines regarding the weighting of grades shall be utilized at each district high school.

1. The courses to be weighted shall be those designated by the State of Florida Department of Education as "Level Three" courses.
2. Weighting shall be applied as follows:
 - a. All Level Three courses including International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment, and Honors courses will be weighted at an additional 1.0 grade point.
 - b. School districts and community colleges must weigh dual enrollment courses the same as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education courses when grade point averages are calculated.
 - c. "D" grades will not receive additional weighting.
3. A course taken while such course is eligible for weighting shall remain weighted at its original level even if the course is deleted from the list of eligible courses, if the weighting changes, or if there is a policy change.
4. All grades will be used in the calculation of the weighted GPA except grades of "D" or "F" that are subsequently retaken for forgiveness and a grade of "C" or better has been earned.

5. A student whose schedule changes in the middle of a semester from a weighted to an unweighted class will have the following apply: If the student has one quarter in a weighted class and one quarter in an unweighted class and takes the semester exam in the unweighted class the student will not receive weighted credit since 60% of the grade is unweighted. Conversely, a student who has one quarter in an unweighted class and one quarter in a weighted class and takes the semester exam in the weighted class may receive a weighted grade since 60% of the grade was in a weighted class. In order to receive extra weight, the final semester grade must be a C or better.
6. Weighting will apply for the purposes of Class Rank (valedictorian, salutatorian, top 10%, etc.) Spring awards will be based on calculations at the end of the 7th semester.
7. Any School Board policy, plan, or approved waiver that modifies this weighted grade policy must be made prior to the end of the first semester of the preceding year in order to give parents and students ample time to consider course selections for the following year. No change in this policy will become effective during the course of any school year. Changes will only become effective for the following school year.
8. Any changes in weighted grade policy would become effective with the incoming freshman class. *F.S. 1003.437*

PROMOTION AND GRADE CLASSIFICATION

In order to be promoted to the next grade of high school, a student must attain the following criteria:

- 9th grade - Student must have been promoted from 8th grade
- 10th grade - ~~Second year of high school with~~ a minimum of 6 credits
- 11th grade - ~~Third year of high school with~~ a minimum of 12 credits
- 12th grade - ~~Fourth year of high school with~~ a minimum of 18 credits

A student who has not earned the minimum credits for a grade level will be classified as being in the previous grade level.

In order to assist students to meet all graduation requirements, mid-year grade level promotions to 10th, 11th and 12th grade will be made for those students retained from the previous year who have met the criteria mid-year.

STUDENT MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORTS

Student mid-term progress reports will be sent each grading period.

REMEDIATION

Those students at each grade level in grades 9-12, who are at or below the minimum cumulative grade point average required for graduation, shall be identified. The School District of Indian River County shall assist such students to achieve the required cumulative grade point average by its grade forgiveness policy and summer school coursework. In addition, high schools may offer one or more other activities or class assignments as considered appropriate by the school administration.

- Special Counseling
- Extended Day Services
- Tutorial Programs
- School Sponsored Help Sessions
- Homework Hotlines
- Study Skills Classes

At the end of each semester, the parent or guardian of each student in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 who has a cumulative grade point average of less than 0.5 above the cumulative grade point average required for graduation shall be notified that the student is at risk of not meeting the requirements for graduation. This notice shall contain an explanation of the policies that have been put in place to assist the student in meeting the grade point average requirement.

The school in which the student is enrolled must develop, in consultation with the student's parents, and must implement a progress monitoring plan. A progress monitoring plan is intended to provide the school district and the school with flexibility in meeting the academic needs of the student and to reduce paperwork.

A student who is not meeting the school district or state requirements for proficiency in reading and math shall be covered in one of the following plans to target instruction and identify ways to improve his or her academic achievement:

1. A federally required student plan such as an individual educational plan;
2. A school wide system of progress monitoring for all students; or
3. A progress monitoring plan.

The plan chosen must be designed to assist the student or school in meeting state and district expectations for proficiency.

Progress monitoring will take place a minimum of three times per year. The progress monitoring data will be used to evaluate and revise classroom instruction and determine individual student remediation needs.

If the student has been identified as having a deficiency in reading, the K-12 comprehensive reading plan required by FS 1011.62(8) shall include instructional support services to be provided to meet the desired levels of performance. The district school board may require low-performing students to attend remediation programs held before and after regular school hours or during the summer if transportation is provided.

For each year in which a student scores at Level 1 on FCAT 2.0 Reading, the student must be enrolled in and complete an intensive reading course the following year. Placement of Level 2 readers in either an intensive reading course or a content area course in which reading strategies are delivered shall be determined by diagnosis of reading needs. The reading courses shall be designed and offered pursuant to the comprehensive reading plan that is approved by the state.

~~For each year in which the student scores at Level 1 or Level 2 on FCAT Mathematics, the student shall receive remediation the following year. Remedial instruction provided during high school may not be in lieu of English and mathematics credits required for graduation.~~

Upon subsequent evaluation, if the documented deficiency has not been remediated in accordance with the progress monitoring plan, the student may be retained. Each student who does not meet the minimum performance expectations defined by the Commissioner of Education for the statewide assessment tests in reading, writing, science and mathematics must continue to be provided with remedial or supplemental instruction until the expectations are met or the student graduates from high school or is not subject to compulsory school attendance.

F.S. 1008.25(4)(a)(b)(c)

HONOR GRADUATE DESIGNATION

A student may qualify as an honor graduate by receiving no less than eleven credits in courses, which have been designated as having rigorous content. The School Advisory Council at each high school may designate a list of specific courses that will qualify Honor Graduate designation or the school may use all Level Three courses designated by the Department of Education. The Level Three courses include all Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Honors, and Dual Enrollment courses.

A student must have an overall GPA of no less than a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and must have received a grade of no less than a "C" in any course specified as an Honor Graduate course.

PERFORMANCE BASED DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

The first option is successful completion of the PBD Program which will result in the award of a State of Florida High School Equivalency Diploma. Pursuant to Florida Statute, this diploma "...shall have equal status with other high school diplomas for all state purposes, including admission to any state university or community college." Students enrolled in PBD prior to 2009-2010 will receive a standard high school diploma upon completion of the requirements listed below. Students who enroll beginning with the 2009-10 school year will be awarded an equivalency diploma upon completion of following requirements:

- Successfully pass the Grade 10 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) or receive a concordant score on an assessment that meets graduation requirements.
- Successfully pass GED.
- Successfully complete six vocational courses, including certification in one area, which indicates that the student is proficient for employment in a specific work area.

While this state approved program is not credit based, credits and grades are recorded for the Performance Based Diploma Program. In the event a student returns to the regular credit earning program, credit will be earned when a teacher certifies that a student has satisfactorily met the District Student Performance Standards for that course. The student may participate in the graduation ceremonies.

The second option is a credit based PBD Program using computerized software that provides students with academic curriculum. The software is identical to the first option explained above. A standard high school diploma is awarded at the graduation ceremony at the successful achievement of this option. A student who chooses this program must:

- earn 24 credits with 1 credit for PE/Life Management or Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE) and 1 credit for practical or performing arts
- successfully pass the Grade 10 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) or receive a concordant score on an assessment that meets graduation requirements
- attain a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher
- complete a career/technical program (3 sequential courses in a program) and 3 additional career/technical courses
- take End-of-Course Exams

Performance Based students will be assigned a teacher-counselor who will meet with the students to teach employability skills and conduct group, individual, and career counseling. All students enrolled in the Performance Based Program will choose and be required to be certified by a career and technical/sponsor in at least one career and technical area. Students enrolled in this program will not be permitted to graduate before the graduation date of his/her regular class.

The PBD Program is a credit based curriculum and involves using computerized software that provides students with academic education which results in earning a standard high school diploma. A student who chooses this program must:

- earn 24 credits with 1 credit for HOPE and 1 credit for practical or performing arts
- successfully pass the Grade 10 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0) Reading or receive a concordant score on an assessment that meets graduation requirements
- attain a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher
- complete a career/technical program (3 sequential courses in a program)
- successfully pass the end-of-course (EOC) exams in Algebra I, Biology, and Geometry
- meet the requirements of the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)

All students enrolled in the PBD Program will be required to be certified by a career and technical teacher in a career and technical area.

Students enrolled in the PBD Program do not meet the guidelines of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility for Division 1 College. Please see your guidance counselor for more information.

GED OPTION

~~This option is for students that desire to attain a GED. The second semester senior student, who is unable to meet graduation requirements, withdraws from school and attends Adult and Community Education GED prep courses. Successful completion results in participating at the school graduation ceremony. Requirements include:~~

- ~~• score at 7th grade reading level on the Test of Adult Basic Education~~
- ~~• attend a minimum of 10 hours per week~~
- ~~• pass the GED test~~

The GED Option is for students that desire to attain a GED. The senior student withdraws from home school in February and attends Adult and Community Education School GED prep courses. Successful completion of this option results in participating at the school graduation ceremony. A student that chooses the GED Option must meet the following:

- score at 7th grade reading level on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) upon entrance in the GED courses
- attend a minimum of 10 hours per week
- pass the GED test

Students enrolled in this program will not be permitted to graduate before the graduation date of the student's regular class.

Students enrolled in the PBD Program do not meet the guidelines of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility for Division 1 College. Please see your guidance counselor for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

Although there is no full time Adult High School, a limited number of high school credit recovery courses will be offered through the Adult Education Program to students who are behind in credits or whose grade point average puts them in jeopardy of not receiving a standard diploma. Permission of the principal and guidance counselor is required.

ARTICULATED ACCELERATION

It is the intent of the Legislature that a variety of acceleration mechanisms be available for secondary and post-secondary students attending public educational institutions. It is intended that the articulated acceleration serve to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the requirements associated with the awarding of a high school diploma and a post-secondary degree, broaden the scope of curricular options available to students or increase the depth of study available for a particular subject. Among the mechanisms for accelerated articulation are: 1) Dual Enrollment; 2) Early Admission; 3) Advanced Placement; 4) the International Baccalaureate Program; 5) Credit by Examination, and 6) the Advanced International Certificate of Education Program. Credit earned through the Florida Virtual School shall provide additional opportunities for acceleration. At the beginning of each school year, the parents of all students in or entering high school will be informed of the opportunities and benefits of accelerated articulation.

F.S. 1007.27, 1003.02(1)(i)

INTERINSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

The Superintendent of Schools may establish comprehensive inter-institutional articulation agreements between the school district and other postsecondary institutions.

The agreements will include:

- A ratification of all existing agreements
- Courses and programs available to eligible dual enrollment students
- Eligibility criteria for student participation in dual enrollment
- The process by which students and their parents exercise their option to participate in an articulated acceleration program
- High school credits earned for completion of each dual enrollment course
- Postsecondary courses that meet the criteria for inclusion in the district articulated acceleration program to be counted toward meeting graduation requirements of s1003.43 F.S.
- Eligibility criteria for student participation in dual enrollment courses and programs
- Institutional responsibilities regarding student screening prior to enrollment and monitoring student progress

- Identification of the criteria by which the instructional quality of dual enrollment courses and programs are to be judged and delineation of responsibilities for maintenance of quality.
- Delineation of the institutional responsibilities of the costs of dual enrollment courses and programs including responsibilities for student instructional materials
- Responsibility for providing transportation if the dual enrollment is conducted at a facility other than the high school campus
- Process for converting college credit hours earned through dual enrollment and early admission program to high school credit based on mastery of course outcomes
- An identification of the responsibility of the postsecondary educational institution for assigning letter grades for dual enrollment courses and the responsibility of school districts for posting dual enrollment course grades to the high school transcript as assigned by the postsecondary institution awarding the credit.

School districts and community colleges must weigh dual enrollment courses the same as advanced placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education courses when grade point averages are calculated.

F.S. 1007.235(1)(2)

DUAL ENROLLMENT

The School Board of Indian River County and Indian River State College shall co-sponsor appropriate college courses in high schools during the normal class hours, after normal class hours, and during the summer term when requested by the principal.

All secondary students will be informed of dual enrollment as an educational option and mechanism for acceleration through the guidance department. Students shall be informed of eligibility criteria, the option for taking dual enrollment courses beyond the regular school year, and the minimum academic credits required for graduation. The district will annually assess the demand for dual enrollment and other advanced courses and consider strategies and programs to meet that demand.

In addition, college level courses that lead to an associate degree or career certification will be available on one of the campuses of Indian River State College. Students enrolled in co-sponsored classes shall earn both high school credits from the Indian River County School Board and college credit from Indian River State College if they meet at least the minimum requirements for satisfactory completion of such classes. No fees will be assessed for high school students enrolled in these co-sponsored classes. The State Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) will determine the approved list of courses and the high school subject area where the course may be applied. The list of courses will be part of the annual Inter-institutional Acceleration Agreement.

Students who enroll in college credit dual enrollment classes must have completed the ninth grade unless the principal makes an exception. In addition, the Department of Education has adopted guidelines to achieve comparability across school districts of both student qualifications and teacher qualifications for dual enrollment courses. Students who are seeking college credit dual enrollment status must have a high school un-weighted grade

point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale) and satisfactory scores on the College Entry Level Placement Test/Post-Secondary Education Readiness Test.

Students who enroll in career dual enrollment classes must have a high school un-weighted grade point average of 2.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale). In addition, the student must demonstrate readiness for career level college coursework. Exceptions to the required GPA's may be granted on an individual student basis if the educational entities agree and the terms of the agreement are contained within the dual enrollment articulation agreement established pursuant to s. 1007.272(21)F. S.

Passing grades received in dual enrollment courses may be accepted for high school graduation where an equivalent high school course is identified. The list of dual enrollment courses offered through IRSC and their equivalency to high school credits will be updated annually and available on the college website www.irsc.edu

Career preparation instruction, college preparatory instruction and physical education courses that focus on the physical execution of a skill rather than the intellectual attributes of the activity are ineligible for the inclusion in the dual enrollment program. Recreation and leisure studies courses shall be evaluated individually in the same manner as physical education courses for potential inclusion in the program.

~~Career dual enrollment shall be provided as a curricular option for secondary students to pursue in order to earn a series of elective courses toward the high school diploma. Career dual enrollment shall be available for secondary students seeking a degree or certificate from a complete career-preparatory program and may not be used to enroll students in isolated career courses.~~

School districts and community/state colleges must weigh college-level dual enrollment courses the same as honors courses and advanced placement courses when grade point averages are calculated. Alternative grade calculation or weighting systems that discriminate against dual enrollment courses are prohibited. *F.S. 1007.271*

EARLY ADMISSION FULL TIME DUAL ENROLLMENT

Early admission is a form of dual enrollment through which eligible secondary students enroll in a postsecondary institution on a full time basis in courses that are creditable toward a high school diploma and the associate or baccalaureate degree. A student must enroll in a minimum of 12 college credit hours per semester or the equivalent to participate in the early admission program; however, a student may not be required to enroll in more than 15 college credit hours per semester or the equivalent. Students enrolled pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt from the payment of registration, tuition and laboratory fees. An eligible high school student may be enrolled as a full time dual enrollment student at Indian River State College or any other Florida college or university with which the School District of Indian River County has a current inter-institutional articulation agreement if accepted by that institution. In order to be enrolled as a full time dual enrollment student, the following requirements must be met.

- The student must have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale.
- The student must be accepted as a full time dual enrollment student by Indian River State College or a Florida college or university with which the School District of Indian River County has current articulation agreement.
- The high school principal must approve of the full time dual enrollment program.

Career Early Admission

Career early admission is a form of career dual enrollment through which eligible secondary students enroll full time in a career center or a Florida College System institution in courses that are creditable toward the high school diploma and the certificate or associate degree. Participation in the career early admission program is limited to students who have completed a minimum of 6 semesters of full-time secondary enrollment, including studies undertaken in the ninth grade. Students enrolled are exempt from the payment of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees.

GRADUATION UNDER EARLY ADMISSION AND ADVANCED STUDIES THROUGH OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

No student shall be admitted to the early admission and advanced studies program of any college or university without the approval of the high school principal.

1. Consideration of any application by the principal will be based on the following requirements:
 - a. The student must have an un-weighted GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale
 - b. The student must be accepted by a post-secondary institution authorized under Florida law; or accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges, and Schools or a comparable regional accrediting agency.
2. The principal is authorized to approve the fulfillment of graduation requirements and to award a diploma of graduation to the student at the graduating of his regular class or at a later convenient time pursuant to the state board of education regulations.
3. The School District of Indian River County is not responsible for tuition, fees, books or supplies for students who are enrolled in an early admission program through a college or university with which the district has no inter-institutional articulation agreement.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement is the enrollment of an eligible secondary student in a course being offered through the Advanced Placement Program administered by the College Board. Post-secondary credit for an advanced placement course shall be limited to students who score a minimum of 3, on a 5-point scale, on the corresponding Advanced Placement Examination. The postsecondary course for which the student receives credit, shall be determined by the college or university that accepts the student for admission. Students shall be exempt from the payment of any fees. *F.S. 1007.27(6)*

DUAL ENROLLMENT AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT INSTRUCTION

A school district, community/state college, and state university may conduct advanced placement instruction within dual enrollment courses. Students enrolled in a joint dual enrollment and advanced placement course may be funded by either dual enrollment or advanced placement formula specified in s1001.62F.S. however, no student shall be funded through both.

Post-secondary credit for a joint dual enrollment and advanced placement course shall be awarded as either dual enrollment or advanced placement, based on student preference. An award of advanced placement credit will be limited to those students who score a minimum of 3 on a 5-point scale on the Advanced Placement Examination. No student shall claim double credit, based on completion of a single joint dual enrollment and advanced placement course, nor shall any student be required to complete the Advanced Placement Examination.

F.S. 1007.272(1)

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

The International Baccalaureate Program is the curriculum in which eligible secondary students are enrolled in a program of studies offered through the International Baccalaureate Program administered through the International Baccalaureate Office. The State Board of Education shall establish rules that specify the cutoff scores and International Baccalaureate Examinations, which will be used to grant postsecondary credit at Community Colleges and Universities. The specific postsecondary course for which a student shall receive credit, shall be determined by the college or university that accepts the student for admission. Students shall be exempt from payment of any fees for administration of the examination regardless of whether or not the student achieves a passing score on the examination.

F.S. 1007.27(8)

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION/FLORIDA READY TO WORK

Florida's Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Act provides rigorous and relevant career-themed courses that articulate to post-secondary level coursework and lead to industry certification. Students completing a CAPE Academy program must receive a standard high school diploma and the highest available industry certification for that career field. *F.S. 1003.491, 1003.492, 1003.493*

A student who meets all graduation requirements shall be awarded a standard diploma. The school board may attach a Florida gold seal career and technical endorsement to a standard diploma or award-differentiated diplomas to those exceeding the prescribed minimums.

A Florida Ready to Work credential and portfolio shall be awarded to a student who successfully passes rigorous assessments in the identified areas. Each assessment shall be scored on a scale of 3 to 7. The level of credential each student receives is based on the following:

- A bronze-level credential requires a minimum score of 3 or above on each of the assessments
- A silver-level credential requires a minimum score of 4 or above on each of the assessments
- A gold-level credential requires a minimum score of 5 or above on each of the assessments

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Credit by examination is the program through which secondary and postsecondary students generate postsecondary credit based on the receipt of a specified minimum score on a nationally standardized general or subject-area examination as delineated by the State Board of Education in the statewide articulation agreement. Students with strong content background in a subject area can earn credit through an examination program administered by the college they attend. One such program is the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). Students participating in the CLEP are awarded credit on the basis of scores achieved on an examination. Candidates for the CLEP may include students who have

completed an AP course, but did not take or earn a qualifying score on the AP exam. Other students who may have had several high school courses in one particular area may wish to take a CLEP exam. CLEP offers another option for students to earn postsecondary credit for their efforts at the high school level.

F.S. 1007.27(7)

ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Advanced International Certificate of Education Program is the enrollment of eligible secondary students in a program of studies offered through the advanced International Certificate of Education administered by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate. While the School District of Indian River County currently has no schools operating under this program, transfer credits from will be accepted from other high schools and will be weighted appropriately.

F.S. 1007.27(9)

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REVIEW

The State Board of Education shall conduct a review of the extent to which acceleration mechanisms authorized by statute is utilized by the school districts and the public postsecondary institutions.

The report will include ongoing activities and a plan to increase and enhance the use of accelerated mechanisms as a way to shorten the length of time and the funding required for a student, including a student with a documented disability, to obtain a postsecondary degree.

The review and plan shall address but are not limited to:

- The manner in which students, including students with disabilities, are advised regarding the availability of accelerated mechanism options
- The availability of options to eligible students who wish to participate
- The grading practices, including the weighting of courses, of school districts and postsecondary institutions with regard to credit earned through accelerated mechanisms
- The extent to which credit earned is used to meet the general education requirements of a public postsecondary educational institution
- The extent to which instruction could be offered at sites other than public school sites
- The manner in which funding for instruction is provided
- The feasibility of providing students, including those with a disability, the option of choosing Advanced Placement credit or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit as an alternative to dual enrollment upon completion of a dual enrollment course *F.S. 1007.27 (11)*

STATE UNIFORM TRANSFER OF HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Grade level placement and acceptance of credits for transfer students, to include students from out of state and from foreign countries, will be in accordance with the following:

1. Evidence of work or credits offered for acceptance shall be based on an official transcript or cumulative folder and shall be accepted at face value subject to

validation for school's accreditation. If validation is necessary, or if the student does not possess an official transcript or is a home education student, credits shall be validated through performance during the first grading period, as outlined in Section 2.

2. Validation of credits shall be based on performance at the receiving school. A student transferring into a school shall be placed at the appropriate sequential course level and should have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 at the end of the first grading period. Students who do not meet this requirement shall have credits validated using the Alternative Validation Procedure, as outlined in Section 3.

3. If validation based on performance is not satisfactory or is not an option because a course is not part of a sequence, or the student is not continuing the sequence, then one of the following alternatives shall be used for validation purposes as determined by the teacher, principal and parent:

- a. Portfolio evaluation by the Superintendent or designee;
- b. Written recommendation by a Florida certified teacher selected by the parent and approved by the principal;
- c. Demonstrated performance in courses taken through dual enrollment or at other public or private accredited schools;
- d. Demonstrated proficiencies on nationally-normed standardized subject area tests;
- e. Demonstrated proficiencies on the FCAT; or
- f. Written review of the criteria utilized for a given subject provided by the former school.

4. Credits earned by a home education student through the Florida Virtual School or through a Florida community College will be accepted at face value. Home education students are eligible to participate in dual enrollment, vocational dual enrollment, early admission and credit by examination.

5. Work and credits transferred from other states shall be evaluated in terms of the requirements of the state where such credit was earned, and district graduation requirements are not retroactive. Students who enter a Florida public high school at the eleventh or twelfth grade from out-of state or from a foreign country shall not be required to spend additional time in a Florida public school in order to meet the high school requirements if they would have met graduation requirements from the school district, state, or country from which he or she is transferring. Such students who are not proficient in English should receive immediate and intensive instruction in English language acquisition. However, to receive a standard high school diploma, a transfer student must earn a 2.0 grade point average and pass the grade 10 FCAT specified in s 1008.22(3), or an alternate assessment as specified in s 1008.22(9).

F.S. 1003.433 (1), 6A-1.09941 F.A.C.

Home Education students transferring into Indian River County Public Schools must be full-time students during their last academic year prior to graduation and must earn a minimum of seven credits during their Indian River County district high school enrollment in order to receive a diploma from the district. These seven credits must include one credit of English, one credit in math, and one credit for a lab science.

Students with credit awarded for Home Education programs shall be eligible to be ranked in their graduating class only if they have been enrolled in a specific Indian River County high school for a minimum of one year/seven credits. No ranking in the top ten students of a

graduating class shall be permitted for a transferring Home Education student with less than a minimum of two years/fourteen credits earned in a specific Indian River County high school.

Home Education students may participate in vocational dual enrollment, dual enrollment, early admission and credit by examination programs.

Credits will be accepted from the Florida Virtual School.

High School credit will be awarded to middle school students who successfully complete high school courses.

BRIGHT FUTURES INFORMATION

In 1997, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to reward students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding to attend post-secondary education in Florida. A student graduating from high school during the 2011-2012 academic year and applying for state aid for the following academic school year must apply for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship after December 1 and prior to high school graduation. A student may receive funding for only one award. The highest award earned by the student will be selected. In addition to meeting specific program eligibility requirements, students must also meet general eligibility requirements for receipt of state aid.

Community Service for the three categories for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program:

1. **Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)** – must complete 100 hours of community volunteer service
2. **Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)** – must complete 75 hours of community volunteer service
3. **Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)** – must complete 30 hours of community volunteer service

In order to be eligible to apply for this financial assistance when entering college/university, high school students must complete volunteer hours prior to high school graduation.

Academic Requirements to Qualify for Bright Futures:

Florida Academic Scholars Award

3.5 weighted GPA using the credits listed below, combined with the test scores and community service hours listed below.

Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses.

- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics* (Algebra I level and above)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 Foreign Language (sequential, in the same language)

Total - 16 Credits

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award

3.0 weighted GPA using the credits and test score listed below.

Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses.

- 4 English (3 with substantial writing above)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 2 Foreign Language (sequential, in the same language)
- 4 Mathematics* (Algebra I level and above)
- 3 Social Science

Total - 16 Credits

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award

3.0 weighted GPA using the 16 core credits required for high school graduation with a 4-year diploma (listed below), and a 3.5 unweighted GPA in a minimum of three Career and Technical Education credits in one vocational program (taken over two academic years), and test scores listed below.

Credits must be in the 16 core credits required for high school graduation with a 4-year diploma.

4-year Diploma

Credits must include the 16 core credits required for high school graduation.

- 4 English
- 4 Mathematics (including Algebra I)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science (U.S. Hist., World Hist., U.S. Govt. and Economics)
- 1 Fine; OR Identified Practical Art; OR .5 credit in each
- 1 Physical Education (to include integration of health)

Total - 16 Credits

*Plus a minimum of three Career and Technical Education credits in one vocational program taken over at least 2 academic years

3-year Career Preparatory Diploma** with a 3.0 weighted GPA using the 14 core credits required for graduation listed below

- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (including Algebra I)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science (U.S. Hist., World Hist., U.S. Govt., and Economics)

Total - 14 Credits

3-year College Preparatory Diploma** with 3.0 weighted GPA using the 16 core credits required for graduation listed below

- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (Algebra I and above)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science (U.S. Hist., World Hist., U.S. Govt., and Economics)
- 2 Foreign Language (in the same language)

Total - 16 Credits

***For Additional Information on Bright Futures - Go to Website for complete details:
<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/>***

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

The progression plan for students with disabilities has been designed to accommodate the varied needs of students who require educational modifications in order to achieve. This plan will ensure that students in exceptional education who receive a standard diploma will attain equivalent competencies **as** prescribed for non-handicapped **disabled** students and that students receiving other than a standard diploma or certificate of completion will attain the acceptable level of competency prescribed for that diploma option.

COURSE ADAPTATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Adaptations to courses may be defined as:

- Accommodations – changes in how material is presented or learned and how the student mastery of coursework is demonstrated
- Modifications – changes in what material is presented and learned and how the student mastery of modified coursework is demonstrated

Note: Students receiving accommodations are typically following the same Next Generation Sunshine State Standards/**Common Core State Standards (NGSSS/CCSS)** as those required of general education students. Students receiving modifications are typically following the Next Generation Sunshine State **Access Points/CCSS Core Content Connectors**.

Accommodations are provided in basic and vocational **career readiness** courses as necessary to assure students with disabilities the opportunity to meet graduation requirements for a standard diploma. Accommodations do not include modifications to the curriculum frameworks or **Next Generation Sunshine State Standards/Common Core State Standards**.

Accommodations to courses may include, but are not limited to the following:

- instructional time may be increased or decreased
- instructional methodology may be varied
- special communications systems may be used by the teacher or the students
- classroom and district assessment procedures may be varied as specified in Rule 6A-1.0943, FAC, to accommodate the student with special needs.

Accommodations that negate the validity of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 (FCAT 2.0) or end-of-course assessments are not allowable during these test administrations under s. 1008.22(8), F.S. For a student to receive classroom instructional accommodations not available or permitted on the statewide assessments, a parent must provide signed consent on the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), which acknowledges in writing that he or she understands the implications of the use of such instructional accommodations. Students using instructional accommodations not permitted on statewide assessments may have the FCAT 2.0 or an end-of-course assessment requirement waived in accordance with the requirements of s. 1003.428(8)(b), F.S. or s. 1003.43(11)(b) F.S.

Vocational **Career readiness** courses are modified as necessary to assure students with disabilities the opportunity to meet graduation requirements for a standard or special diploma. Modified course outcomes are specified in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and must be completed for the student to receive course credit.

When adapting **modifying** basic courses, one of the following strategies is utilized:

- assignment of the student with disabilities to an exceptional education class for instruction in a basic course with the same Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (**NGSSS**)/**Common Core State Standards (CCSS)** as those required in the Student Progression Plan of general education students
- assignment of the student with disabilities to a basic class that is modified to meet the individual needs of the student.

The strategy determination is based on an assessment of individual student needs and is reflected in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). S. 1003.43 F.S.

ONLINE INSTRUCTION

Under s. 1003.428(2)(c), F.S., students entering Grade 9 in the 2011-12 school year must complete at least one online course within the 24 credits required for graduation with a standard diploma. This requirement does not apply to a student who has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) under s. 1003.57, F.S., which indicates that an online course would be inappropriate, or a student is enrolled in a Florida high school and has less than one academic year remaining in high school.

Schools providing a full-time virtual instruction program under s. 1002.37, F.S., or s. 1002.45, F.S., must fulfill the obligations of a school district under this section for public school exceptional students who are enrolled in a full-time virtual instruction program. A student with a disability whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) indicates that full-time virtual instruction is appropriate may be enrolled in a full-time virtual instruction program.

PROMOTION OF STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

~~Promotion is based upon the satisfactory completion of the approved materials and/or textbooks for the assigned ESE grade level based on the district's grading system.~~

At the elementary level, promotion is based upon the recommendations of the school-based Promotion Review Committee, and must include a review of classroom performance, school, district and state assessments, and the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher of records must be included as a member of the Promotion Review Committee.

At the secondary level, promotion is based upon satisfactory completion of course credit requirements.

RETENTION/ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY IN GRADE 3 BASED UPON READING PROFICIENCY AND GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTIONS

~~Elementary and Middle: Refer to the Individual Education Plan (IEP) Committee.~~

~~High School: Refer to Student Progression Plan — Grades 9 — 12. (Student Diploma)~~

The school district may exempt students with disabilities in grade 3 who demonstrate a continued deficiency in reading from mandatory retention only for good cause. These good cause exemptions are now specific in statute s.1008.25(6)(b), F.S., and are limited to the following:

1. Students with disabilities, whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) indicates that participation in statewide assessment is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of State Board of Education rule.
2. Students with disabilities who participate in FCAT 2.0 and who have an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or a Section 504 plan that reflects they have received intensive remediation in reading for more than two years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and were previously retained in grades K, 1, 2, or 3.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)

Under 6A.6.03028 F.A.C., extended school year services may be provided for any student:

- ~~• would severely regress in his/her skills and overall functioning as demonstrated by supporting documentation to include the objectives on an IEP or a Summary of Skills or lack thereof.~~
- who would experience significant regression in critical skills with the inability of recouping those skills in a reasonable amount of time,
- who is at a crucial stage in development for a critical life skill and the lapse in services would substantially jeopardize the student's chances of learning that skill, and/or
- whose disability is of a nature or severity that would make it unlikely that he/she would benefit from his/her education without the provision of extended school year services (this may include the student's rate of progress).

GRADUATION OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITIES (HIGH SCHOOL)

STANDARD DIPLOMA

A standard high school diploma will be awarded to students who meet the credit requirements and demonstrate mastery of the State Student Performance Standards that apply, have the state required grade point average and pass the state required test.

1. A student with a disability who passes a standard diploma course(s) can apply that course(s) to fulfill the requirements for the other than standard diploma.
2. A student with a disability enrolled in other than a standard diploma course who has not completed that course can transfer into the equivalent standard diploma course.
3. Students with emotional/behavioral disabilities ~~should~~ may be enrolled in a Social and Personal Skills class (ESE 7963070) which will be counted as an elective.
4. ~~Students in the Self-Contained Program for students with emotional or behavioral disabilities seeking a standard diploma should be enrolled in a Social and Personal Skills class (ESE 7963070) in the ninth and tenth grades. The course may be taken all four years and count towards graduation as an elective.~~

~~A standard diploma course may be taught by either general education or ESE teacher(s).~~

Enhanced New Needed Opportunity for Better Life and Education for Student with Disabilities (ENNOBLES) Act

The School District of Indian River County will provide instruction to prepare students with disabilities to demonstrate proficiency in the skills and competencies necessary for successful grade-to-grade progression and high school graduation.

FCAT 2.0 WAIVER

The ENNOBLES Act provides for the waiver of the FCAT 2.0 requirement for graduation with a standard diploma for certain students with disabilities who have met all other requirements for graduation with a standard diploma, except a passing score on the FCAT 2.0. In order for the FCAT 2.0 graduation requirement to be waived, the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team must meet during the student's senior year to determine whether or not the FCAT 2.0 can accurately measure the student's abilities, taking into consideration allowable accommodations **if the student:**

1. completes the minimum number and distribution of credits and minimum cumulative grade point average required for the standard diploma, and
2. does not meet the FCAT 2.0 testing requirements after at least two opportunities at periods in the high school progression as defined by the state.

“Senior year” refers to the first time that a student has enough credits to be classified as a senior, and to those students with disabilities who have elected to remain enrolled in order to seek a standard diploma.

END OF COURSE (EOC)

A student with a disability for whom the IEP team determines that an end of course assessment cannot accurately measure a student’s abilities, taking into consideration all allowable accommodations, shall have the end of course assessment results waived for the purpose of determining the student’s course grade and credit. s. [1008.22\(8\), F.S.](#)

OTHER THAN STANDARD DIPLOMA (SPECIAL DIPLOMA)

The Florida Department of Education has created Next Generation Sunshine State Access Points and is adopting Common Core Content Connectors as a way for students with significant cognitive disabilities to access the general education curriculum. These Access Points/Connectors are designed to reflect the core intent of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS)/Common Core State Standards (CCSS) with reduced levels of complexity. The NGSSS standards are assessed using the Florida Alternate Assessment.

A diploma other than a standard diploma may be issued to students in the following programs:

- Intellectual disability
- Orthopedic impairment
- Deaf or hard of hearing
- Traumatic brain injury
- Emotional/behavioral disability
- Other health impairment
- Dual sensory impaired
- Specific learning disability
- Language impairment
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Vision impairment

1. A student with disabilities who has not completed a standard diploma course may transfer to an other than standard diploma course (special diploma) and apply any passed Next Generation Sunshine State Standards(NGSSS) for general education to the Next Generation Sunshine State Access Points or Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to the Common Core State Standards Connectors.

2. Documentation to determine mastery of Next Generation Sunshine State Access Points/**Common Core Connectors** for each course will be the responsibility of the teacher(s) and must be included in the student's permanent records (checklists, etc.). The teacher certifying mastery must date and sign the standard when mastery is achieved.

MINIMUM SUBJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER THAN STANDARD DIPLOMA

SPECIAL DIPLOMA OPTION 1

Completion **Mastery** of Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Access Points/**Common Core Connectors and completion of** 19-24 credits including:

SUBJECT AREAS *Exceptional Education Courses*

Language Arts 3 credits
(2 credits of reading may be substituted.)

Mathematics 2 credits

Life Management and Transition (ESE) 1 *credit*
or
Life Management .5 credit

Post-school Adult Living 2 credits
(1 credit of Social Studies may be substituted)

~~Practical Technology~~ Science 1 credit

~~Vocational/Career~~ **Readiness** Courses 2+ credits

Employability Skills **1credit**

Additional ~~Vocational~~ **Career Readiness** or Elective Courses 7+ credits

General education courses may be substituted for exceptional education courses. Exceptions to requirements can only be modified with approval from the Executive Director of Exceptional Student Education.

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL DIPLOMA OPTION 2

SPECIAL DIPLOMA OPTION 2 is an individually designed diploma option that may meet the needs of young adults with disabilities in accordance with their Individual Education Plan (IEP). A student who has been identified, in accordance with the rules established by the State Board of Education, as a student with a disability who has an intellectual disability, an autism spectrum disorder, a language impairment, an orthopedic impairment, an other health impairment, a traumatic brain injury, an emotional/behavioral disability, a specific learning disability, including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia, or students who are deaf or hard of hearing or dual sensory impaired may be issued an Option 2 Diploma and may participate in commencement exercises when the following requirements are met:

- successful employment in the community for a minimum of one semester, at or above minimum wage.
- achievement of annual goals and short-term objectives related to employment and community and community competencies specified on their Employment and Community Competencies Plan.

A student in 9th grade may begin the course of study that may lead to graduation under Option 2. A letter of explanation regarding diploma options will be sent to parents prior to the IEP meeting where Option 2 will be considered. Parent participation in the decision for a student to begin this course of study will be solicited through standard IEP procedures for parent involvement. Mastery of community and employment competencies listed on the Plan will be certified by a team of teacher/educators. This certification will require the date of certification and the signature of the persons certifying the competencies.

A student may transfer from Special Diploma Option 1 to Option 2 if the Transition IEP team determines a need for competency based educational placement. An assessment of competencies gained in previous credit based classes will be documented on the Plan. The School Board's requirements for demonstration of mastery of specified employment and community competencies ensure:

1. The student has achieved all the annual goals and short-term objectives, which were specified on the IEP, related to the employment and community competencies.
2. The student is employed in a community-based job, for the number of hours per week specified in the training plan, for the equivalent of one (1) semester, and paid a minimum wage in compliance with the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act.
3. The student has mastered the employment and community competencies specified in the training plan. The training plan is developed and signed by the student, parent, teacher, and employer prior to placement in employment and identifies the following:
 - a. the expected employment and community competencies,
 - b. the criteria for determining and certifying mastery of the competencies,
 - c. the work scheduled and minimum number of hours to be worked per week, and
 - d. a description of the supervision to be provided by school district staff.

4. Student mastery of performance standards may be documented through tracking sheet checklist, grades, or samples of student work. Written documentation of student mastery must minimally include the date each standard was mastered, and the sign off by the teacher who verified mastery. Written documentation shall be maintained until the student has graduated.

A student may transfer from Special Diploma Option 2 to Special Diploma Option 1 or a Standard Diploma with the understanding that 19-24 credits are required for Special Diploma Option 1 and 24 credits are required for Standard Diploma graduation. (See Special Diploma to Standard Diploma transfer requirements.)

A student may graduate prior to his/her peers with the permission of the principal. For more specific information, see School District of Indian River County Special Diploma Option 2 procedural manual.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

A student who has been identified as a student with an intellectual disability; an autism spectrum disorder; a language impairment; an orthopedic impairment; an other health impairment; a traumatic brain injury; an emotional/behavioral disability; a specific learning disability, including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia; or students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, or dual-sensory impaired may be issued a Special Certificate of Completion when the student has met all special requirements of the district school board, but is unable to meet the appropriate special state minimum requirements. s. 1003.438, F.S. Special requirements of the district school board include that the student has demonstrated to the satisfaction of a review committee consisting of Parent, Principal, and ESE Administrator that the basic life skills have been mastered and are being applied.

~~A student classified as trainable mentally handicapped or profoundly handicapped may be issued a Special Certificate of Completion and may participate in commencement exercises when he/she has mastered 70% of his/her twelfth grade Individualized Educational Plan skills if he/she is unable to meet the requirements of the special diploma. A student who has been identified as a student with an intellectual disability; autism spectrum disorder; deaf; a specific learning disability, emotional or behavioral disability may be issued a Special Certificate of Completion when:~~

- ~~1. all local course requirements have been met, but he/she is unable to master the Next Generation Sunshine State Access Points; or~~

~~2. the student has demonstrated to the satisfaction of a review committee consisting of Parent, Principal/Designee, ESE Administrator that the basic life skills have been mastered and are being applied.~~

~~Where a pupil files a written request from his parent or guardian and a written statement from a licensed practicing physician certifying that a required course would be physically or mentally harmful to him, the principal shall grant an exemption from taking the course; provided, that such documents are made a part of the student's records; provided further, that no exemption shall be granted for any other course required by law. Where such an exemption is granted the principal shall determine the course, which the student will take in lieu of the required course.~~
FS 1003.438

POST-SECONDARY TRANSITION

Students may continue to work toward mastery of their IEP goals and requirements for graduation through the end of the school year in which they turn 22 so long as they do not graduate with a standard diploma. The ESE Department will work to develop a Transitions Program designed for students between 18 and 22 working to complete a Special Diploma. The program will be for students who continue to require additional support and services to achieve their post-secondary goals. An IEP team will determine eligibility to this program as well as mastery and completion of the program or meeting exit criteria.

STUDENT PROGRESSION: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Academic Recovery/Acceleration – Remediation and homework help provided by district personnel outside of the traditional school day.

Academically Challenging Curriculum To Enhance Learning (ACCEL) - Acceleration choices developed to address the need to provide academically challenging curriculum opportunities for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The acceleration choices are grouped into two categories, Content Enrichment and Grade Advancement.

Accelerated Learning Centers – Credit Recovery (ALS) – Credit recovery services are provided for students during the school day, before and after school and during the summer.

Access Points for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities – The Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Access Points are expectations written for students with significant cognitive disabilities to access the general education curriculum. Embedded in the State Standards, Access Points reflect the core intent of the standards with reduced levels of complexity.

Accommodations – Changes to the way a student is taught or how a student is tested.

Accreditation – Indian River County Public High Schools are accredited based on the standards set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Alternate Assessment – The Florida Alternate Assessment is an alternate achievement, performance-based test that is aligned with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Access Points for students with significant cognitive disabilities who, as determined by the IEP team, meet the two exemption criteria defined by state legislation (determined by responses of “yes” on each of five questions on the *Florida Alternate Assessment Participation Checklist*) for whom participation in state- and district-wide assessments is deemed to be inappropriate.

Alternative Assessment – An assessment, other than the FCAT, that is given to third grade students to show proficiency in the tested benchmark areas (examples: SAT 9/10, portfolio, etc.).

ALS: Accelerated Learning System (A+ Learning System software) – Provide dropout prevention recovery for at-risk students who are in danger of dropping out of school, or who are in need of additional course/credits. The *A+ Learning System* software program consists of an Internet-deliverable instructional management system supported by standards-based assessment tools and core curriculum for grades 6-12. Students earn credits through successful completion of rigorous course matrices which meet all district and state standards (Grades 6-12).

AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) – No Child Left Behind federal legislation requires that each child make adequate yearly progress.

Credit Acceleration Program (CAP)- A student who is not enrolled in or has not completed the related course can take the standardized EOC during the regular administrations of the assessments, a passing score equates to earning credit in the class.

Common Core State Standards – The Common Core State Standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.

Common Core Content Connectors - a system aligned to Common Core State Standards supported by curriculum and instruction to ensure that students with significant cognitive disabilities achieve increasingly higher academic outcomes and leave high school ready for post-secondary options.

Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) – An assessment that the State of Florida uses to measure the growth of students classified as English Language Learners (ELL) in mastering the areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English.

ELL (English Language Learners) – ELL and Limited English Proficient (LEP) are frequently used interchangeably to describe a student whose first language is not English while ESOL refers to the program itself.

EP (Educational Plan) – A legal written plan required by the Florida Department of Education for students in the gifted program.

ePEP (Online Personal Education Planner) – Students who enter Grade 6 for the first time in 2006-2007 and beyond are required to complete an ePEP as part of a career program in Grade 8 and update yearly in grades 9-11 as part of the course registration process in high school.

ESE (Exceptional Student Education) – This is the name given in Florida to educational programs and services for students with special learning needs (including those who have disabilities and those who are gifted). It is sometimes called special education.

End of Course Assessments (EOC)- EOC assessments are rigorous, statewide, standardized assessments developed and approved by the Florida Department of Education. EOC assessments for a subject are administered in addition to the comprehensive assessments. The content knowledge and skills assessed by EOC assessments are aligned to the core curricular content established in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Language) – This is a program for students whose first language is not English. Special teaching materials, techniques, strategies, and testing accommodations are used to assist these students in achieving English proficiency.

Extended School Year Services (ESY) – Individualized instructional services beyond the regular 180 day school year for eligible students with disabilities receiving Exceptional Student Education services.

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0) – The State of Florida's assessment given annually to students in grades 3-10.

Formative Assessments – Classroom-based assessments that are utilized to assess mastery of concepts and skills taught in the specific course which informs teachers of instructional adjustments to help students master standards.

GED Option – Provides intense instructional preparation for students in order to facilitate successful completion of GED testing leading to the awarding of a GED.

Good Cause Exemption – One of six possible reasons defined in Florida Statutes for a third grade student who has not scored Level 2 on FCAT 2.0 Reading to be promoted to fourth grade.

Health Opportunities through Physical Education (H.O.P.E.) – This one credit physical education course includes integration of health and is required for graduation for those students who elected a standard diploma and who entered the 9th grade for the first time in 2007-2008 and beyond. It replaces for those students the ½ credit personal fitness, ½ credit elective PE, and ½ credit Health/Life Management. The purpose of this course is to develop and enhance healthy behaviors that influence lifestyle choices and student health and fitness.

IEP (Individual Education Plan) - A written, legal plan required by the Individuals with Disabilities Act that is developed, reviewed, and revised in a meeting with an IEP team, not less than annually, for a student with a disability.

Intensive Mathematics – Improve math skills of students who have scored a Level 1 on FCAT Mathematics.

Intensive Reading – Intensive reading instruction or reading intervention for students who scored a Level 1 or Level 2 disfluent on FCAT Reading in grades 6 – 12. This is in addition to the regular English class.

Kindergarten Screening – A statewide screening to assess the readiness of students based on state performance standards. The kindergarten screening is required within the first 30 days of the student's enrollment.

LAS (The Language Assessment Scales Test) – This test is administered to assess the aural/oral skills of a student for whom English is a second language.

Mid-Year Promotion - Mid-year promotion means promotion of a retained student at any time during the year of retention once the student has demonstrated ability to read at grade level.

Modifications – Changes to what a student is expected to learn. If a course is modified, there is a reduction to the amount of material a student must master in order to pass the course. Modifications to core academic grade level standards are reflected as Special Standards.

Performance-Based Diploma (GED Exit Option) - – An academic and career oriented program designed to assist students in obtaining a district high school diploma. The program is for students 16 years or older, who perform below grade level, have academic deficiencies, a history of absenteeism, and a desire to complete requirements to obtain a high school diploma. The program addresses the student's need to develop and improve academic performance and work ethic (e.g., student 16 years or older who are at risk of not graduating).

Portfolio – The student portfolio contains a systematic collection of evidence used by a teacher or home school parent to monitor the student's academic growth over a period of time.

Progress Monitoring Plan (PMP) – A school-wide or individualized student plan to target instruction and to identify methods to assist the student or school in meeting state and district expectations for proficiency. Students with an IEP, ELL Plan or 504 plan which addresses deficits in reading, writing, science, and/or mathematics meet the requirements of a progress monitoring plan for a documented deficit.

Stanford Achievement Test: Tenth Addition(SAT 10) - standardized achievement test utilized by school districts in the United States for assessing children from kindergarten through high school.

Student Progression Plan

Appendix A

Indian River County

Semester Grades - Grade 6

Nine Week Grades	Semester Grade
A+ & A+	A
A+ & A	A
A+ & B+	A
A+ & B	A
A+ & C+	B
A+ & C	B
A+ & D+	B
A+ & D	B
A+ & F	C
A & A	A
A & B+	A
A & B	A
A & C+	B
A & C	B
A & D+	B
A & D	B
A & F	C
B+ & B+	B
B+ & B	B
B+ & C+	B
B+ & C	B
B+ & D+	C
B+ & D	C
B+ & F	C
B & B	B
B & C+	B
B & C	B
B & D+	C
B & D	C
B & F	C
C+ & C+	C
C+ & C	C
C+ & D+	C
C+ & D	C
C+ & F	D
C & C	C
C & D+	C
C & D	C
C & F	D
D+ & D+	D
D+ & D	D
D+ & F	D
D & D	D
D & F	D
F & F	F

Numeric Scale	
100-98	A+
97-90	A
89-88	B+
87-80	B
79-78	C+
77-70	C
69-68	D+
67-60	D
59-0	F

*Note - A nine week or unit test will be given during the scheduled time for semester exams

Student Progression Plan

Appendix B

Indian River County

Semester Grades - Grade 7

Nine Week Grades	Exam Grade					
	A	B	C	D	F	
A+ & A+	A	A	A	A	A	SEMESTER GRADE
A+ & A	A	A	A	A	A	
A+ & B+	A	A	A	B	B	
A+ & B	A	A	B	B	B	
A+ & C+	B	B	B	B	B	
A+ & C	B	B	B	B	B	
A+ & D+	B	B	B	B	C	
A+ & D	B	B	B	C	C	
A+ & F	C	C	C	C	F	
A & A	A	A	A	A	B	
A & B+	A	A	B	B	B	
A & B	A	B	B	B	B	
A & C+	B	B	B	B	B	
A & C	B	B	B	B	B	
A & D+	B	B	B	C	C	
A & D	B	B	C	C	C	
A & F	C	C	C	C	F	
B+ & B+	A	B	B	B	B	
B+ & B	B	B	B	B	B	
B+ & C+	B	B	B	B	C	
B+ & C	B	B	B	C	C	
B+ & D+	B	C	C	C	C	
B+ & D	C	C	C	C	C	
B+ & F	C	C	C	C	F	
B & B	B	B	B	B	B	
B & C+	B	B	B	C	C	
B & C	B	B	C	C	C	
B & D+	C	C	C	C	C	
B & D	C	C	C	C	C	
B & F	C	C	C	D	F	
C+ & C+	B	C	C	C	C	
C+ & C	C	C	C	C	C	
C+ & D+	C	C	C	C	D	
C+ & D	C	C	C	C	D	
C+ & F	C	D	D	D	F	
C & C	C	C	C	C	C	
C & D+	C	C	C	C	D	
C & D	C	C	C	D	D	
C & F	D	D	D	D	F	
D+ & D+	C	C	D	D	D	
D+ & D	C	D	D	D	D	
D+ & F	D	D	D	D	F	
D & D	D	D	D	D	D	
D & F	D	D	D	D	F	
F & F	F	F	F	F	F	

Numeric Scale	
100-98	A+
97-90	A
89-88	B+
87-80	B
79-78	C+
77-70	C
69-68	D+
67-60	D
59-0	F

Students must earn a passing grade in 2 of the 3 areas reported in order to receive a passing grade for the semester.

Student Progression Plan

Appendix C

Indian River County

Semester Grades - Grade 8-12

Nine Week Grades	Exam Grade						SEMESTER GRADE
	A	B	C	D	F	FF	
A+ & A+	A	A	A	A	B	B	SEMESTER GRADE
A+ & A	A	A	A	A	B	B	
A+ & B+	A	A	B	B	B	B	
A+ & B	A	A	B	B	B	B	
A+ & C+	B	B	B	B	B	C	
A+ & C	B	B	B	B	B	C	
A+ & D+	B	B	B	C	C	C	
A+ & D	B	B	B	C	C	C	
A+ & F	B	C	C	C	F	F	
A & A	A	A	A	B	B	B	
A & B+	A	A	B	B	B	B	
A & B	A	B	B	B	B	B	
A & C+	B	B	B	B	B	C	
A & C	B	B	B	B	C	C	
A & D+	B	B	B	C	C	C	
A & D	B	B	C	C	C	C	
A & F	C	C	C	C	F	F	
B+ & B+	B	B	B	B	B	C	
B+ & B	B	B	B	B	B	C	
B+ & C+	B	B	B	C	C	C	
B+ & C	B	B	B	C	C	C	
B+ & D+	B	C	C	C	C	C	
B+ & D	B	C	C	C	C	C	
B+ & F	C	C	C	C	F	F	
B & B	B	B	B	B	C	C	
B & C+	B	B	B	C	C	C	
B & C	B	B	C	C	C	C	
B & D+	B	C	C	C	C	C	
B & D	C	C	C	C	C	D	
B & F	C	C	C	D	F	F	
C+ & C+	B	C	C	C	C	C	
C+ & C	B	C	C	C	C	C	
C+ & D+	C	C	C	C	D	D	
C+ & D	C	C	C	C	D	D	
C+ & F	C	C	D	D	F	F	
C & C	C	C	C	C	C	D	
C & D+	C	C	C	C	D	D	
C & D	C	C	C	D	D	D	
C & F	C	D	D	D	F	F	
D+ & D+	C	C	D	D	D	D	
D+ & D	C	C	D	D	D	D	
D+ & F	D	D	D	D	F	F	
D & D	C	D	D	D	D	F	
D & F	D	D	D	D	F	F	
F & F	F	F	F	F	F	F	

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100-98	A+
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87-80	B
79-78	C+
77-70	C
69-68	D+
67-60	D
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Appendix D Indian River County

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is rigorous pre-university course of studies, leading to internationally standardized examinations that meet the needs of highly motivated high school students. The program is designed as a comprehensive two-year curriculum that allows its graduates to fulfill requirements of various national education systems.

Diploma candidates are required to select one subject from each of six subject groups. At least three and not more than four are taken at the higher level (HL), the others at standard level (SL). HL courses represent 240 teaching hours; SL courses cover 150 hours. Students explore subjects in depth more broadly over a two-year period. IB diploma candidates demonstrate mastery by passing a battery of comprehensive written, and in some cases, oral examinations in the subject area.

The six subject groups include:

Language A1:	4 credits	student's first language, including the study of selections from world literature.
Language A2, B, <i>ab initio</i> :	2 credits	second modern language
Individual and Societies:	3 credits	history, geography, economics, philosophy, psychology, social anthropology, business and organization, information technology in a global society, history of the Islamic world.
Experiential Sciences:	3 credits	biology chemistry, physics, environmental systems, design technology
Mathematics:	3 credits	mathematics HL, advanced mathematics SL, mathematics studies, mathematical methods
Theory of Knowledge:	1 credit	
Arts and Electives:	8 credits	must include at least one AP or IB course.

Other requirements:

- 1) Extended essay that includes original research and a 4000-word essay. Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) requires a minimum of 150 hours outside the world of scholarship to be divided with an equal distribution between the areas.

Student Progression Plan Appendix C
Indian River County Semester Grades - Grade 8-12
 Includes EOC grade of 30%

Nine Week Grades	Exam Grade					
	A	B	C	D	F	F#
A+ & A+	A	A	A	A(B)	B	B
A+ & A	A	A	A(B)	A(B)	B	B
A+ & B+	A	A	B	B	B	B
A+ & B	A	A(B)	B	B	B	B
A+ & C+	B	B	B	B	B(C)	C
A+ & C	B	B	B	B	B	C
A+ & D+	B	B	B	C	C	C
A+ & D	B	B	B(C)	C	C	C
A+ & F	B	C	C	C	F(D)	F
A & A	A	A	A(B)	B	B	B
A & B+	A	A	B	B	B	B
A & B	A	B	B	B	B(C)	B
A & C+	B	B	B	B(C)	B(C)	C
A & C	B	B	B	B(C)	C	C
A & D+	B	B	B(C)	C	C	C
A & D	B	B	C	C	C	C
A & F	C(B)	C	C	C	F(D)	F
B+ & B+	B	B	B	B	B(C)	C
B+ & B	B	B	B	B	B(C)	C
B+ & C+	B	B	B	C	C	C
B+ & C	B	B	B(C)	C	C	C
B+ & D+	B	C	C	C	C	C
B+ & D	B	C	C	C	C(D)	C
B+ & F	C	C	C	C(D)	F(D)	F
B & B	B	B	B	B(C)	C	C
B & C+	B	B	B(C)	C	C	C
B & C	B	B	C	C	C	C
B & D+	B	C	C	C	C(D)	C
B & D	C(B)	C	C	C	C(D)	D
B & F	C	C	C	D	F(D)	F
C+ & C+	B	C	C	C	C	C
C+ & C	B	C	C	C	C(D)	C
C+ & D+	C	C	C	C	D	D
C+ & D	C	C	C	C(D)	D	D
C+ & F	C	C	D	D	F(D)	F
C & C	C(B)	C	C	C	C(D)	D
C & D+	C	C	C	C(D)	D	D
C & D	C	C	C	D	D	D
C & F	C	D(C)	D	D	F(D)	F
D+ & D+	C	C	D	D	D	D
D+ & D	C	C	D	D	D	D
D+ & F	D(C)	D	D	D	F	F
D & D	C	D(C)	D	D	D	F
D & F	D(C)	D	D	D	F	F
F & F	F(D)	F(D)	F(D)	F	F	F

SEMESTER GRADE

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