

**DIPLOMA PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS
CLASS OF 2021-2024**

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S DIPLOMA PATHWAYS

In the spring of 2013 the Florida Legislature created new diploma options for the students of Florida. In doing so, they have offered students more choice as well as an opportunity to align their education to their future college and career plans. In Seminole County we refer to these new choices as Diploma Pathways. We call them Pathways because we believe that students should use their time in high school to embark on their own personal Pathway to success. Students may now choose a Pathway that will result in a standard high school diploma, a high school diploma connected with industry certification, a diploma designed to rigorously prepare them for the university setting, a diploma option in world languages, or an Advanced Placement diploma option.

Seminole County offers the Florida Seal of Biliteracy, which recognizes a high school graduate who has attained a high level of competency in one or world languages in addition to English. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the Gold Seal/Silver Seal of Biliteracy will be awarded to high school students who earn a standard diploma and who earn four world language course credits in the same world language with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale and achieve a qualifying score on a world language assessment.

The Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma is now being offered in partnership with College Board. Students who specialize in Advanced Placement courses and satisfactorily complete the AP Seminar, AP Research and four additional AP courses as determined by College Board are eligible for the AP Capstone Diploma. This diploma option is being offered at all Seminole County Public High Schools with the exception of Crooms Academy of Information Technology.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year students have the option to complete high school with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway option. Students must earn 18 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Two of the credits must be earned in CTE courses resulting in program completion and an industry certification. Two credits will be completed in work-based learning programs or substitute up to two credits of electives, including one-half credit in financial literacy for work-based learning program courses.

In the subsequent chart, you will find the Diploma Pathways and the corresponding expectations associated with each one. In addition to those offered by the state of Florida, Seminole County also offers the AP Capstone Pathway and Scholars with Distinction Pathway. These very rigorous Pathways will challenge even the most talented and dedicated students to an even higher level of academic accomplishment.

Seminole County will start each and every student on the Scholars Pathway. We want to ensure that students are setting their academic goals high as they begin high school. Through performance and self-selection, students and their families may opt to change Pathways as they progress through high school. Our goal is to have all students qualify to earn a Scholars Pathway diploma. In the end, regardless of the Pathway Diploma, we want every student in Seminole County to exit our school system as a graduate.

Your administrators and guidance counselors are available to provide further guidance on what each of the Pathways requires.

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STANDARD DIPLOMA PATHWAY	REQUIREMENTS (must include (1) online course)
	<p>English Credits (English 1 – English 4) or equivalent accelerated course(s)-4 credits Math Credits Grades (9-12) (must include Algebra 1 & Geometry)-4 credits Science Credits (must include Biology I, (3) courses must contain a lab component, and 2 Equally Rigorously Courses)-4 credits Social Studies (must include World History, US History, 0.5 US Government & 0.5 Economics)-3 credits Fine or Performing Arts, Speech & Debate or Practical Art-1 credit ½ Personal Fitness and ½ PE Elective-1 credit Elective Credits-9 credits Have a minimum, cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale **An approved Computer Science course may take the place of a math or science credit**</p>
TESTING REQUIREMENTS	<p>Passing Score on: Grade 10 ELA FSA or concordant score & Algebra 1 EOC or comparative score EOC's in Algebra 1*, Geometry, Biology I & US History will count as 30% of the students overall grade **A passing industry certification may take the place of a science or math credit** Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra I and Geometry). An industry certification that leads to college credit substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I).</p>
SCHOLARS DIPLOMA PATHWAY	REQUIREMENTS OF A STANDARD DIPLOMA PLUS:
	<p>*Earn (1) credit in Statistics or equally rigorous mathematics course * Earn (1) credit in Algebra II or equally rigorous mathematics course *Earn (1) credit in Chemistry or Physics *Earn (1) credit in science course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics *Earn (2) credits in the same world language course *Earn (1) credit in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, an Advanced International Certificate of Education, Dual Enrollment Course</p>
TESING REQUIREMENTS	Passing Score on Grade 10 ELA, Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, Biology I EOC, and US History EOC
MERIT DIPLOMA PATHWAY	REQUIREMENTS OF STANDARD DIPLOMA PLUS:
	<p>*Attain one or more Industry Certifications from the list established under S. 1003.492 F. S ***Industry Certification Courses which lead to college credit may be substituted for up to two math credits and/or one science credit excluding Algebra 1, Geometry and Biology***</p>
TEST REQUIREMENTS	SAME AS THE STANDARD DIPLOMA
SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION DIPLOMA PATHWAY	REQUIREMENTS OF A SCHOLARS DESIGNATION PATHWAY PLUS:
	<p>* Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average of 3.75 or higher * (3) Consecutive years in the same World Language * (6) credits in AP or IB classes earning a grade of A or B or (4)AP or IB and (2) Dual Enrollment Credits * (1) credit in Experimental Research or equivalent with a grade of A or B or (1) Extended Essay, Senior Portfolio or 4th year of World Language or (1) extra AP, IB or Dual Enrollment Credit.</p>
TEST REQUIREMENTS	SAME AS THE SCHOLARS DESIGNATION PATHWAY
CTE (Career and Technical Education) PATHWAY	REQUIREMENTS OF A STANDARD DIPLOMA (With exceptions below):
	<p>* Requires 18-credits * 4 electives instead of 9 * 2 credits in CTE Courses, must result in program completion and industry certification * 2 credits in work-based learning programs or up to 2 elective credits, including financial literacy * Physical Education is not required * Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate or Practical Arts is not required * Online course is not required</p>
TEST REQUIREMENTS	SAME AS THE STANDARD DIPLOMA
BILITERACY DIPLOMA	REQUIREMENTS OF STANDARD DIPLOMA PLUS:
	<p>*Earn four world language course credits in the same world language *Earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale *Earn a qualifying score on a world language assessment</p>
TEST REQUIREMENTS	<p>SAME AS THE STANDARD DIPLOMA PLUS Qualifying score on a world language assessment</p>
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CAPSTONE DIPLOMA	REQUIREMENTS OF STANDARD DIPLOMA PLUS:
	<p>*Satisfactory completion of the AP Seminar course as determined by College Board *Satisfactory completion of the AP Research course as determined by College Board *Satisfactory completion of four AP courses as determined by College Board</p>
TEST REQUIREMENTS	<p>SAME AS THE STANDARD DIPLOMA PLUS Satisfactory completion of AP courses as determined by the College Board</p>