

## It's a Major Opportunity!

Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the revised requirements for a standard diploma will combine relevance and rigor into one seamless goal for high school students.

**Relevance:** A student will major in an area in which he/she has a particular strength or interest.

**Rigor:** Each student can choose the level of challenge they want to attain in their major area.

OVERALL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
Core Courses	16
Major Area of Interest	4
Elective, Minor Requirements, of Second Major Area of Interest	4
<b>Total Credits for a High School Diploma</b>	<b>24</b>

Core Courses – All Students	16 Credits
English	4
Mathematics (all students must take and pass Algebra I or a series of equivalent or higher level courses)	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education including integration of health	1

Major Areas of Interest – Students Choose One	4 Credits
(District school boards will submit proposed majors to the State Board of Education for approval, which will then be available to all school districts)	
<b>Note:</b> One credit can be obtained through a practicum as described in the Course Code Directory	
<b>Humanities</b> (courses such as English, humanities, music, fine and/or performing arts)	
<b>English</b> (courses in literature and writing)	
<b>Communications</b> (courses such as journalism, debate, speech, mass media)	
<b>Mathematics</b> (courses such as abstract algebra, math analysis, applied mathematics, integrated math, advanced topics in mathematics, liberal arts math, probability and statistics, trigonometry, discrete mathematics, etc.)	
<b>Science</b> (courses such as, botany, anatomy and physiology, ecology, limnology, zoology, biotechnology, genetics, astronomy, space technology/engineering, environmental, integrated, marine, scholar energy, nuclear radiation, agriscience, etc.)	
<b>Advanced Mathematics and Science</b>	
<b>History</b> (courses such as African American, Florida, Latin American, Eastern and Western heritage, American through 1920, Vietnam War, Civil War, etc. )	
<b>Entrepreneurship</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	
<b>The Arts</b> (performing and fine arts)	
<b>Health</b>	
<b>Foreign Language</b>	
<b>Career Specialization</b>	
<b>Combination of Four Courses from the above areas that are directly related and aligned to an area of interest.</b>	

Elective or Minor Options - Students' Choice	4 Credits
Students may (1) choose to concentrate three of these credits in one area to obtain a minor and have one additional credit in another area, (2) take four elective credits, (3) obtain elective credit through credit recovery, remedial mathematics, intensive reading, and other elective areas, or (3) earn a double major.	

**Notes:**

- A student may change their major and can transfer the credits to be elective credits or may apply them toward a minor.
- Admission to a Florida State University System institution requires 18 specific units two of which are in a foreign language. Students who plan to attend a University should include foreign language in the elective or major areas of interest options. Refer to the Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook under Advisory Manuals at [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) for more information.