

# Understanding High School

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# We Will Discuss:

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- ❑ What to expect in High School, how are middle and high school different?
- ❑ Grades
- ❑ Credits
- ❑ GPA
- ❑ Graduation Requirements
- ❑ Electives



# School Schedule Configuration

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7 periods – earn 7 credits per year

- Need 24 credits to graduate
- Straight 7 at 48 min. each class

# Grades

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- ❑ Passing grades:  
A, B, C, D earn a  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  credit per  
semester
  - ❑ A= 90 – 100
  - ❑ B= 80-89
  - ❑ C= 70-79
  - ❑ D= 60-69
- ❑ Failing Grades:  
F= 0-59 and earns  
0 credit



# ONLY credits *earned* determine grade placement...

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For a 7 period, 24 credit plan...

- ❑ 5 credits = advance to 10<sup>th</sup> grade  
(and behind a 1 credit)
  - ❑ 11 credits = advance to 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
( and still behind a credit)
  - ❑ 18 credits = advance to 12<sup>th</sup> grade
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# Credits

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## How do you earn credits?

- Completing and Passing High School Classes
  - Florida Virtual School (online)
  - Dual Enrollment/ College classes



# GPA (Grade Point Average)

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## Standard

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

D = 1.0

F = 0.0 (no credit)

Computing the GPA

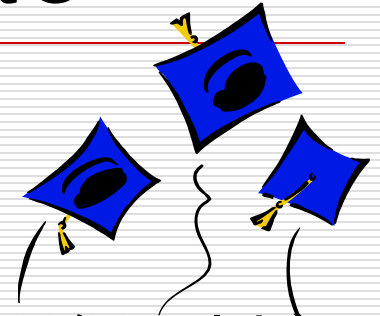
Computed based on the grades earned in each course.



# What you need to graduate

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- Need min. 24 credits
- ☐ 4 English
- ☐ 4 Math ( Algebra I, or higher)
- ☐ 3 Science
- ☐ 1 World History
- ☐ 1 American History
- ☐ ½ Economics
- ☐ ½ American Government
- ☐ 1 H.O.P.E. (PE/Health)
- ☐ 1 Fine Arts
- ☐ 8 Electives
  - (Must have 2 credits Foreign Language for College)
- Need to pass the FCAT test!!!
- Need a 2.0 GPA





# Your Plan

English  
4 credits needed

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English I

English II

English III

English IV

Other classes may meet this requirement including  
Honors, DE, AP

*Intensive Reading  
considered an elective  
credit and does not meet  
the English requirement*



# Your Plan

# Math

4 credits needed

Algebra I

Algebra II

Calculus

Math for College Success

Honors, AP, and DE credits are also available  
in these courses

Geometry

Pre-Calculus

Liberal Arts Math



There are many other classes offered, this varies from school to school.

4 credits of math are required (Algebra and Geometry)

***Intensive Math***

***considered an elective  
credit and does not meet  
the Math requirement***

# Your Plan

# Science

**3 credits needed**

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Many options available such as...

**Biology**

**Geology**

**Anatomy/Physiology**

**Environmental Science**

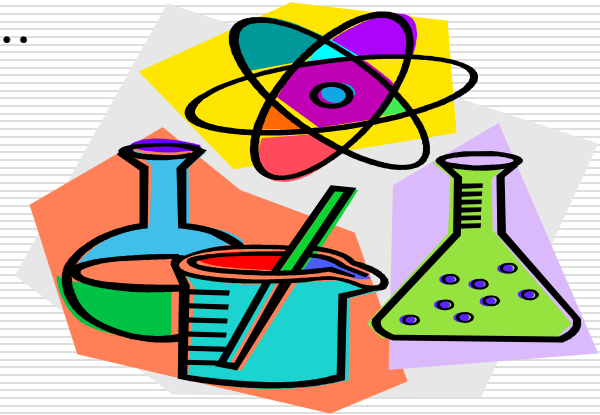
**Chemistry**

**Physics**

**Physical Science**

**And others...**

**Honors, AP, and DE credits are also available in these courses**



# Your Plan

# Social Studies

**3 credits needed**

**World History**  
**American History**  
**American Government (1 semester)**  
**Economics (1 semester)**  
**Honors, AP, and DE credits are also available**  
**in these courses**



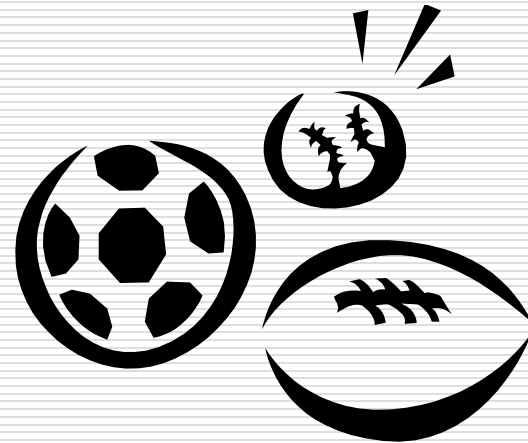
# Your Plan

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# Health/PE

1 credit required

H.O.P.E. (Health Options with Physical Education)



# Your Plan

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# Fine Arts

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1 credit required– Any year  
Visual and Performing Arts

Art

Music

Drama

Dance

Band

Orchestra



# Your Plan

# Electives

**8 are required...**

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Electives should help you reach your post high school goals and reflect your selected major

If planning on attending College – Must include 2 Foreign Language credits (in same language)

(Intensive Reading or Math classes are considered elective credits)



# Your Plan      Electives Career Academies

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- Digital Video Production
- New Media Tech.
- Game Simulation  
Animation and  
Programming
- Veterinary Assist.
- JROTC
- Fashion Design Services
- Agricultural Technology
- Engineering Tech.
- Marketing





# Remember Your Counselor!

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- ❑ Gets you ready for what's next (next semester, next year, after high school)
- ❑ Keeps you ready to learn
- ❑ Know how to contact your counselor

