



COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

Your future awaits!

MANY OPTIONS, ONE DESTINATION: YOUR GOAL

High School
Acceleration

Diploma Options

Dual Enrollment

Career/Technical
Pathways

College or
University



EARN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Middle grades students in grades 6, 7, and 8 may enroll in selected senior high school courses for the purposes of pursuing a more challenging program of study.
- Such courses are included when computing grade point averages (GPA) and rank in class.
- Up to six credits may be earned, with parental permission, in grades 6, 7, and/or 8, for courses taken, which may be applied toward the total credits needed for graduation, college admission, or for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program requirements.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **24 credits**
 - 4 English
 - 4 Math (Algebra 1, Geometry + two additional math courses)
 - 3 Science (Biology + two other science courses)
 - 3 Social Studies (World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government/ Economics)
 - 1 Fine/Practical Art
 - 0.5 Personal Fitness/ 0.5 Physical Education
 - 8 Electives (virtual course requirement included)
2. **Minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA)**
3. **Passing scores on Reading and Math assessments**
4. **Community service project**



FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship is also known as the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)

- The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship was created to establish a scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement.
- It is a renewable scholarship that provides incentive for academically talented students to stay in-state for college.
- **If qualifications are met, 100 or 75 percent of tuition may be paid.**



FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

There are four types of Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

1. Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)
2. Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)
3. Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship (GSC)
4. Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship (GSV)



FLORIDA ACADEMIC AND MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /SAT [®])	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	2022-23 Graduates: 29/1330 2023-24 Graduates: 29/1340	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2022-23 Graduates: 25/1210 2023-24 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours	100 hours

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

² Students must earn either the required volunteer service **OR** paid work hours, but not a combination of both.



FLORIDA COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- State colleges have an "open door" admissions process.
- To be eligible for admission to a state college, a student must earn a standard high school diploma or its equivalent (General Educational Development – GED – or adult high school diploma) or demonstrate success in college coursework.
- Many students choose to complete their first two postsecondary years at a college and then transfer to a university to complete their final two years.

-- Florida Shines



FLORIDA'S STATE UNIVERSITIES ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Florida State universities have a competitive selection process. To be eligible for admission to a state university, a student must meet these minimum requirements:

- Earn a standard high school diploma with a minimum 2.5 GPA in 18 core academic courses which are:
 - 4 courses in English (at least three with substantial writing)
 - 4 courses in math (Algebra I and higher level courses)
 - 3 courses in natural science (at least two with a lab)
 - 3 courses in social studies
 - 2 courses in the same foreign language
 - 2 electives

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TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND CENTERS

- Florida's Postsecondary Technical Colleges & Centers are responsible for developing and maintaining educational programs that prepare individuals for occupations important to Florida's economic development.
- To be eligible for admission to a technical college, a student must earn a standard high school diploma or its equivalent (General Educational Development – GED – or adult high school diploma) or demonstrate success in college coursework.
- There are seven technical colleges in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and students can earn certifications in various programs in as little as one year.
- The programs offered provide career pathways in the following fields.



MDCPS TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Campuses:

George T. Baker Aviation

D.A. Dorsey Technical College

The English Center

Lindsey Hopkins Technical College

Miami Lakes Educational Center & Technical College

Robert Morgan Educational Center & Technical College

South Dade Technical College

Programs

- Culinary Arts
- Energy
- Information Technology
- Personal Services
- Manufacturing
- Commercial Art
- Construction
- Healthcare Occupations
- Licensed Childcare
- Public Safety & Security
- Transportation



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

- Career and Technical Education helps students learn skills to make them competitive and employable.
- The wide range of career and technical programs prepare students for graduation, postsecondary education and careers.
- Thousands of Miami-Dade CTE students achieve industry certification in their program of study, including one or more of the following credentials:
 - Adobe - Visual Design
 - Autodesk AutoCAD
 - Clinical Medical Assistant
 - CompTIA Network+
 - Food Protection Manager (ServSafe®)
 - Entrepreneurship & Small Business
 - Microsoft Office 2016 Master
 - Social Media Specialist (CIW)
 - Quickbooks

... and many more industry certification opportunities!

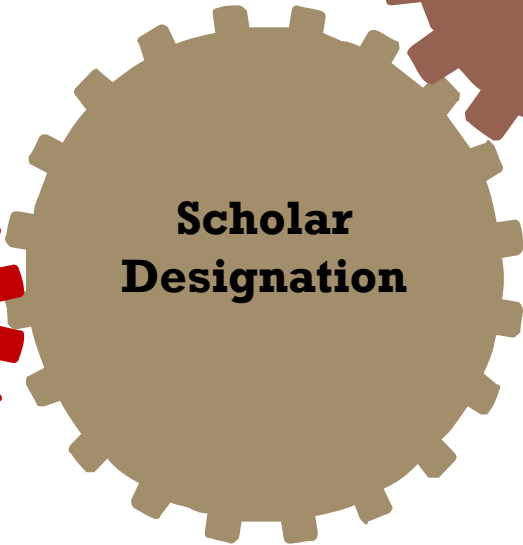


WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- M-DCPS has developed partnerships with employers, the community-based organizations and colleges to access resources and increases opportunities for students to engage in internships and work-based learning
- Work-based learning provides connections with mentors to motivate students
- Through work-based learning opportunities, students are able to get hands-on experience in specific fields.



DIPLOMA PATHWAYS



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BE #GRADTASTIC



The **Scholar Designation** is awarded to students who pass all EOCs and take extra classes such as Algebra II, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, 2 credits in the same foreign language, and an AP, IB, AICE, or DE course.

The **Merit Designation** is awarded to students who attain one or more industry certifications.

The **Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction** is awarded to students who have been enrolled in at least 4 Honors, AP, IB, AICE, IS, and/or DE courses, completed at least 75 hours of community service, and earned a weighted GPA of 3.5 or above by the end of the first semester of Senior Year with no final grades reflected on their transcripts less than a "C".

The **Standard Diploma** is the diploma given to all students who fulfill the State of Florida's graduation requirements. These requirements are comprised of maintaining a 2.0 GPA, specific classes, and passing state examinations.

The **Seal of Biliteracy** is awarded to students with a 3.0 GPA or above who have earned at least a 3 on the FSA, completed 4 credits of a foreign language, and passed a foreign language AP, IB, or AICE examination.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
DIPLOMA OF
DISTINCTION

SCHOLAR
DESIGNATION

MERIT
DESIGNATION

STANDARD
DIPLOMA

SEAL
OF
BILITERACY

TERMINOLOGY

AP - Advanced Placement
IB - International Baccalaureate
AICE - Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education
IS - International Studies
DE - Dual Enrollment
EOC - End Of Course Exam
GPA - Grade Point Average
FSA - Florida Standards Assessment

WHICH DIPLOMA ARE
YOU?

WHAT TYPE OF DIPLOMA DESIGNATION WILL YOU EARN?

- Superintendent's Diploma of Designation
- Scholar Designation
- Merit Designation
- Standard Diploma
- Seal of Biliteracy



ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION PROGRAM (AICE)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAMS (AP)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS (IB)

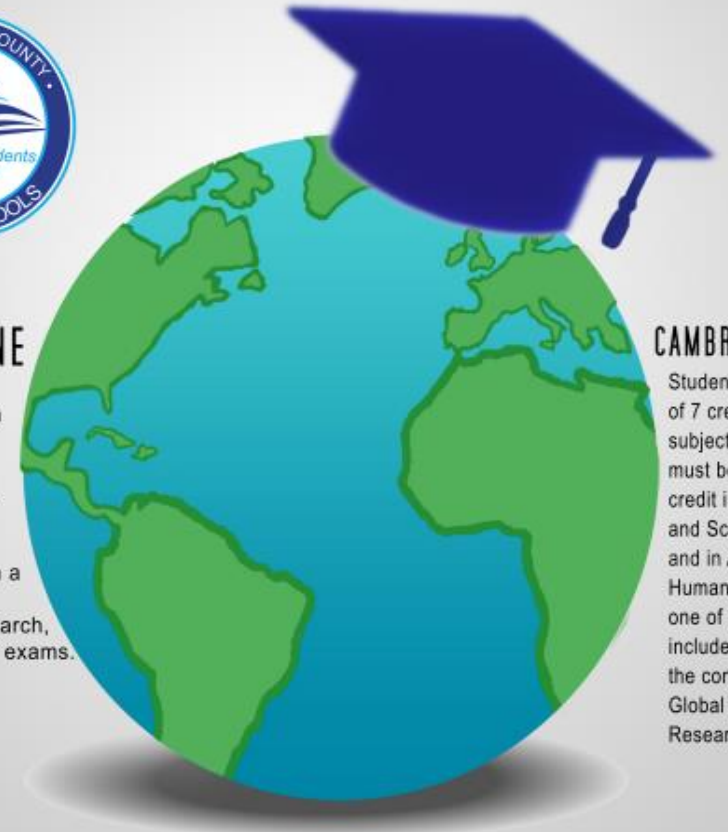
INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA PATHWAYS BE #GRADTASTIC



AP CAPSTONE

Certificate:
Student must earn a 3 or above on AP Seminar and AP Research.

Diploma:
Student must earn a 3 or above on AP Seminar, AP Research, and on 4 more AP exams.



CAMBRIDGE (AICE)

Students earn a total of 7 credits in different subject groups. There must be at least one credit in Mathematics and Science, Languages, and in Arts and Humanities. Additionally, one of the credits must include the satisfaction of the compulsory course: Global Perspectives and Research.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Students must earn a minimum of 24 points from three Standard Level and three Higher Level Exams or two Standard Level and four Higher level exams, one from each of the six subject groups. The Diploma Programme core requirements for IB include the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, and Creativity, Action, and Service.

WHAT ARE THE DIPLOMA OPTIONS?

Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:

- 24-credit standard diploma
 - 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)
 - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway
 - Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum
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24-CREDIT DIPLOMA AND 18-CREDIT OPTION

- **24-Credit Standard Diploma**
 - The purpose of the standard diploma is to certify that the student has met all District and State standards for graduation. Beginning with students entering their 9th grade year, this diploma will be awarded to graduates that have successfully completed the required 24 credits, an International Baccalaureate curriculum, or an Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum and attained a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Also, students must pass the statewide standardized assessments or attain the concordant and/or comparative examination scores, applicable to the cohort year when the student entered 9th grade.

- **18-Credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)**
 - What is the difference between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?
 - 3 elective credits instead of 8
 - Physical Education is not required.
 - Online course is not required.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) DIPLOMA PATHWAY

- What is the difference between the CTE Pathway option and the 24-credit option?
 - At least 18 credits are required.
 - 4 elective credits instead of 8
 - 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 are not required.
 - Online course is not required.



DUAL ENROLLMENT



- Dual Enrollment (DE) allows qualified students to enroll in college courses through local and state colleges and universities while still in high school.
- Credit earned through DE can be used towards fulfillment of a high school graduation requirement and can also be used as college credit.
- Students who qualify may enroll in a college course, and the tuition and textbook cost is waived.
- In order to qualify for dual enrollment, students must have a 3.0 unweighted grade point average (GPA) and meet all the college/university criteria for admission.
- All M-DCPS senior high schools offer DE opportunities.



DUAL ENROLLMENT

THERE ARE 2 TYPES OF DUAL ENROLLMENT:

College

- The credits that students earn at MDC count toward high school graduation and can also be applied to a college degree or certificate.
- You and your parents save money because dual enrollment students are exempt from paying tuition, fees, and books.
- It will take you less time to attain a college degree or certificate because you will get credits that are transferrable to a college or university.
- Enrolling at MDC gives outstanding high school and middle school students a wider range of courses to choose from.

Career

- Use your high school academy and technical program courses to earn college credits.
- Offering high school and technical college students a head start on college and careers.
- Technical programs of study in high school integrate academic and career education. Students who complete a technical program of study along with required academic courses and graduate with a high school diploma, may get college credit for those courses.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Standard Diploma Requirements](#)
- [Assessments Requirements](#)
- [Florida Bright Futures- FAS-FMS](#)
- [Bright Futures Brochure](#)
- [Diploma Pathways](#)
- [Miami Dade County Public Schools Technical Colleges](#)
- [What is Career and Technical Education?](#)
- [College and Career Ready through CTE](#)
- [CTE Readiness for All Careers](#)
- [CTE Pathways](#)

