# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL** 

### COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Misconception #1: There are different diploma tracks (i.e. career, college, advanced)

• Correct: Everyone pursues the same standard diploma path, some may choose to pursue additional distinctions.

#### **Misconception #2: The FCAT is going away**

 Correct: The FCAT will be replaced in the 2014-2015 school year by a Common Core-aligned assessment

#### COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS CON'T

#### Misconception #3: Foreign Language is required to graduate

• 2 years of a foreign language is required for Bright Futures and admission to a college/university

## Misconception #4: Community Service is required to graduate

- Community service is required for Bright Futures
  - 100 hours for FAS
  - 75 hours for FMS
  - 30 hours for FGS

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- There is ONE standard diploma
- ALL students pursue a standard diploma\*
- ALL students meet the same requirements to graduate from high school, regardless of post-secondary plans
- \*AICE students are exempt from a few requirements

#### DISTINCTIONS

- In addition to the standard diploma, there are two additional "distinctions" that students can earn
- Merit
- Scholar
- A student's choice to pursue or not pursue one or both of these does not have any bearing on whether or not they:
  - Graduate from high school
  - Are accepted to a college or university

## REQUIREMENTS



- 2.0 Un-Weighted GPA
- <u>Semester</u> grades are calculated into GPA's
- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0

#### ASSESSMENT

- Must pass 10<sup>th</sup> grade Reading FCAT 2.0
- Must take the 10<sup>th</sup> grade FCAT Writing
- Must pass the Algebra 1 End-of-Course Exam
  - Also counts as 30% of the Algebra 1 course grade

#### END OF COURSE EXAMS

- All count as 30% of the overall grade for the following courses:
  - Algebra 1
  - Geometry (or Pre-AICE Math 2)
  - Biology (or Pre-AICE Biology)
  - US History

#### **CREDITS**

- 4 English
- 4 Math (must include Algebra & Geometry)
- 3 Science (must include Biology)
- 3 Social Studies (World History, US History, US Gov & Econ w/Financial Literacy
- 1 Fine/Performing Art
- 1 HOPE
- 8 Electives

#### **ONLINE COURSE**

- Essential skill for college and career readiness
- SAHS is creating virtual-blended courses to meet the requirement
- 2012-2013 Piloting
- 2013-2014 US Gov & US Gov Honors in place
- Driver's Ed doesn't count for current 9<sup>th</sup> graders

## DESIGNATIONS

### **MERIT DESIGNATION**

- In addition to standard diploma:
  - Earn at least one industry certification

### SCHOLAR DESIGNATION

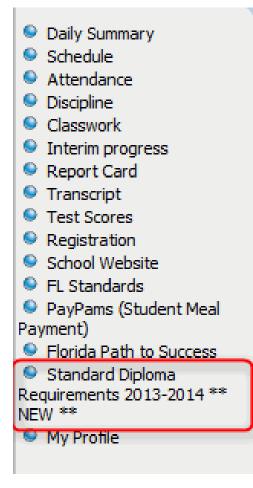
#### • In addition to standard diploma:

- Pass 11<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Assessment (2014-15)
- Earn Algebra 2 Credit
- Pass Algebra 2 EOC (2014-15)
- Earn Statistics or Equally Rigorous Math credit (Pre-Calculus, AP Stat, AP Calculus, AICE Math)
- Pass Biology 1 EOC
- Earn Chemistry or Physics Credit
- Pass US History EOC
- Earn 2 credits in same foreign language
- Earn 1 AP/AICE/DE credit

#### **SUMMARY**

- We've got your student covered!
- Everyone pursues the same track
- Students who wish to earn the additional "designation" do some more things
- Ultimately what matters: post-secondary
  - Career Readiness
  - College Readiness
  - Colleges On website post admissions criteria visit early, familiarize yourself
  - Bright Futures On website they post their criteria

### **IN CASE YOU FORGET**



# QUESTIONS?