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# BUC Family Night

Working together for a successful year...

Welcome Students & Families

*Mainland is **PROUD** to be a Title 1 School!!*

Dr. Joseph Castelli –Principal

Mr. Nate Anderson, Ms. Hilarie Blum, Mrs. Melissa Fraine, Mr. Eric Polite– Assistant Principals

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# We are a Title 1 School


Mainland High School is PROUD to be a Title I school!

**Fee waivers** for ACT/SAT, college applications or NCAA/NAIA are available to students who qualify.

**Direct Certification** letters are mailed to eligible families by the District. All other families are encouraged to apply or complete the **Income Based Services Request form** on [www.VCSEDU.org](http://www.VCSEDU.org) [IBSR form](#)





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# Promotion & Graduation Requirements

Grade Level Completion & Graduation

# Promotion Requirements

- **Promotion** is based on mastery/proficiency of the adopted state standards and number of credits earned. Promotion from grade level to grade level is based on the following:
  - From Grade 9 to 10                      **5 credits**
  - From Grade 10 to 11                    **11 credits**
  - From Grade 11 to 12                   **17 credits**
- **Honor Roll** recognition is based on the following criteria:
  - Current GPA of 3.0 or higher, weights included
  - No letter grade of D, F, or I and,
  - All conduct grades of 1
- **Class Rank** is determined using a student's weighted GPA.

# Standard 24 Credit Diploma

- English – 4 credits
- Mathematics – 4 credits
  - 1 Credit in Algebra 1(must pass EOC)
  - 1 Credit in Geometry \*
  - 2 Credits in additional math courses
- Science – 3 credits
  - 1 Credit Biology \*
  - 1 Credit in a physical science
  - 1 Credit in additional science lab course
- Social Studies – 3 credits
  - 1 Credit in World History
  - 1 Credit in United States History \*
  - ½ Credit in Economics
  - ½ Credit in United States Government
- Physical Education – 1 credit
  - ½ Credit in Personal Fitness
  - ½ Credit in PE
- Practical/Performing Fine Arts – 1 credit
- Electives – 8 credits

*\* EOC = 30% of final course grade*



# Other Graduation Requirements

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (*un-weighted*).
- One course must be taken on-line.
  - Blended model classes, including Government and Economics meet this requirement.
  - An on-line course can be taken through Virtual School.
- Passing score on the **Grade 10 FSA/ELA** or a concordant score.
- Passing score on the **Algebra 1 EOC** or a concordant score.
- **Please Note:** *Industry Certification courses that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (not including Algebra 1 and Geometry) and up to one science credit (not including Biology) but will NOT count for meeting State University System admissions requirements, or Bright Futures funding requirements. See school counselor for more details.*
- Students may check their current completion status through their V-Portal:
  - FOCUS Gradebook / **Grad Req** screen
  - Green check marks appear for a completed item and hourglass indicates in progress nearing completion

# Additional Considerations

- (2) years of World Language is NOT a graduation requirement.
  - However, it is required to qualify for the Florida Bright Futures Academic (FAS) and Medallion (FMS) Scholarships and admission into State Universities. It must be sequential, and in the same language.
  - World Language may be taken at school or as an on-line option.
- Volunteer Hours (Volusia YPP) is NOT a graduation requirement.
  - However, it is required to qualify for many scholarships, including Bright Futures.  
**Academic Scholarship** = 100hrs   **Medallion Scholarship** = 75hrs   **Gold Seal Scholarship** = 30hrs
  - Every student is required to complete the District YPP Training before hours may be counted.
- The Credit for Physical Education may be waived in whole or part with participation in certain classes or JV/Varsity Sports. Speak with your School Counselor for requirements.



# Standard Diploma Requirements

## Standard Diploma Requirements Academic Advisement – What Students and Parents Need to Know

### 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

### What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) or a concordant score
- Algebra 1 end of course (EOC) or a comparative score

Refer to [Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments](#) for concordant and comparative scores.

Students enrolled in the following courses must participate in the corresponding EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the final course grade\*:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology 1
- U.S. History

\*Special note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC (credit acceleration program [CAP]).

### 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

### 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 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

### 24 Credit Standard Diploma

4 Credits ELA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA 1, 2, 3, 4</li> <li>• ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement</li> </ul>
4 Credits Mathematics*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be Geometry</li> <li>• Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)</li> <li>• An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one mathematics credit (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)</li> </ul>
3 Credits Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of which must be Biology 1, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses</li> <li>• Two of the three required course credits must have a laboratory component</li> <li>• Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)</li> <li>• An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)</li> </ul>
3 Credits Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 credit in World History</li> <li>• 1 credit in U.S. History</li> <li>• 0.5 credit in U.S. Government</li> <li>• 0.5 credit in Economics</li> </ul>
1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts*
1 Credit Physical Education*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To include the integration of health</li> </ul>
8 Elective Credits
1 Online Course
<p>Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments unless a waiver of assessment results is granted by the IEP team for students with disabilities.</p>

\* Eligible courses are specified in the [Florida Course Code Directory](#).

\*\*A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and science credit.

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### Scholar Diploma Designation

In addition to the requirements of section (s.) 1003.4282, Florida Statutes (F.S.), a student must satisfy the following requirements (per. s. 1003.4285, F.S.):

- Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2 or an equally rigorous course
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC\*
- Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the U.S. History EOC\*
- Earn 2 credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course

\*A student is exempt from the Biology 1 or U.S. History EOC assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology 1 or U.S. History course; takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and earns the minimum score to earn college credit.

### Merit Diploma Designation

- Meet the standard high school diploma requirements
- Attain one or more [industry certifications](#) from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)

### What are the additional graduation options for students with disabilities?

Two additional options are available only to students with disabilities. Both allow students to substitute a CTE course with related content for one credit in ELA 4, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1 and U.S. History). The two options are as follows:

- Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least 0.5 credit via paid employment.

### What is the CAP?

The CAP allows a student to earn high school credit if the student passes an AP examination, a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a statewide course assessment without enrollment in the course. The courses include:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology 1
- U.S. History

### State University System (SUS)

Admission into Florida's public universities is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous course of study in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements (credit earned by industry certification does not count for SUS admission):

- High school graduation with a standard diploma, a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, and admission test scores meeting minimum college-ready test scores per Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 6.008
- 16 credits of approved college preparatory academic courses per BOG Regulation 6.002
- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 level and above)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language or other equivalents)
- 2 approved electives

[State University System of Florida](#)

### The Florida College System

The 28 colleges of the Florida College System serve nearly 800,000 students. Colleges offer affordable and stackable workforce credentials including certificate programs, associate in science degrees and associate in arts degrees, which transfer to a bachelor's degree program. Many colleges also offer workforce bachelor's degree programs in areas of high demand. All Florida College System institutions have open-door admissions for students who earned a standard high school diploma or an equivalent diploma or successfully earned college credit.

[Florida College System](#)

### Career and Technical Colleges and Centers

Florida also offers students 49 accredited career and technical colleges or centers throughout the state, which provide the education and certification necessary to work in a particular career or technical field. Programs are flexible for students and provide industry-specific education and training for a wide variety of occupations.

[Career and Technical Education Directors](#)

### Where is information on financial aid located?

The Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships.

[Office of Student Financial Assistance](#)



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# Types of Testing

State & National  
College & Vocational



# State Testing

- The **State Testing Calendar** is posted annually on the Volusia County Schools website as well as the Mainland High School website:
  - <https://www.vcsedu.org/directory/departments/community-information-services/calendars>
  - <https://www.mainlandhighschool.org/parents-students/testing-information>
- **Announcements** are made in advance of test dates and emails are sent from the testing coordinator and/or school administration to student emails as well as parent/guardian contact email on file in Focus.
- **Make-up testing** occurs throughout the year in designated time windows, but it is always best for a student to attend regularly scheduled test dates.
- **Communicate** with the testing coordinator if there will be a known absence.
- Students may review their test scores through their V-Portal / FOCUS Gradebook:
  - Select **My Information**, then **Assessment Information**



# Civics Literacy Test for Seniors

- Florida is committed to preparing students to become civically engaged and knowledgeable adults who make positive contributions to their communities. Florida students will graduate with sufficient knowledge of America's civics, particularly the principles reflected in the United States Constitution, so as to be capable of discharging their responsibilities as American citizens. On December 10, 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis asked Commissioner Richard Corcoran to implement a new civic literacy requirement for high school students.
- In 2017, a college-level civic literacy requirement was put into state law. In 2021, the following language was added to s. 1003.4282, F.S.: **Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year**, students taking the United States Government course are required to take the assessment of civic literacy identified by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1007.25(4). **Students earning a passing score on the assessment are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment** required by s. 1007.25(4).
- <https://www.fldoe.org/civicliteracy/>

# EOC Required for All Students – 30% of Final Course Grade

## Algebra 1

- **Passing Score is a Graduation Requirement**
- Concordant Score may be earned through PSAT, SAT, ACT, ACT-NCR or by passing the Geometry EOC

## Biology 1

- A student is exempt from the Biology 1 assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP Biology 1 course; takes the respective AP assessment; and earns the minimum score to earn college credit

## Geometry

- Passing score for this test may take the place of the graduation requirement of passing the Algebra 1 EOC

## US History

- A student is exempt from the US History assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP US History course; takes the respective AP assessment; and earns the minimum score to earn college credit

# Grade 10 ELA Testing

- A passing score on the ELA (*English Language Arts*) Assessment is required for graduation.
- Students who do not pass in 10<sup>th</sup> grade will be given additional opportunities on “make-up” days that take place each school year.
- Students will also be given alternative assessment opportunities that could meet the requirement through a concordant score:
  - **ACTNCR** – the ACT Non-College Reporting (*in-school only*)
    - No cost to student unless they do not show up once registered
    - Allowed (3x) normal time to complete; must attend ALL days of scheduled testing
    - May NOT be used for college admissions or Bright Futures qualification
  - **ACT or SAT** – regularly scheduled National test dates
    - Paid for by student/family UNLESS qualified to receive waivers through FRL Program.
    - FREE in-school SAT test given to Juniors and Seniors, as scheduled each year.
    - MAY be used for college admissions as well as Bright Futures qualification.



# Concordant Scores for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA and Algebra 1

You must earn a 3 or higher on the Grade 10 Florida Standard Assessment English Language Arts Exam (FSA ELA). If you do not pass this exam, you can take an SAT or ACT exam to meet this requirement with a concordant score. The required test scores are below:

TEST	SCORE
SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	480
ACT English and Reading Subtests	18*

*\* The average of the Reading and English scores, which can be rounded up. Example: 17.5 = 18*

You must earn a 3 or higher on the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam (EOC). If you do not pass this exam, you can take the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT or ACT exam to meet this requirement with a concordant score. The required test scores are below:

TEST	SCORE
PSAT/NMSQT Math	430
SAT Math	420
ACT Math	16
FSA Geometry EOC	499

*The PSAT/NMSQT is assessed to ALL 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students.*

## National Tests – ACT, SAT, PSAT

- **Students** are responsible to **register themselves** for the regular SAT or ACT test that takes place on designated Saturdays throughout the school year.
  - Fee waivers are available to eligible students that will cover up to (2) SAT and (4) ACT
  - Assistance with registration available in the Resource Room
- **PSAT/NMSQT** is offered every year in October and is given to all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students nationwide. Beginning in 2020-21, VCS also included 9<sup>th</sup> grade to participate with the PSAT 8/9.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are **strongly encouraged** to participate. Taking the test in 11<sup>th</sup> grade is the ONLY way to pre-qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other recognition programs through College Board.
  - For more information about scholarships available from taking this test, please visit: [CollegeBoard-PSAT/NMSQT](#)

## Tests Dates – ACT, SAT, PSAT

- **PSAT 8/9** and **PSAT/NMSQT** was assessed on October 12.
- **SAT 12<sup>th</sup> grade** in-school took place on October 12.
- **SAT 11<sup>th</sup> grade** in-school taking place on April 13.
- Saturday test dates are available at MHS and other local schools. You may choose your testing location at time of registration.

## 2022-23 SAT & ACT Dates

<b>SAT</b> www.collegeboard.org			<b>ACT</b> www.act.org		
Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
August 27	July 29	August 16	September 10	August 5	August 19
October 1	September 2	September 20	October 22	September 16	September 30
November 5	October 7	October 25	December 10	November 4	November 11
December 3	November 3	November 22	February 11	January 6	January 20
March 11	February 10	February 28	April 15	March 10	March 24
May 6	April 7	April 25	June 10	May 5	May 19
June 3	May 4	May 23	July 15	June 16	June 23
SAT (No essay) = \$60.00 SAT w/Essay = no longer available Late Fee or Change Date Fee = \$30.00			ACT (No essay) = \$63.00 ACT w/Essay = \$88.00 Late Fee or Change Date Fee = \$40.00		



# PERT – Post Secondary Readiness Test

- Students who are interested in participating in **Dual Enrollment** will be required to take the PERT.
- Testing is offered throughout the year at high school, as advertised/announced.
- Limited to (2) attempts at DSC with no cost.
- For complete details please review the Dual Enrollment Guide at:  
<https://www.daytonastate.edu/dual-enrollment/>
- **Minimum PERT Scores Required:**
  - Reading 106 AND
  - Writing 103
  - Math 114 (*Intermediate Algebra*) OR
  - Math 123 (*College Algebra*)
- May be exempt from taking all or part of PERT if meet one or more of the following criteria\*:
  - Earned a score within the last two years of:

SAT:	Verbal 440 AND/OR
	Math 440
ACT:	Reading >=19
	English >=17 AND/OR
	Math >=19

*\*meet with your School Counselor for complete requirements*

# What is the ASVAB-CEP?

- The ASVAB **Career Exploration Program** (CEP) is an assessment available to students in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in discovering their **current skill-strengths**.
- This **invaluable tool** opens an on-line resource to students for two years after assessment and allows students to combine their **interests** with tested **skill-strengths** to explore career and educational path options specific to them.
- Students in **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** grade who are **interested in speaking with a military recruiter** may choose to have their score shared to explore potential jobs in each branch.
- Scores for all students in **10<sup>th</sup> grade are automatically withheld** from the military.

# ASVAB-CEP Testing and Information

- The ASVAB CEP is **offered twice a year at school**. Students may access the sign-up online through the school website, by scanning the QR code posters located around campus, or by adding their name to the paper list in the Resource Room.
- The ASVAB is scheduled for **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30am in the MPR
- Students and **parents** may access information through:
  - The school website: [MHS-ACT,SAT,ASVAB](#)
  - The ASVAB website: <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>



**Note:** If you have questions about the ASVAB CEP, please contact the Resource Room.



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# Resources

Study tools, tutoring, remediation & recovery

# School Counselor Contacts

**Who is YOUR School Counselor?** Students are divided by LAST NAME this year:

- **A - C:** Mrs. Winck-Hall // [dwinckha@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:dwinckha@volusia.k12.fl.us)
- **D - H:** Mr. Cherry // [recherry@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:recherry@volusia.k12.fl.us)
- **I - M:** Mr. Spaulding // [lbspauld@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:lbspauld@volusia.k12.fl.us)
- **N - SL:** Ms. Holland // [tlhollan@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:tlhollan@volusia.k12.fl.us)
- **SM - Z:** Mr. Ralph // [crralph@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:crralph@volusia.k12.fl.us)
- **College & Career:** TBD

# Testing Coordinator Contact

- Please communicate with the Testing Coordinator if there will be a known absence on a scheduled test date. Some tests will have make-up dates available, but some only occur once in a school year, such as the PSAT.
- **Testing Coordinator for 2022-2023:**
  - Ms. Annette Pezza
  - [acpezza@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:acpezza@volusia.k12.fl.us)
  - Teams Phone: (386) 258-4665 Ext 73374
  - Located in the Main Office
- Communication will come from Ms. Pezza and/or Administration via EMAIL.




# Remediation Options

- Remediation is the **STUDENT'S** responsibility!
- Gradebook (Focus) should be reviewed weekly.
  - Don't wait to ask about missed assignments.
  - Communicate with your teachers through email or make an appointment to speak with them.
  - Meet with your school counselor to discuss concerns and opportunities on campus.
- If at any time in their high school career a **student** earns an "F" in a core subject, **they** are responsible for making up the credit to meet graduation requirements.
- Remediation options include: making up work as directed by the individual teacher, VOL, Edgenuity and Summer/Night School (*when available*). Tutoring is available –check with individual teachers and open tutoring as scheduled and posted on the MHS website.

# Bootcamps & Tutoring Available

- Bootcamps are offered throughout the year by our Academic Coaches.
- In addition, departments are offering tutoring before/after school and during lunch.
- Complete tutoring schedule will be posted the school website.
- Mr. Lawrence (*Senior Economics teacher*) offers tutoring for ACT & SAT, schedule as posted.

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**Canvas Bootcamps**


**INTERESTED?**


**WHERE?** Canvas (You will self-enroll with the QR codes below!)

**WHEN?** This is self-paced. To cover everything before taking the test, you should plan to spend 20 minutes per day in Canvas.


**QUESTIONS?** Email Mr. McKenzie at: [enmckenz@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:enmckenz@volusia.k12.fl.us)

<https://volusia.instructure.com/register>  
and use the following join code: PWJ6CA





<https://volusia.instructure.com/register>  
and use the following join code: 93C7P8



**ELA GOALS**  
for the class of 2021:  
**FSA** 350  
**SAT** 430 / 24  
**ACT** 19

**ELA GOALS**  
for all cohorts:  
**FSA** 350  
**SAT** EBRW 480  
**ACT** ENG + RDG 18

**ALGEBRA GOALS**  
for all cohorts:  
**EOC** 497  
**SAT** 420  
**ACT** 16  
**PSAT** 430

# Study Tools

- **SAT/PSAT utilize Khan Academy.** Students are encouraged to take the steps to link their accounts to gain access to personalized study resources.
  - [SATpractice.org](https://satpractice.org) and when prompted link accounts – it is suggested to use **EMAIL** as the option and use same email as registered for College Board.
- **ACT** utilizes **Kaplan** and **ACT Academy**, both accessed through the ACT.org
  - Students who are eligible for fee waivers receive FREE access to Kaplan Course
  - Additional site recommended is [www.CrackACT.com](http://www.CrackACT.com)
- **State Testing/EOC** have resources posted through **V-Portal** and on **MHS website**
  - CPalms Florida is a tile on every student's V-Portal that will direct them to FloridaStudents.org for resources including ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies
  - Additional practice tests for Florida Statewide Assessments available:  
<https://fsassessments.org/families.html>



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