

Florida
Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

If otherwise eligible, all students, including private school students, home-schooled students, students enrolled in Department of Defense Overseas Schools, and Bureau of Indian Affairs students may qualify for an ACG under the rigorous secondary school program of study options pre-recognized by the Secretary. These options include a set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative and the Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores as detailed below.

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Florida during the 2009 calendar year are:

- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - o Four years of English;
 - o Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
 - o Three years of science, including one year each of at least two of the following courses: biology, chemistry, and physics;
 - o Three years of social studies; and
 - o One year of a language other than English.

- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IE) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IE exams.

- ***Florida Bright Futures Program.*** This program requires:
 - o Four credits of English (three with substantial writing);
 - o Three credits of math (Algebra I and above);
 - o Three credits of natural science (two with substantial lab);
 - o Three credits of social science; and
 - o Two years of foreign language (in the same language).