

Understanding the K-20 Education Act



NEW DIPLOMA OPTIONS

New Diploma Pathways



**Standard
Pathway
Diploma**



**Merit
Pathway
Diploma**
Industry
Certification



**Scholars
Pathway
Diploma**





Standard Pathway Diploma



English – 4 credits

English 1, 2, 3, 4
or higher

10th Grade Reading
FCAT 2.0
– Level 3 or above

Math – 4 credits

Algebra 1 & Geometry
-EOC 30% of grade

Four Math credits
earned in 9th-12th

Algebra 1 EOC
Level 3 or above



Standard Pathway Diploma

Science –4 credits

**Biology required
– EOC 30% of grade**

**Three credits must be
earned in courses with
a lab component**

Social Studies –3 credits

World History- 1 credit

**US History- 1 credit
– EOC 30% of grade**

**Economics w/ Financial
Literacy- .5 credit**

US Government- .5 credit



Standard Pathway Diploma



Fine/Performing Arts

- 1 credit



Physical Education

- 1 credit
- Personal Fitness and PE elective



Online Course

- High school credited courses taken in grades 6-8 count
- Excludes Driver's Education



Electives

- Additional to meet 26 credits
- College bound students encouraged to take two credits in the same World Language

Merit Pathway Diploma

Industry Certification

Purpose



- Provides a diploma option to students who pass an Industry Certification course and test leading to college credit.



Merit Pathway Diploma

Industry Certification

English – 4 credits

Math – 4 credits

English 1, 2, 3, 4
or higher

10th Grade Reading
FCAT 2.0
– Level 3 or above

Industry certification leading to
college credit may replace 2
math credits excluding Algebra
1 and Geometry

Algebra 1 & Geometry
EOC 30% of grade

Algebra 1 EOC level 3 or above

Four credits earned in 9th-12th grade



Merit Pathway Diploma

Industry Certification

Science – 4 credits

Social Studies – 3 credits

Industry certification leading to college credit may replace 1 science credit excluding Biology

Biology required
EOC counts 30% of grade

Three credits must include a lab component

World History

US Government

Economics with
Financial Literacy

US History
EOC counts 30% of grade



Merit Pathway Diploma

Industry Certification



Fine/Performing Arts

- 1 credit



Physical Education

- 1 credit
- Personal Fitness and PE elective



Online Course

- High school credited courses taken in grades 6-8 count
- Excludes Driver's Education



Electives

- Additional to meet 26 credits
- College bound students encouraged to take two credits in the same World Language



Scholars Pathway Diploma

English – 4 credits

English 1, 2, 3, 4 or higher

10th Grade Reading FCAT 2.0
Level 3 or above

*English 3 Common Core
Assessment (PARCC) – Level 3

- *Required once assessments become available

Math – 4 credits

Algebra 1 and Geometry

- EOC's 30% of grades
- Algebra 1 EOC Level 3 or above

Algebra 2 required

- *Algebra 2 EOC – Level 3 or above

Statistics or equally rigorous
math course

Four credits earned in
9th-12th grade



Scholars Pathway Diploma

Science— 4 credits

Biology required

- EOC counts 30% of grade
- EOC - Level 3 minimum

Chemistry or Physics
required

Two courses equally rigorous
to Chemistry or Physics

Social Studies— 3 credits

World History

US Government

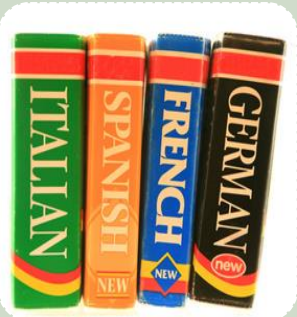
Economics with Financial
Literacy

US History

- EOC counts 30% of grade
- EOC – Level 3 minimum



Scholars Pathway Diploma



World Languages

- 2 Credits
- Consecutive courses



Electives

- 1 Credit in AP, IB or Dual Enrollment
- Additional to meet 26 credits



Performing / Fine Arts

- 1 Credit



Physical Education

- 1 Credit
- Personal Fitness and PE elective



Online Course Requirement

- Excludes Drivers Ed
- H.S. credit courses taken in grades 6-8 meet this requirement



SCPS Scholars with Distinction



Students entering 9th grade in 2010-11

3.75
Cumulative
Weighted
GPA

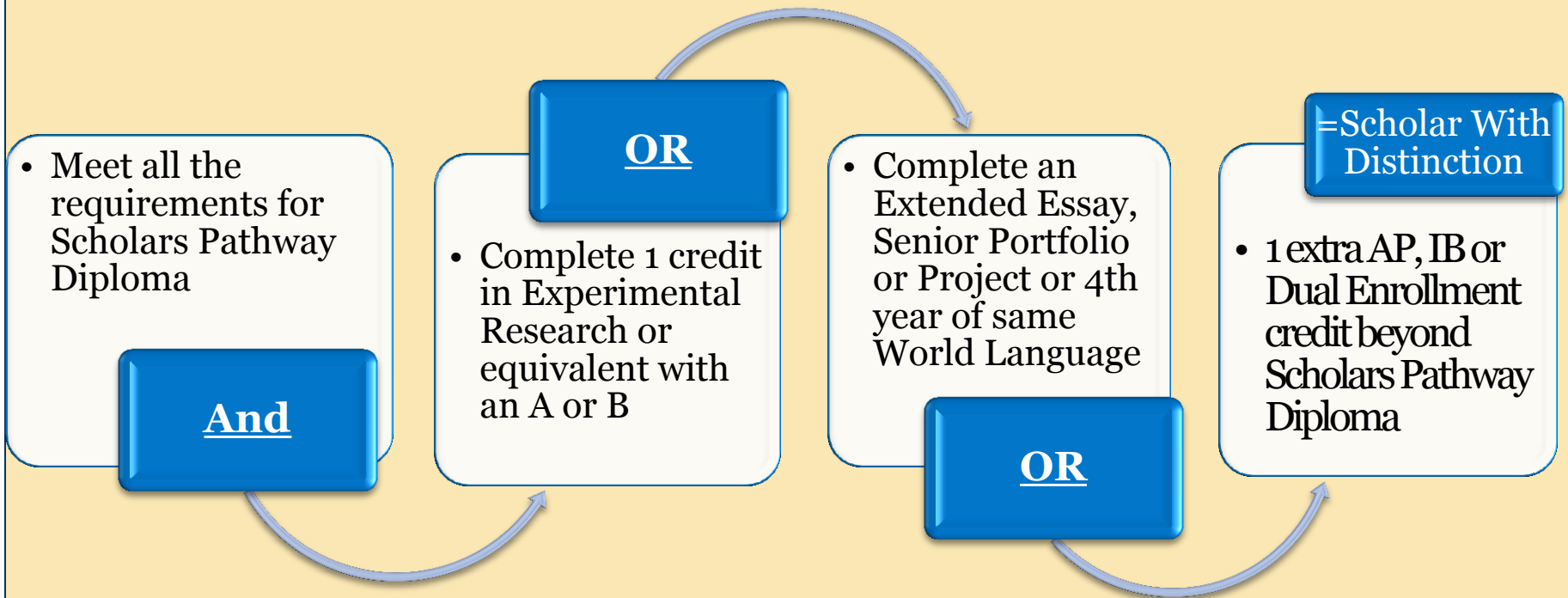
Three years/
consecutive
levels in the
same World
Language

6 credits in AP
or IB classes

- Earn A or B grades
- Two A or B Dual Enrollment credits may be applied to this requirement



SCPS Scholars with Distinction



Exams Required for Graduation

All Diploma Pathways

10th Grade FCAT
Reading 2.0

Level 3 or above
for all diploma
pathways

Concordant score
ACT Reading 19
or SAT Verbal 430

Algebra 1 EOC

Level 3 or above
for all diploma
pathways

Concordant score
available in fall
2013

Exams Required for Scholars Pathway and Scholars of Distinction Diplomas



Biology EOC

- Level 3 or above

10th Grade FCAT
Reading 2.0

- Level 3 or above

11th Grade
ELA PARCC*

- Level 3 or above

Algebra 1 EOC

- Level 3 or above

Algebra 2 EOC*

- Level 3 or above

US History EOC

- Level 3 or above

*When available

Changes to End of Course Exams



EOC results no longer determine credit in a course

Starting in 13-14 all EOC results will be calculated as 30% of student's final grade

End of Course Exams

What you need to do



- Senior wishing to obtain a Scholar or Merit diploma must notify their guidance counselor in writing of their intentions by March 13, 2014 in order to be scheduled for the respective EOC exams.
- Tutoring options will be available for the EOC Exams
 - Saturday tutoring for Biology, Algebra, and Geometry
 - Spring Break boot camp for US History