

Exploring Opportunities in High School

All public high school programs meet or exceed state requirements. Extensive offerings are available in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, music, dance, theatre, art, world languages, career and technical education, and physical education. High schools also have specialized credit retrieval labs, which provide an opportunity for high school students to retrieve failed credits through a competency-based, online curriculum and remain on track for graduation. Specific courses, including elective offerings, vary between schools based on student demand, community needs, and staff availability.



The curriculum for high school students represents rigorous standards and high expectations. Each subject taught has its own curriculum map or requirements as outlined by state requirements. The curriculum map or requirements confirm the minimum knowledge of what students should know and be able to do by the time they graduate high school.

Special academic programs include **Advanced Placement (AP)** at all high schools, which offers students the opportunity to take college level courses while still in high school. Many colleges give credit and/or advanced college standing to students who attain an acceptable score of three or above (5-point scale) on an AP examination.

The **International Baccalaureate (IB)** diploma program is designed as an academically challenging and balanced program with final assessments that prepare students for success in college and life beyond. Students may choose to pursue the IB diploma or take individual certificates in IB courses. This program is offered at DeLand High School and Spruce Creek High School.

The **Cambridge International/AICE** program is based on a rigorous international curriculum with a global examination system that emphasizes the value of a broad and balanced study within college level academic courses. Students may master a range of skills critical for success at the University level and may pursue the AICE international diploma. This program is offered at Deltona High School, New Smyrna Beach High School, Pine Ridge High School, Seabreeze High School, and University High School.

Dual Enrollment program provides students an option to simultaneously earn college credit toward an Associates of Arts/Science degree or vocational credit toward a certificate program while meeting the requirements for a high school diploma. Dual enrollment is available at through Daytona State College, University of Florida, and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

The **AVID** program is designed to develop learning, study, and academic behavioral skills that are essential for success in rigorous coursework. It acts as a catalyst for schools to develop a culture of college readiness for all students across the campus. This program offers additional support in the classroom using AVID strategies.