



Career & Technical Education

CTE Graduation Pathway

2025-2026

A Fast-Track to Career Success!

The **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Graduation Pathway** is an alternative option for earning a high school diploma in Florida, designed for students who want to gain real-world skills, earn industry-recognized certifications, and prepare for high-wage careers immediately after high school or continue their education.

What Makes the CTE Pathway Unique?

Graduate with a Standard High School Diploma – The CTE Graduation Pathway meets all state graduation requirements while allowing students to focus on career and technical education (CTE).

Earn Industry Certifications – Students complete career-focused courses that prepare them for industry certifications, which are recognized by employers and colleges.

Gold Standard Career Pathways – Many industry certifications earned through CTE programs articulate to college credit at Florida colleges, allowing students to save money and time in their postsecondary education.

Hands-On Learning & Work-Based Experiences – Students participate in practical, skill-based training that aligns with real-world careers in Health Science, Engineering, Information Technology, Business, Trades Occupations, and more!

Flexibility for Future Careers & Education – Students can enter the workforce immediately, pursue technical college training, or continue their education at a Florida College System institution with earned college credits from industry certifications.

Why Choose the CTE Graduation Pathway?

- ▶ Jump-Start Your Future
- ▶ Save Money on College
- ▶ Hands-On, Career-Focused Education
- ▶ More Flexibility, More Opportunities





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Requirements

Graduation Requirements for the CTE Pathway

To earn a high school diploma through the CTE Graduation Pathway, students must complete the following:

- 18 credits, including:
 - 4 English credits
 - 4 Math credits
 - 3 Science credits
 - 3 Social Studies credits
- 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credits resulting in a program completion and an industry certification
- 2 Work-Based Learning or Elective credits (which can include financial literacy or work-based learning programs). For a student who enters grade 9 in 2023-2024 or later, complete 1.5 Work-Based Learning or Elective credits.
- Pass the following statewide assessments:
 - Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment (or meet a concordant score)
 - Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment (or meet a concordant score)
- Earn an Industry Certification – Students must complete a CTE program and pass an industry certification exam aligned with Gold Standard Career Pathways to ensure college credit eligibility.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA – Students must meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement for graduation.
- No Physical Education Course Required!
 - Unlike the traditional 24-credit diploma, the CTE Pathway does not require a physical education credit.

Invest in Your Future with the CTE Graduation Pathway
A Faster, Smarter Way to Career Success!

For more information, contact your school's counseling office.