



WELLMONT
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**High School Graduation Guide
For Private School Students**

Graduation Requirements

Overseeing the education of a student is an important task that should not be taken lightly at any stage. The high school years are the ones that will follow a person throughout his or her life. These words are not intended to strike fear in the hearts of parents or students but to emphasize the necessity to:

- 1) Understand the requirements
- 2) Develop a plan
- 3) Review that plan yearly
- 4) Execute that plan with rigor

High school credits in Florida are awarded on the basis of half credit for passing a semester of unit work. Wellmont Academy follows the Florida standard that 68 seat hours of instruction of academic content earns one half credit. For most students, this is done over 90 days in a semester. There are courses and subject areas that are specifically required for graduation, including the total number of credits which are detailed in this guide. There shall be no substitution or waiver of these requirements for any student except as provided under the alternative programs for graduation or upon written statement from a licensed physician certifying that the course will be physically or mentally harmful to the student.

The normal timeline for high school graduation is four years, the details of which are explained below. Some students are enrolled in high school for more or less than the traditional four years. Graduation requirements change based on the option taken (Standard track, Scholars track, ACCEL track) and when a student enters high school.

*Credits below a “C” in core academic areas are not accepted for credit toward standard high school graduation or promotion to subsequent grades by Wellmont Academy enrolled students. The exception to this policy is based on the student demonstrating mastery in that core subject area by earning a letter grade of “C” or higher in a sequential course.

The demonstrating mastery exception does not apply to the “Scholars” college preparatory graduation track. For that designation all core courses must have a grade of “C” or higher.

In addition to the standard core course requirements, Wellmont Academy high school students are required to complete a Bible class each year as a part of their electives. Students will receive one elective credit each year for these courses.

Students who enter Wellmont Academy after the Fall of 9th grade will need to have their previous credits approved by the Academic Director prior to enrollment for an accredited diploma. Non-accredited courses will not count toward final GPA on Wellmont Academy transcripts although the grades will appear on the transcript.

Private School Students may be approved to take courses outside of Wellmont Academy for credit while working towards an accredited diploma. This is reserved for students who have a scheduling conflict, special accommodation, or other extenuating circumstance. If Wellmont offers the course a student needs, they will not be approved to take it from an outside source, unless it is offering dual-enrollment credit. This policy is to encourage full involvement in Wellmont's program and does not allow for part-time enrollment as a private school student.

Additional to our regularly scheduled curriculum, Wellmont may accept the following as approved curriculum: Abeka, BJU Press, FLVS, Mr. D Math, Saxon Math, Math U See, Chalkdust, Ignitia

***Exceptions to this list are: FLVS HOPE credit classes. Wellmont Academy requires that HOPE credit classes be taken with Wellmont Academy instructors using our curriculum.*

Private School students enrolled in pre-approved outside courses must provide adequate documentation to receive credit. Students must provide tests and completed work to receive credit for a course that is additional to the work they complete at Wellmont. Quarterly checks will be done to ensure the student is progressing at the correct pace.

Dual Enrollment

Wellmont Academy Partners with **Saint Petersburg College** for high school students to earn college credit while in high school. The link below outlines the approved classes by the college and the credit equivalencies for high school credit.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zJhvABleifxFDDxCOCL-PT1gvvFeCY-P/view?usp=sharing>

If a private school student is interested in dual enrollment, they must be 15 years of age and in good academic standing with Wellmont Academy. Below, are the steps to register:

- Students meet with a Guidance Counselor to determine how many classes would be a good fit for the student.
- The student applies to SPC to obtain a student number from SPC directly from their website:
<https://my.spcollege.edu/psp/ps/APPLICATIONCENTER/EMPL/h/?tab=APPS>
- The student should either email or bring in their student number to their Guidance Counselor. At this time, they will pick up a pink testing card from the Academic Office to bring with them to SPC for their PERT entrance test.
- The student takes their PERT test.
- Based on their PERT scores, the student can choose classes to take. All questions should go to their Guidance Counselor.
- The guidance counselor fills out an SPC authorization form, and it should be signed by the student and the parent.
- Once signed, the Guidance Counselor will email the authorization form to the dual enrollment office.
- Once registration opens, the SPC dual enrollment office will contact the Guidance Counselor to let them know what classes the student has been accepted into.
- Once semester is completed, the student must send an unofficial transcript to their Guidance Counselor, so the student's high school transcript can be updated appropriately.

FLVS

Wellmont Academy recognizes **Florida Virtual School (FLVS)** as an approved source for high school students to earn high school credit. The following steps must be completed in order to become an FLVS student:

- Student meets with guidance counselor/Academic Director to review what classes are needed for the student and approves courses that student may take via FLVS.
- Parent applies to FLVS via their website. Parent must choose our school as their school of choice and the option of FLVS Flex Student. <https://flvs.net/>
- Parent enrolls student into proper course through the FLVS website.
- Guidance Counselor receives email from FLVS and approves enrollment via the FLVS website.
- Student completes class as directed by FLVS.
- Guidance counselor receives email with the notification that the course is complete, retrieves the transcript via the FLVS website, updates the student's transcript, and archives the course in FLVS

Earning Credits in Middle School

Middle school students can take a limited number of high school courses for high school credit while in middle school. Those courses are limited to the core subject areas of Mathematics, Science, and Foreign Language.

In the event a middle school student does not do well in the high school course earning a grade of “C”, “D”, or “F”, the school’s grade forgiveness policy allows the replacement of the grade with a grade of “C” or higher, earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. **These courses have prerequisites that need to be met.

****Math at the Algebra I level and above, as in:**

1200310 ALGEBRA I
1200320 ALGEBRA I HONORS
1206310 GEOMETRY
1206320 GEOMETRY HONORS
1200330 ALGEBRA II
1200340 ALGEBRA II HONORS

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****Science courses at the Physical Science level and above, as in:**

2003310 PHYSICAL SCIENCE
2003320 PHYSICAL SCIENCE HONORS
2000310 BIOLOGY I
2000320 BIOLOGY I HONORS
2003340 CHEMISTRY I
2003350 CHEMISTRY I HONORS


High School level Foreign Language courses such as:


0708340 SPANISH I
0708350 SPANISH II
0717300 ASL I
0713710 ASL II

GPA and Credit Requirements

	<u>Scholars</u> Twenty-Six Credit	<u>Standard</u> Twenty-Four Credit	<u>ACCEL</u> Eighteen Credit
GPA Requirement	3.75 on a 4.0 scale using the 16 core academic credits. Up to three additional “core” credits can be used for the GPA calculation. Students may not have any grades below “C” in any of the 26 credits used for graduation.	3.0 on a 4.0 scale using all credits. No grades below “C” in a core academic area can be counted for credit unless the student has demonstrated mastery in a subsequent semester course.	2.0 on a 4.0 scale using all credits. No grades below “C” in a core academic area can be counted for credit unless the student has demonstrated mastery in a subsequent semester course.

Graduation Tracks

 WELLMONT <small>A C A D E M Y</small>	<u>Scholars</u> Twenty-Six Credit	<u>Standard</u> Twenty-Four Credit	<u>ACCEL</u> Eighteen Credit
English	Four Credits	Four Credits	Four Credits **Lower level English courses are acceptable
Mathematics	Four Credits **Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and then a higher math or dual enrollment college Algebra	Four Credits **Algebra I, Geometry, and two more math credits. Consumer Math is acceptable.	Four Credits **To Include Algebra I and Geometry. May be split into Algebra IA and IB and Geometry IA and IB.
Science	Three Credits **Must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics. Must have two with laboratory	Three Credits **Must include Biology and two must have laboratory	Three Credits **Must include Biology and two must have laboratory
History	Two Credits **World History and US History	Two Credits **World History and US History	Two Credits **World History and US History
Social Studies	One Credit **American Government (.5) and Economics (.5)	One Credit **American Government (.5) and Economics (.5)	One Credit **American Government (.5) and Economics (.5)
Hope	One Credit **Health (.5) and Physical Education (.5)	One Credit **Health (.5) and Physical Education (.5)	Not Required
Fine Arts	One Credit **(.5) may be a practical art	One Credit **(.5) may be a practical art	One Credit **(.5) may be a practical art

	<u>Scholars</u> Twenty-Six Credit	<u>Standard</u> Twenty-Four Credit	<u>ACCEL</u> Eighteen Credit
Electives	Eight Credits **Mandatory Bible each year.	Eight Credits **Mandatory Bible each year.	Three Credits **Mandatory 2 Bible credits. If at Wellmont only one year, .5 credit is acceptable.
Foreign Language	Two Credits **Must be sequential	Not Required	Not Required
Dual Enrollment	9 Credits Required beginning with Class of 2022.	Not required	Not required
Required Volunteer Hours	75 Hours Required beginning with 2020 graduates. At least 25 of these hours must be served at Wellmont.	50 Hours Required beginning with 2020 graduates. At least 25 of these hours must be served at Wellmont.	50 Hours Required beginning with 2020 graduates. At least 25 of these hours must be served at Wellmont.
Required Minimum Test Scores. One test required Spring semester of Senior year.	SAT: Critical Reading 460 Mathematics 460 Combined Total: 970 ACT: English 18 Reading 19 Mathematics 19 Composite 20 PERT: Reading 104 Mathematics 123 Writing 99 No combined/composite **SAT/ACT/PERT tests must be taken in the Spring Semester to count for end of year testing requirements.	SAT: Critical Reading 430 Mathematics 430 ACT: English 15 Reading 17 Mathematics 19 IOWA: 40th Percentile or GL 10.1 in 3 core academic areas **SAT/ACT/PERT tests must be taken in the Spring Semester to count for end of year testing requirements.	SAT: Critical Reading 430 Mathematics 430 ACT: English 15 Reading 17 Mathematics 19 IOWA: 40th Percentile or GL 10.1 in 3 core academic areas **SAT/ACT/PERT tests must be taken in the Spring Semester to count for end of year testing requirements.

Bright Futures Eligibility

Initial Eligibility (FAS or FMS)

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award or the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Graduate high school from a Florida public high school with a Florida Standard Diploma (high school graduation requirements), graduate from a registered Florida Department of Education private high school, earn a GED, complete a Home Education program, or graduate from a non-Florida high school (OOS);
- Complete the required high school coursework;
- Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA);
- Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT or SAT college entrance exam;
- Complete the required number of service hours.

Student's High School Graduation Year	High School Weighted GPA	Required SAT/ACT to earn FAS Award	Required SAT/ACT to earn FMS Award	Service Hour Requirements	16 High School Course Credits
2016/2017 or after	FAS = 3.50 FMS = 3.00	1330 SAT / 29 ACT **updated 11/2021 for 2021/2022 school year	1210 SAT / 25 ACT **updated 11/2021 for 2021/2022 school year	FAS = 100 Hours FMS = 75 Hours GSV/GSC = 30 Hours	4 - English (must include writing) 4 - Math (at or above Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential in same language)

Scholarship Award Information

Service Hours:

Students must complete volunteer service hours during high school and by high school graduation. Service hours may include, but are not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours must be documented in writing, and signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the organization. Each public school district and private school establishes approved activities and the process for documentation of service hours.

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV):

The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) can only be used to fund a career education or certificate program. Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Meet the General Requirements for Bright Futures;
- Achieve the required weighted minimum 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses;
- Take at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education Program;
- Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the career education courses;
- Achieve the required minimum score on the ACT, SAT, or Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) exams (see table below);
- Complete 30 service hours.

College Entrance Exams

Exam types cannot be combined; a student must qualify based on each sub-test score for a single exam type. Sub-test scores from different test dates may be used to meet the test requirement.

Scores taken through June 30 of the student's senior year (for a regular graduate, or January 31 for a mid year graduate) will be accepted for Bright Futures evaluation. There is no limit to the number of times a student may retake the test prior to June 30 of the student's graduation year.

Request test scores to be sent to one of Florida's 12 state universities, Florida state colleges (public community colleges), or public high schools when the student registers for the ACT/SAT so that the test scores will be sent to the FDOE repository.

Exam Type Sub-Test Required Score

ACT

English 17

Reading 19

Math 19

SAT

Reading 440

Math 440

P.E.R.T. (only applies to the GSV scholarship)

Reading 106

Writing 103

Math 114

Award Amounts

Please visit the website below to view the different award amounts:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/PDF/BFHandbookChapter2.pdf>