paragraph (3)(f).

7. Eight credits in electives.

8. One online course as provided in subsection (4).

(e) Policy adopted in rule by the district school board may require for any cohort of students that performance on a statewide, standardized EOC assessment constitute 30 percent of a student's final course grade.

(f) This subsection is repealed July 1, 2017.

Section 43. Subsection (1) of section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.4285 Standard high school diploma designations.

(1) Each standard high school diploma shall include, as applicable, the following designations if the student meets the criteria set forth for the designation:

(a) Scholar designation.—In addition to the requirements of ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in order to earn the Scholar designation, a student must satisfy the following requirements:

1. English Language Arts (ELA).—When implemented the state transitions to common core assessments, pass the statewide, standardized 11th grade ELA common core assessment.

2. Mathematics.—Earn one credit in Algebra II and one credit in statistics or an equally rigorous course. When implemented the state transitions to common core assessments, students must pass the statewide, standardized Algebra II common core assessment. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2014-2015 school year, a student must also pass the statewide,
standardized Geometry end-of-course (EOC) assessment.

3. Science.—Pass the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC end-of-course assessment and earn one credit in chemistry or physics and one credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics. However, a student enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Biology course who takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE Biology assessment and earns the minimum score necessary to earn college credit as identified pursuant to s. 1007.27(2) meets the requirement of this subparagraph without having to take the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment.

4. Social studies.—Pass the statewide, standardized United States History EOC end-of-course assessment. However, a student enrolled in an AP, IB, or AICE course that includes United States History topics who takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE assessment and earns the minimum score necessary to earn college credit as identified pursuant to s. 1007.27(2) meets the requirement of this subparagraph without having to take the statewide, standardized United States History EOC assessment.

5. Foreign language.—Earn two credits in the same foreign language.

6. Electives.—Earn at least one credit in an Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, an Advanced International Certificate of Education, or a dual enrollment course.

(b) Merit designation. In addition to the requirements of
s. ss. 1003.428 and 1003.4282, as applicable, in order to earn
the Merit designation, a student must attain one or more
industry certifications from the list established under s.
1003.492.

Section 44. Section 1003.438, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

1003.438 Special high school graduation requirements for
certain exceptional students.—A student who has been identified,
in accordance with rules established by the State Board of
Education, as a student with disabilities who has an
intellectual disability; an autism spectrum disorder; a language
impairment; an orthopedic impairment; an other health
impairment; a traumatic brain injury; an emotional or behavioral
disability; a specific learning disability, including, but not
limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia; or
students who are deaf or hard of hearing or dual sensory
impaired shall not be required to meet all requirements of s.
1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, 1003.428 or s. 1003.4282 and shall,
upon meeting all applicable requirements prescribed by the
district school board pursuant to s. 1008.25, be awarded a
special diploma in a form prescribed by the commissioner;
however, such special graduation requirements prescribed by the
district school board must include minimum graduation
requirements as prescribed by the commissioner. Any such student
who meets all special requirements of the district school board,
but is unable to meet the appropriate special state minimum
requirements, shall be awarded a special certificate of

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