

**St. Lucie Public Schools**

**ACCEL 18 Credit Standard Diploma Option**

Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade may select one of five high school diploma options:

- 24-credit standard high school diploma
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) diploma
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

It is important that students and their parents are knowledgeable about the requirements, as well as, the advantages and disadvantages of each diploma option. Selection of the ACCEL option must be made by the student and parent (if a minor). Students who do not have a signed 18-credit ACCEL Diploma Option Agreement Form on file will default to the 24-credit diploma option.

I have met with the school counselor, graduation coach, and/or school administrator at my student’s school and have been provided comprehensive information about each of the high school diploma options. We also reviewed my student’s post-secondary plans. I was advised to review college admissions and NCAA course eligibility requirements before selecting the high school diploma option that will best meet the needs of my student.

I understand that regardless of which high school diploma option my student chooses to pursue, he or she must maintain a 2.0 grade point average, achieve a passing score on the Grade 10 ELA State Assessment, and achieve a passing score on the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam. He or she must also pass or take all other necessary end of course exams, dependent upon the specific course requirements.

I have received a copy of the FLDOE graduation requirements for my student’s cohort and have considered the educational benefits and options that will most appropriately prepare my student for his or her postsecondary education and career plan. I am requesting my student be placed on the ACCEL 18-credit standard diploma option instead of the 24-credit standard high school diploma option.

Parent Signature (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor/Grad Coach/Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_