

Important Information for Juniors

Beginning with students graduating in 2015 (Juniors) the state of Florida has put an on-line course requirement in place. This means that all students must complete at least one on-line high school course in order to receive a diploma. This course can either be a semester or a full year course. However, taking one semester of a full year course on-line does not fulfill the requirement. Students must complete the course from start to finish as an on-line course. The course can be taken any time in middle school or high school as long as the course is a high school course and meets the definition of an on-line course.

Our records show that many juniors have not yet completed this requirement. We realize that this may be problematic for both students and the school. Taking a course through a virtual provider is one option.

To assist our students in completing this requirement, Seminole County Public Schools has created a unique new opportunity for rising seniors. The school system is converting the curriculum used for American Government and for Economics into a blended curriculum delivery model. **These new courses will meet the on-line requirement for graduation.** The new courses will include the same content as the old courses but will be delivered as a combination of face to face instruction and on-line instruction. Some of the course content will be taught using direct instruction from the teacher and some of the course content will be delivered on-line. Students will still report to class each day but will have the opportunity to complete at least 50% of the course requirements over the internet either in class or at home.

To register for these new courses students do not have to do anything different during the registration process. Since American Government and Economics are both required courses for graduation, students will simply sign up for these courses as usual. Counselors will place those students who have not yet met the on-line course graduation requirement into a section of either "Blended American Government" or "Blended Economics".

Because of this new opportunity it will not be necessary for students who are lacking the on-line course graduation requirement to sign up for a virtual course this spring or this summer if they prefer taking a blended course next year. They can satisfy their on-line requirement with one of the blended courses that will be offered during their regular school day as part of their regular schedule of classes. Most of these blended sections will be offered during first semester of next year so that all students have the opportunity to meet this graduation requirement before the second semester starts.

If you have any questions please see your guidance counselor or Assistant Principal, Mr. Mike Icardi, who supervise the Social Studies Department.