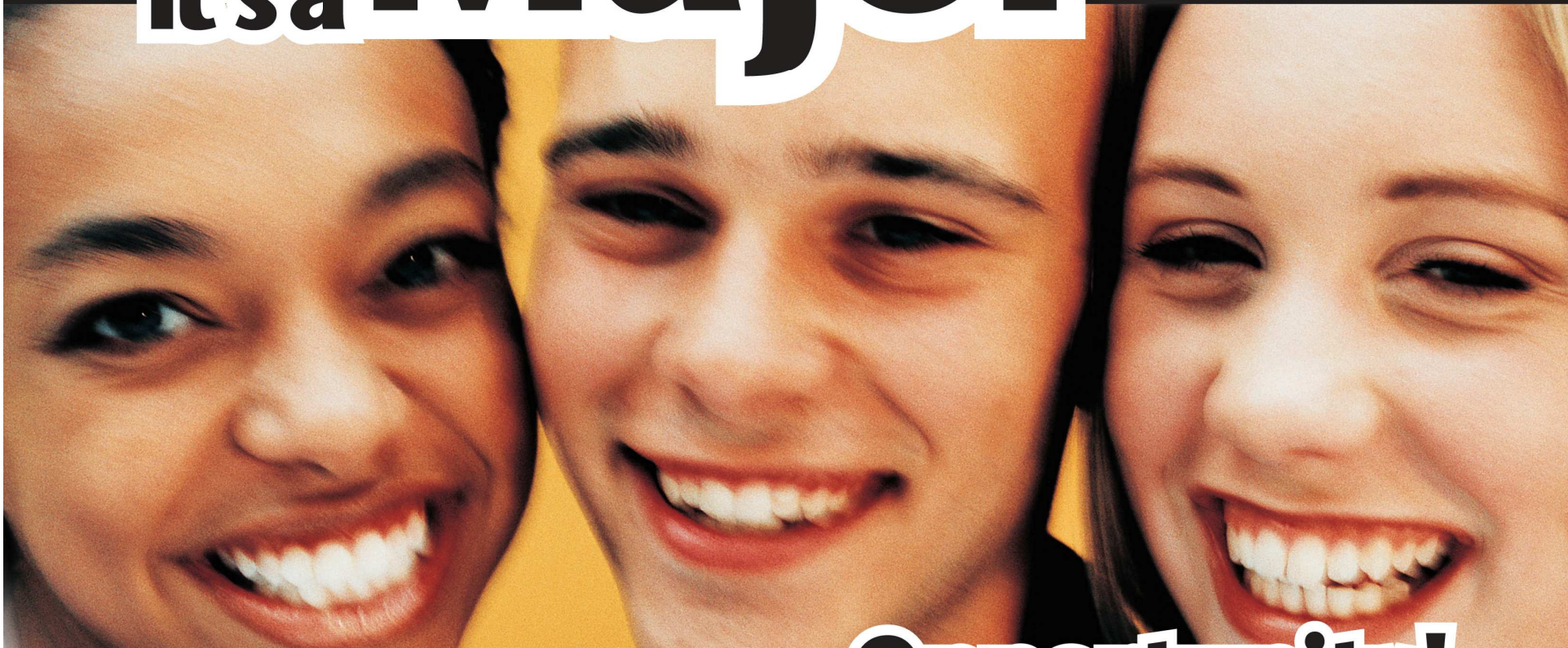


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Florida's New  
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Graduation  
Opportunities

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*for*

*Students Entering Ninth  
Grade in*

*2007-2008*

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*1003.428. General requirements for high school graduation; revised.*

*(1) ... beginning with students entering their first year of high school in the 2007-2008 school year, graduation requires the successful completion of a minimum of 24 credits, an International Baccalaureate curriculum, or an Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum.*

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*Standard Diploma*  
*(24 credits)*

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*The 24 credits may be earned through applied, integrated, and combined courses approved by the Department of Education and shall be distributed as follows:*

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$$16 + 4 + 4 = 24$$

Core Classes

MAI

Other Electives

Total

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## Graduation Requirements for Students Entering 9th Grade in 2007-2008

### 16 core curriculum credits:

- 4 credits in English
- 4 credits in mathematics
- 3 credits in science
- 3 credits in social studies
- 1 credit in fine arts
- 1 credit in physical education to include the integration of health

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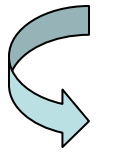
## What were the changes?



the Fine Arts requirement is no longer broken down to include practical arts career/technical education or exploratory career education



one-half credit of Life Management Skills (Health Education) is no longer required



Physical Education must include health information and is no longer defined as .5 personal fitness and .5 physical education elective

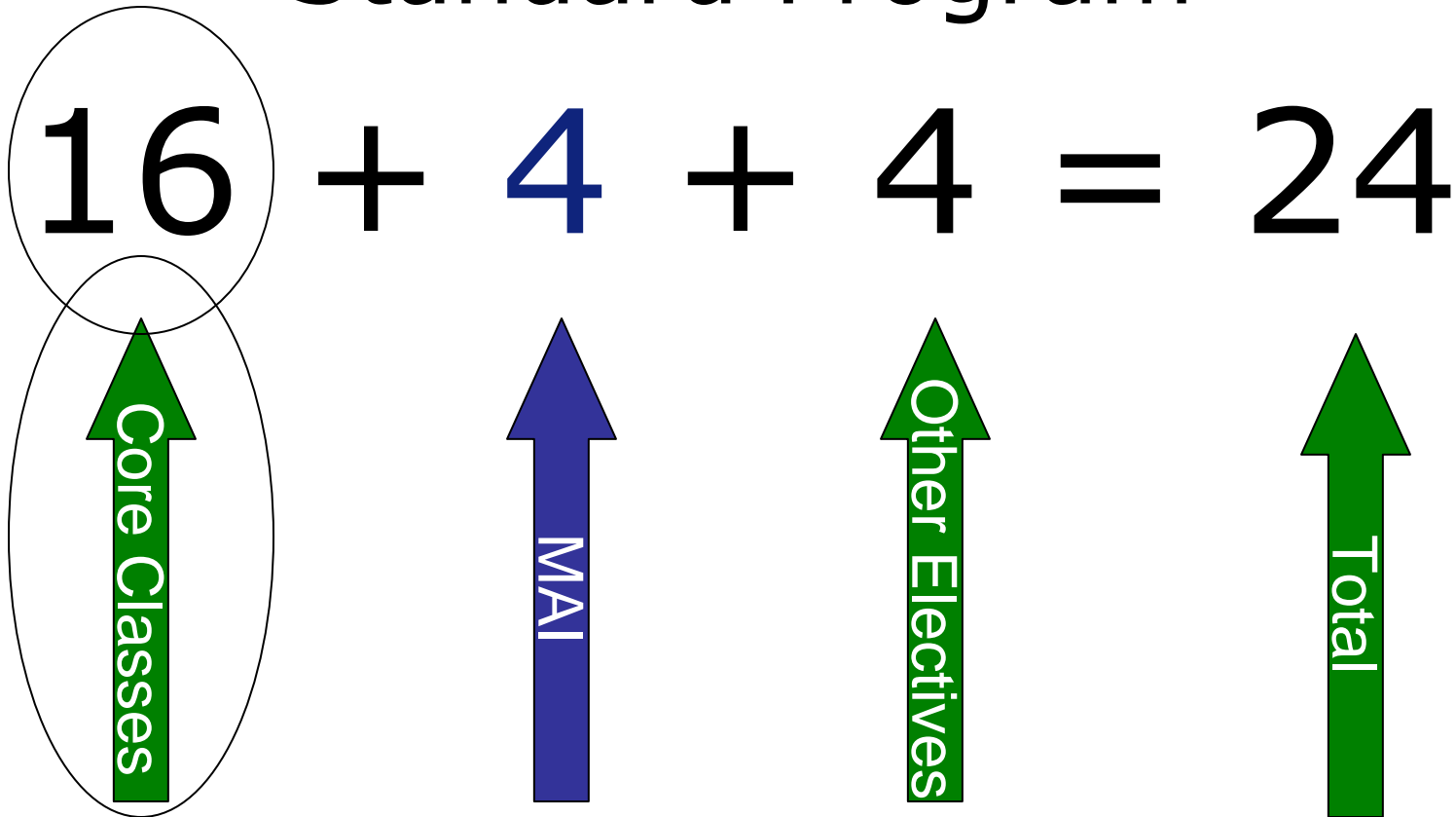


8.5 general electives are now defined as 4 MAI's and 4 general electives



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Major Areas of Interests



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## 4 Credits in a Major Area of Interest

Four (4) courses designated toward a MAI, that are selected by the student in one of the following areas:

- Career and technical program
- Fine and performing arts, or
- An academic content area



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## Some ideas behind the MAI's:

- ~ Make school interesting and engaging for today's students.
- ~ Make school relevant for their life/career choices.
- ~ Give student's opportunities to explore new things.
- ~ Give teachers a chance to share/mentor students who have similar interests.
- ~ Keep Florida's children in school!

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Statewide there are currently over 400 approved MAI from which districts can choose

The entire list can be viewed at [www.fldoe.org/APlusPlus/](http://www.fldoe.org/APlusPlus/) and at [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org)

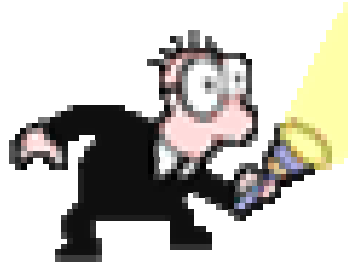
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## How Do Students Identify a Major Area of Interest?

- Discuss their individual interests with parent(s)/guardian(s), guidance counselors, and teachers.
- Explore their academic and career goals.
  - Use CHOICES to explore occupations and career interests ([www.florida.access.bridges.com](http://www.florida.access.bridges.com)).
- Use FACTS.org to view major areas of interest that are being offered at the high school ([www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org)).
- Identify a MAI and identify course(s) that are included in the chosen MAI, which are appropriate for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and update academic plan.
  - Online resource: [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) (electronic Personal Education Planner [ePEP])



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Does a student have to complete a major area of interest to graduate?

No, the student does not have to complete a major area of interest to graduate but does have to complete 4 MAI credits.

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So what does a Major Area Of  
Interest look like?





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## LAWTON CHILES HIGH SCHOOL

### **Majors being offered:**

4018 Advanced Placement Major  
0199 Arts - Visual Arts  
4030 Athletic Trainer  
4037 Behavioral Science  
6086 BUS ED - Business Computer Programming  
6089 BUS ED - New Media Technology T.V.Production  
6091 BUS ED - Web Design Services  
4065 Commercial Foods Assistant  
4066 Communication Technology  
4070 Computer Graphics and Design  
4076 Criminal Justice and Law Studies  
4079 Custodial Assistant  
4094 Diversified Career Technology  
0400 Drama - Theatre Arts  
4104 Engineering Integrated  
4105 English and Journalism  
6109 FAM CON - Culinary Operations  
0799 Foreign languages  
4122 General Business/Office Assistant  
8400 Health Science Education  
1099 Language Arts 1200Mathematics  
1399 Music  
6004 Office Support Personnel  
1599 Physical Education  
6002 Recreation Assistant  
2099 Science  
2199 Social Studies  
4238 Web Design  
4239 Workforce Readiness



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## 0400 Drama – Theatre Arts

Comprehensive Theatre III (0400470)

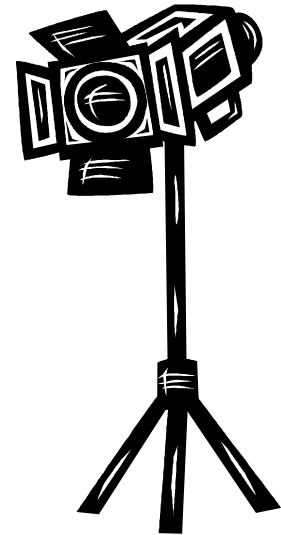
Comprehensive Theatre IV (0400480)

Drama I (0400310)

Drama II (0400320)

Stagecraft II (0400420)

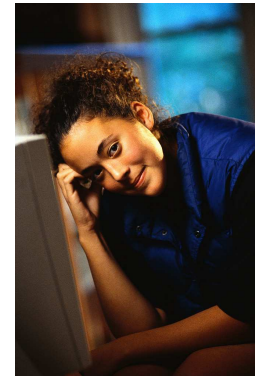
Stagecraft III (0400430)



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*Note:*

*Students may revise major areas of interest each year as part of the annual course registration process and should update their education plans to reflect such revisions.*



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## And the other 4 Credits in Elective Courses?

These credits may be combined to allow for:

- a second major area of interest,
- a minor area of interest,
- elective courses,
- intensive reading or mathematics intervention courses.

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## *Academic Planning:*

*It is very important for students to work with their guidance counselors, career specialists and teachers in order to identify and select courses in "major and/or minor areas of interest" to ensure that university admission and Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program requirements are met, based on the student's desired postsecondary education goals.*



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*"... all of us have some longing to be unique, to have our differences acknowledged and nourished, to find and express those kernels within us that belong to ourselves alone, and to use those kernels to grow a life that belongs to us and no other."*

*Richard Strong, Harvey Silver, Matthew Perini, and  
Greg Tuculescu, Educational Leadership  
Sept, 2003, Vol. 61.*

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*Thank you!*

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