

**ACCEL 18 Credit Standard Diploma Option Agreement**

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

- 4 Year/24 credit standard high school diploma
- AICE/Cambridge diploma
- IB/International Baccalaureate diploma
- ACCEL 18 credit standard diploma option.

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 4 Year/24 credit diploma option.

I have met with a school counselor and/or school administrator at my student’s school and I have been provided comprehensive information about each of the high school diploma options. Advantages and disadvantages of each diploma option including curricula were discussed. Opportunities and benefits of advanced course offerings that allow students to earn college academic and technical course credits while in high school were shared as well. Post-secondary plans of students were reviewed. I was advised to review college admission 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 specific course requirements.

I have received a copy of FDOE graduation requirements for my student’s cohort class and I 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 the ACCEL 18 credit standard high school diploma option on behalf of my student in place of the 4 Year/24 credit standard high school diploma option.

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

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

School Counselor or Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_