



AP Capstone  
Diploma™



# New Opportunity for Future Scholars

Florida House Bill 1105 authorizes the use of the Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone designation to meet certain diploma eligibility requirements for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award – starting with students graduating in the 2025-2026 school year.

**Note:** Earning the AP Capstone designation does not replace the requirements for earning a standard high school diploma. The completion of the required number of community service or paid work hours is still needed. Students should consult with their school counselor about the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

## For Students Who Began High School Before 2025-2026

*(Current 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders)*

To qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award through the Bright Futures Scholarship Program, students must earn:

- ✓ A score of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research
- ✓ A score of 3 or higher on four additional AP Exams of their choice

## For Students Who Began High School In 2025-2026 or Later

*(Current 9th Graders and Beyond)*

To qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award through Bright Futures, students must earn:

- ✓ A score of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research
- ✓ Three scores of 3 or higher in AP courses that satisfy graduation requirements in ELA, Math, Science, or Social Studies
- ✓ One additional AP score of 3 or higher in a course of the student's choice

## Why It Matters

The AP Capstone Diploma demonstrates advanced college readiness, research, and communication skills – while helping students qualify for one of Florida's most prestigious scholarships.

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