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To the Parents of Current 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students (class of 2014):

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the graduation requirements for all first year 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (class of 2014). Beginning in 2010-2011, graduation requirements include the following:

- Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 unweighted or higher
- 24 Credits
  - 4 Math – including Algebra I and Geometry
  - 4 English
  - 3 Science
  - 3 Social Studies (1.0 United States History, 1.0 World History, .5 Economics and .5 United States Government)
  - 1 Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or a Practical Arts course
  - 1 Physical Education (HOPE)
  - 8 Electives
- Your child must also meet the following assessment requirements:
  - Take the Algebra I End-of-Course (EOC) exam which must be calculated as 30% of the course grade in Algebra I, Algebra IB and Algebra I Honors, and
  - Pass the Grade 10 FCAT Reading 2.0 (with a level 3 or higher) during the 2011-2012 school year and beyond.
- It is important to note the following:
  - Students who are currently taking Algebra I, IB or Algebra Honors will not receive a Semester I grade. The final grade for both semesters will be calculated after the EOC exam results are received.
  - Ninth grade students who earned high school credit for Algebra I or Algebra I Honors in middle school during the 2007-08, 2008-09 or 2009-10 school years must take the Algebra I EOC exam, but it will not be calculated into the student's final grade for the course.

Additional information will be provided to you and your child by your school counselor to ensure that your child successfully completes all graduation requirements during the next four years.

If you have any questions, please contact your school to schedule a parent conference.

Sincerely,

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Chief Academic Officer