

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

CS/HB 453 — Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma

by Student Academic Success Subcommittee and Rep. Gossett-Seidman and others (CS/SB 556
by Education Pre-K - 12 Committee and Senators Berman and Simon)

The bill addresses requirements for earning a standard high school diploma. Specifically, the bill:

- Allows completion of two years of marching band to satisfy both the one-credit requirement in physical education and the one-credit requirement in performing arts instead of one or the other.
- Allows a student with a disability to meet the one-credit requirement in physical education by participating in the Special Olympics for one year as determined by the student's individual education plan (IEP) team.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 111-0