



Junior Planning Guide



Graduation Requirements

1. 24 Total Credits

4 Credits English/Language Arts (ELA)

4 Credit Mathematics

- One of which must be Algebra 1.
- One of which must be Geometry.

3 Credits Science

- One of which must be Biology 1.
- Two of which must be equally rigorous science courses. (All LRHS courses meet this requirement)
- Two of the three required credits must have a laboratory component.

3 Credits Social Studies

- One credit in World History.
- One credit in U.S. History.
- One-half credit in U.S. Government.
- One-half credit in Economics.

1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, or Practical Arts

1 Credit Physical Education (HOPE)

8 Elective Credits

2. State Assessment Requirements

Students must Pass the following statewide assessments (or earn a concordant score on an alternate test — see chart below):

- Grade 10 ELA.
- Algebra 1 end-of-course (EOC) and the results constitute 30% of the final grade.

Students must participate in the following EOC assessments, and the results constitute 30% of the final grade:

- Geometry
- U.S. History
- Biology 1

3. 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)

| Concordant Scores for ELA | | Concordant Scores for Algebra 1 EOC | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| SAT EBRW | 480 | SAT Math | 420 |
| ACT English & Reading (average) | 18 | ACT Math | 16 |
| CLT | ss | PSAT/NMSQT Math | 430 |

Action Plan for the College-Bound Junior

Research colleges and universities by accessing their websites See factors below in choosing a college.

Create a way to organize everything.

Attend college/university fairs and open houses held in the area.

Take the SAT and/or ACT exams.

Write a resumé. If portfolios, audition tapes, or writing samples are required for admission or scholarships, start to develop them. There is still time to get involved with extracurricular activities. A breadth and focus of interests will make you an asset to a college's community.

@ If applications require letters of recommendation, think about which teacher or other adults you*d like to request them from.

@ Investigate scholarship programs and make note of special requirements. Check your library or complete an online search.

If you are interested in an athletic scholarship, contact the athletic departments of the schools you are researching.

@ Plan visits to college and university campuses. Make appointments, especially if visiting during the summer. Arrange a personal interview if required. Follow-up with thank you notes.

Create a list of 3-6 schools where you want to apply so you are ready to start applications early in your senior year.

Create a CommonApp account to prepare for college applications

Factors to be Considered When Choosing a College

| Location | Academics | Housing |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Distance from home | • Majors offered | • Residence hall requirements |
| | • Special requirements | • Availability |
| Environment | • Accreditation | • Types and sizes |
| • Type of school (2 yr. or 4 yr.) | • Student to faculty ratio | • Food plans |
| • School setting (urban, rural) | • Typical class size | |
| • Location & size of nearest city | | Facilities/Services |
| • Co-ed, male, female | College expenses | • Academic |
| • Religious affiliation | • Tuition, room & board | « Recreational |
| | • Estimated total budget | • Support services |
| Size | • Application fee, deposits | • Tutoring |
| • Enrollment | | |
| • Physical size of campus | Financial Aid | Activities |
| | • Deadlines | • Clubs & organizations |
| Admissions Requirements | • Required forms | • Sororities/fraternities |
| • Deadlines | • 96 of students receiving aid | • Athletics/intramurals |
| • Tests required | • Scholarships | • Other |
| • Average GPA, test scores, rank | • Part time employment | |
| • Special requirement | | |

Bright Futures Scholarship

Check your own personal evaluation on www.floridashines.org

| Scholarship Name | Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS) | Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS) | Florida Gold Seal Vocational Award (Gsv) |
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| | | | Funding is only allowed for enrollment in vocational diplomas, degrees, or certificates. |
| Grade Point Average (GPA) | 3.5 weighted GPA using the credits listed below: Note: GPAs are not rounded | 3.0 weighted GPA using the credits listed below: Note: GPAs are not rounded | 3.0 weighted GPA using the 16 core credits required for high school graduation (listed below) and a 3.5 unweighted GPA in a minimum of three vocational credits within one program Note: GPAs are not rounded |
| Required Credits | Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses. 4 English 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 and higher) 3 Natural Science 3 Social Science 2 Foreign Language (in the same language) 16 Credits May use up to two additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above to raise the GPA. | Courses must include 16 credits of college preparatory academic courses. 4 English 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 and higher) 3 Natural Science 3 Social Science 2 Foreign Language (in the same language) 16 Credits May use up to two additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above to raise the GPA. | Courses must include the 16 core credits required for high school graduation. 4 English 4 Mathematics (including Algebra 1) 3 Natural Science 3 Social Studies (US Hist, World Hist., US Govt. & Economics) 1 Fine or Performing Art 1 HOPE 16 Credits Plus a minimum of three Vocational Job-Preparatory or Technology Education Program credits in one vocational program. |
| Community Service | 100 hours | 75 hours | 30 hours |
| Test Scores | Best combined score of 1340 SAT Test (Critical Reading & Math) or Redesigned SAT (Evidence Based Reading/Writing & Math) or Best composite score of 29 AST (excluding writing section) or Best composite score 96 on CLT | Best combined score of 1210 SAT Test (Critical Reading & Math) OF Redesigned SAT (Evidence Based Reading/Writing & Math) or Best composite score of 25 ACT (excluding writing section) Best composite score of 84 on CLT | PERT: Reading 106 Writing 103 Math 114 SAT: Reading Test 24 Writing/Language Test 25 Math Test 24 ACT: Reading 19 English 17 Math 19 |
| Eligibility requirements are subject to change pending legislative action regarding criteria and funding. For more information, visit the Bright Futures web site at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf . | | | |