



High School Checklist for Seniors

- Schedule an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your senior schedule, graduation evaluation, grade point average, Bright Futures scholarships and post-secondary plans.
- Meet with your College & Career Advisor for resources to help you with college and career planning.
- If test scores permit, take advanced coursework such as IB, AP, or dual enrollment that can earn college credit. Post-secondary education institutions like to see challenging coursework.
- Register for the first SAT and ACT test date in early August. When registering, select to send your scores to colleges to which you are applying. Use Khan Academy for test prep.
- Apply for scholarships from October to May. Ask for scholarship recommendation letters from counselors, advisors, and teachers early in your senior year.
- Attend the BHS College Fair and the district Post-Secondary Night to meet admission representatives.
- Finalize and complete your Student Activity Resume.
- Submit Community Service forms to Guidance.
- Finalize your essays and apply for admission to your list of schools by October or November. Be aware of deadlines.
- After December 15th, complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) for state aid at floridastudentfinancialaid.org, which includes Bright Futures. After October 1st, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for federal aid at fafsa.gov. Make sure you list the schools or colleges you applied to on the form.
- Wait for college admission or post-secondary institution decisions and financial aid award letters from the schools/colleges. Determine which best meets your academic goals and financial needs.
- Be aware that many schools have an early May decision deadline for students to accept or decline admissions.
- Once you make a decision, notify the other colleges who offered you admissions that you won't be attending. This frees up space and possible financial aid for other students.
- After acceptance there will be many things to do such as attending orientation, housing applications, meal plans, proof of immunizations, and sending final transcripts.
- Remember, second semester grades are reviewed and admission offers can be rescinded! Graduate and good luck with your future!