



High School Checklist for Sophomores

- Schedule an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor to discuss challenging curriculum, graduation requirements, 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.
- Start thinking about post-secondary education - know university, technical college, or military admission requirements and plan for this in high school. Take appropriate coursework to prepare you for your future.
- Take the PSAT test in October; it's the SAT practice test and the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.
- Attend the BHS College Fair and speak to admission representatives.
- Prepare for the ELA assessment and EOC exams by making good grades.
- Take school work seriously because every course and every year counts towards your overall GPA. Attendance in school is extremely important.
- Use your agenda to note important dates and deadlines.
- Get involved; explore clubs, student organizations, and athletics available at BHS. Volunteer for leadership roles and opportunities. Future employers and colleges like to see student leaders.
- Plan to take at least two years of the same world language for university/college admission.
- Take a career interest inventory on floridashines.org or careershines.org.
- Ask about summer leadership opportunities such as Junior Leadership Manatee. Continue building and completing your Student Activity Resume
- Volunteer in the community and earn service hours. Complete a community service form and have it approved at the Guidance Desk. Turn in the form to Guidance.
- Apply for a part-time job for the summer.
- Create accounts on collegeboard.org and actstudent.org and begin familiarizing yourself with the SAT and ACT. This is the best time for test prep!