



High School Checklist for Freshmen and Sophomores

- Meet with your school counselor to discuss graduation requirements, grade point average, Bright Futures requirements, and post-secondary plans.
- **Grades Matter!!!** Your grades in 9th and 10th will affect your overall GPA. This is particularly important for college acceptance down the road. Do not dig yourself into a hole that will be difficult to get out of when the time comes.
- Prepare for your EOC and FAST tests as part of your graduation requirements.
- Get involved! Join clubs, organizations, and sports teams available to you at BRHS. Volunteer for leadership roles. Get your volunteer hours completed. Colleges and employers like to see student leaders.
- Become familiar with *Florida Bright Futures*. Be aware of the courses, grades and test scores that are required for eligibility. Visit www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org to learn more. Bright Futures is your responsibility.
- Be sure you are on the path to **completing 2 or 3 years of the same world language**. This is a requirement for most colleges and Bright Futures.
- Take the most rigorous schedule in which you can be successful. If grades and test scores permit, take advanced classes such as AP or dual enrollment. Post-secondary schools like to see challenging coursework.
- Take a career interest survey on floridashines.org. Start to explore careers that interest you and what it takes to obtain that career.
- Utilize a planner or agenda to keep track of important dates and assignments.
- Start thinking about post-secondary education. This can include technical school, university/college or military. Take appropriate coursework to be prepared.