

## Bright Futures update regarding students in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

The Florida Legislature is authorized each year to change eligibility and funding requirements. Florida law recognizes both the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Diploma and the IB curriculum as methods of qualifying for a Bright Futures Florida Academic or Medallion Scholars award.

### To qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars award with the IB Program Diploma

- \*Receive the IB Diploma.
- \*SAT or ACT test score GPA. **(Satisfied with the IB Diploma)**
- \*Earn 100 community service or paid hours.
- \*Successful completion of the CAS component of the IB Curriculum.

**Note:** Please read the Bright Futures update below.

### To qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars award with the IB Program curriculum

- \*Complete the IB Program curriculum requirements as determined by the Florida Department of Education – **Weighted GPA of 3.5 (unrounded)**

#### 2024/25 Graduates.

SAT 1340 or ACT 29 or CLT 96

#### 2026 Graduates and thereafter.

SAT 1330 or ACT 29 or CLT 95

- \*Earn 100 community service or paid hours & \*Successful completion of the CAS component of the IB Curriculum.

### To qualify for the Florida Medallion Scholars award with the IB Program curriculum

- \*Complete the IB Program curriculum requirements as determined by the Florida Department of Education – **Weighted GPA 3.0 (unrounded)**

#### 2024/25 Graduates.

SAT 1210 or ACT 25 or CLT 84

#### 2026 Graduates and thereafter.

SAT 1190 or ACT 24 or CLT 82

- \*Earn 75 community service or paid hours & \*Successful completion of the CAS component of the IB Curriculum.

### The IB curriculum is defined as follows:

- Complete a minimum of 10 credits identified by the International Baccalaureate Organization as follows:

◦Two credits in three of the following areas, and one credit in each of the remaining three areas: Language Arts, World Language, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics and Arts/Electives. (Each of these credits must be an IB or AP course. Pre-IB courses do not meet IB curriculum requirements.) One credit in Theory of Knowledge.

### Update for IB and Bright Futures:

IBO has recently restructured the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) component for IB Diploma students. As a result of this change, the achievement of the IB Diploma will no longer automatically provide a student 100 service hours, as required in statute, for Florida Academic Scholars (FAS). Districts and schools will now be required to input cumulative service hours for both Early (7<sup>th</sup>) and Final (8<sup>th</sup>) Evaluation for students participating in the IB program.

- Complete the **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirement**, which includes a service component completed in grades 11-12. Please keep in mind that the service for IBO may or maybe be approved for Bright Futures.
- Complete an extended essay.

Students will have the opportunity to log either paid and/or volunteer service hours to satisfy the Bright Futures Scholarship requirement. We **strongly encourage** students to meet with their school counselor for the required paperwork and approval prior to volunteering. Service hours/paid work hours must be completed with an agency, company, organization, or business.