

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 hours **(this requirement will be satisfied by completing 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)

•2023/24 Graduates and thereafter; **SAT 1340 or ACT 29**

- Earn 100 community service hours **(this requirement will be satisfied by completing 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)

•2023/24 Graduates and thereafter; **SAT 1210 or ACT 25**

- Earn 75 community service hours **(this requirement will be satisfied by completing 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 (7th) and Final (8th) Evaluation for students participating in the IB program.

- Complete the **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirement**, which includes 100 hours of community service completed in grades 11-12. •Complete an extended essay.

Although your CAS hours will satisfy the Bright Futures Community Service Hours requirement; we **strongly encourage** students to **complete 50 hours** (25 in 9th grade and 25 in 10th grade) if they choose to leave the IB program. If a student leaves the IB program at any time and the student has not started Bright Futures, they will be required to do community service to qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship as CAS hours are not transferable.