

CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL

FRESHMEN

SEMINARS



YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR



Boynton- “STEAM” Academy

Picard- “FAME” Academy

Price- “BLIS” Academy

Stanford- “SHARE” Academy

How Do I See My Counselor When I have Questions or Concerns?

- Pass from your teacher
- Stop in during lunch or after school
- Simply come up to see us if it is an emergency

What Do I Do If My Counselor Is Not Available?

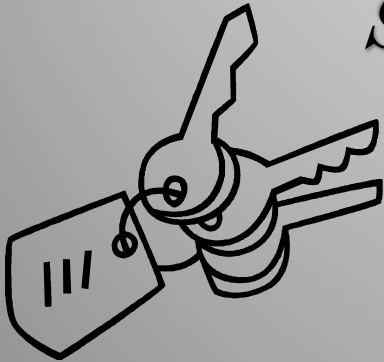
(We are more than aware that we aren't always available)

- See another available counselor
- Leave message w/Mr. Olda
- Email is an excellent option (picarde@pcsb.org)



KEYS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS

SPREAD THE WORD



- 1. ORGANIZATION**
- 2. STUDY SKILLS**
- 3. NOTE TAKING**
- 4. ATTENDANCE**



1. Be Organized

- Use a PLANNER!!!
 - Take it everywhere with you
 - Check it in morning and afternoon



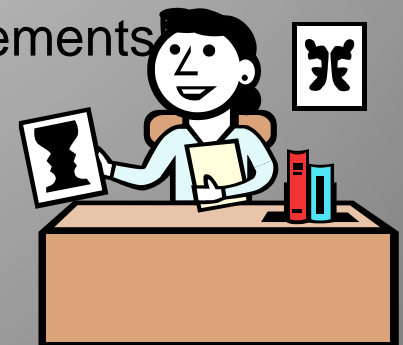
- Time management



- Use any extra time you have in school to get started on homework
- Get on a schedule
- Balance your fun life and your school life

2. Study Skills

- If you need help or have a question,
TALK TO YOUR TEACHER!!! ←
- Set aside time after school for homework
- Utilize available FREE tutoring
 - www.YouTube.com, www.KhanAcademy.org
 - **Set up time with you teacher after school**
 - **Mrs. Ward**: Community Liaison
 - Located in front office, fill out application for once a week tutoring
 - **National Honor Society** Tutoring (All Subjects)
 - When: Starting soon...listen to morning announcements
 - **Homework Help Line**
 - 547-7223
 - Monday – Thursday 5:00pm-8:00pm



******To seek referral for PAID Tutors, See Counselor**



3. NOTE TAKING

Cornell Notes

Study Smarter—Not Harder!

Recall Column:

- Key Ideas
- Key Words
- Key Phrases
- Possible Test Questions

1. Take notes in this space
2. Use abbreviations. Draw pictures or arrows—whatever works to help you remember later on.
3. Don't write down everything the teacher says. Watch for body language and phrases that signal "This is important."
4. Don't rewrite the textbook.
5. Ask questions about anything you don't understand. Try to find the answer, or ask your teacher.

Briefly summarize this page of notes here

4. Attendance

- Show UP!



- Truancy Process

- Loss of driver's license, appear before judge



BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE CLASSROOM



- Know/follow teacher's class rules
- Adapt to different teachers
- Bring materials to class
- Do your homework!
- Participate in class
- Treat others with courtesy and respect



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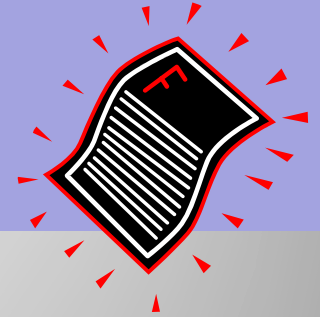
GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE?

What is a credit???

- 1 Semester class=1/2 Credit
- 3 ½ credits each semester=7 for the year
- How many credits do you need???
- 24
- 3 six week grades & final exam=Semester grade
 - This is the grade that shows up on your transcripts

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET AN “F” FOR THE SEMESTER



- YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT UP ON YOUR OWN TIME! WHY DO IT TWICE??????
- FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL (www.FLVS.net)
- NOVA NET (After School in A1; See counselor for application)
- Don't wait till senior year!!!

4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL

The idea is to help you see and understand how easily your GPA is effected by the grades you earn throughout a semester/year/high school career

9th GRADE

English	A
Math	B
Science	C
AmGvt	B
For. Lang	D
Elective	B



GPA- 1st semester= 2.67
GPA- 2nd semester =2.67

CUM GPA= 2.67

11th GRADE

English	B
Math	B
Science	B
AmHist	B
Art	B
Elective	A

GPA- 1st semester=3.16
GPA- 2nd semester=3.16

CUM GPA=2.94

10th GRADE

English	A
Math	B
Science	B
WHist	B
For. Lang	C
HOPE	B

GPA – 1stsemester=3.0
GPA – 2nd semester=3.0

CUM GPA=2.83

12th GRADE

English	A
Math	B
Science	B
Economics	A
Elective	A
Elective	A

GPA- 1st Semester=3.67
GPA- 2nd Semester=3.67


CUMGPA=3.12

GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS

English	4 required English I, II, III, IV
Mathematics	4 required including Algebra I (w/EOC) or its equivalent and Geometry (w/EOC)
Science	3 required Science credits, including Biology (w/EOC)
Social Studies	3 required including 1 World History, 1 United States History, and ½ United States Government & ½ Economics
Fine Arts	1 required in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or an approved Practical Arts course
Physical Education (HOPE)	1 required Physical Education to include the integration of health (HOPE)


GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

continued

World Language	<p>• <u>Not necessary for graduation from high school BUT IS necessary to qualify for the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bright Futures Scholarships ➤ Acceptance into a 4-year Florida university 		
Minimum Graduation Credit Requirement	24 credits	<u>SUBJECT REQ</u> (16cr) English: 4 credits Math: 4 credits Science: 3 credits S.S. 3 credits HOPE: 1 credit Fine Art: 1 credit Online Class: ½ credit	Additional Credits: 8 Elective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective Credit translates into any course of interest. • Additional Core subjects and Dual Enrollment Courses apply
Online Learning	<p><u>ONE</u> Course (.5 credit) w/i 24 credits must be taken online <i>[Starting w/ class of 2015 and beyond]</i></p>		
State Assessment/ EOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 <u>Reading</u> • Pass EOC Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Algebra 1 ➤ Geometry ➤ Biology 		
GPA	<p>2.0 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) </p>		

Bright Futures



	ACADEMIC	MEDALLION	GOLD SEAL
Credits Reviewed	16 <u>college preparatory</u> academic courses	16 <u>college preparatory</u> academic courses	SEE WEBSITE
Must Complete	<p>4 English</p> <p>4 Mathematics* (Algebra I, 2, Geometry, and one other higher level math)</p> <p>3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)</p> <p>3 Social Science</p> <p><u>2 Foreign Language</u> (sequential, in the same language)</p> <p>= 16 Credits</p>	<p>4 English</p> <p>4 Mathematics* (Algebra I, 2, Geometry, and one other higher level math)</p> <p>3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)</p> <p>3 Social Science</p> <p><u>2 Foreign Language</u> (sequential, in the same language)</p> <p>= 16 Credits</p>	SEE WEBSITE
GPA	3.5 (according to BF)	3.0 (according to BF)	3.5 in tech Courses 3.0 overall
 SAT/ACT	1290 SAT/29 ACT NEW	1170 SAT/26 ACT NEW	SEE WEBSITE
Community Service Hours	<p>100 Hours</p> <p>*Project must be approved BEFORE starting. Get paperwork from counselor.</p>	<p>75 Hours</p> <p>*Project must be approved BEFORE starting. Get paperwork from counselor.</p>	<p>30 Hours</p> <p>*Students will apply AFTER Dec. 1 their senior year.</p>



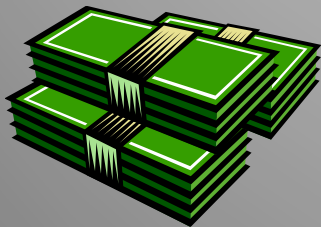
Bright Futures Scholarship Program



To obtain a comprehensive overview and explanation about the various qualification and expectation of The Bright Futures Scholarship Program...

Access the following link:

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org



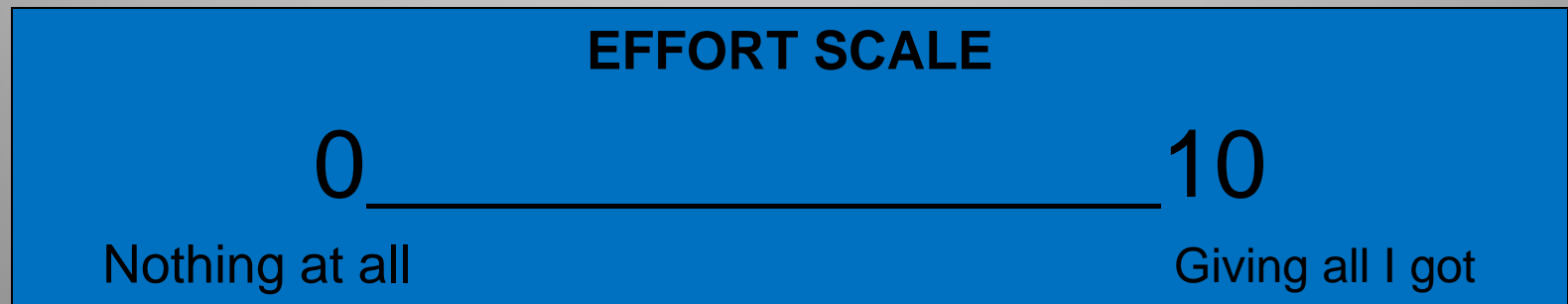
- **Florida Academic Scholars**
- **Florida Medallion Scholars**
 - **Gold Seal**



HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOURSELF???

Reflecting on your performance and effort this year, how would you rate the effort you've given or applied to the grades you've earned?

-Considering the number you've identified, what would it look like if you were to increase effort by one scale rating? One scale rating definitely indicates change, but isn't so drastic that you could not reasonably accomplish



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

THERE IS GREAT BENEFIT AND VALUE IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN
ACTIVITIES SPONSERED BY YOUR SCHOOL

**BECOME CONNECTED//MAKE NEW SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS
EXPLORE INTEREST//OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MEANINGFUL
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSUME POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP/ETC.**



FOR A LIST OF CHS CLUBS
AND THEIR SPONSERS



GOTO:

<http://www.clearwater-hs.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Extra-Curricular.html>

Get Involved!!!

Course Registration

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CHOOSE YOUR COURSES

*WISELY AND WITH INTENT *CHALLENGE YOURSELF, WHEN POSSIBLE, WITH HONORS AND AP *AVOID TAKING EASY CLASSES *CONSIDER STACKING "CORE" CLASSES INSTEAD OF REQUESTING A WEAKER ELECTIVE *



Our school's Curriculum guide online:



<http://www.clearwater-hs.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Curriculum%20Guide.html>

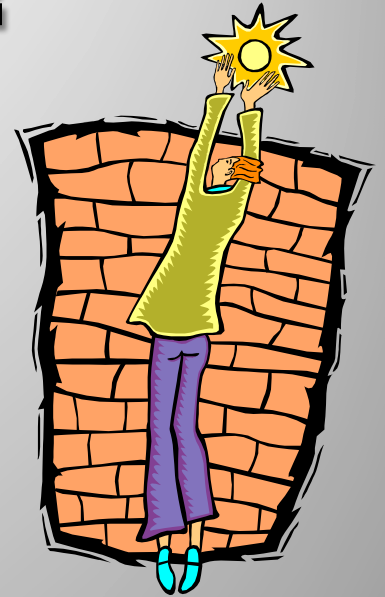
YOU SHOULD BE FULLY AWARE AND MINDFUL OF WHAT
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITYS ADMISSIONS
ARE LOOKING FOR

1) Rigorous Curriculum 2) High GPA 3) High Standardized Test Scores

GOOD LUCK!

SET HIGH GOALS

- PRINCIPAL'S LIST/HONOR ROLL
- HONORS AND A.P. CLASSES
- GREAT G.P.A. FOR COLLEGE/MILITARY/TECH SCHOOL
- INVOLVEMENT IN CLUBS AT SCHOOL
- INVOLVEMENT IN SPORTS/MUSIC/DRAMA
- VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY



Have a Great Freshman Year

- Don't have any regrets
- Regularly self-assess
- Ask questions/seek out assistance
- Avoid making excuses and focus on problem-solving (homework, issues with friend/parents, etc.)
- Finally, remember you always have an opportunity to improve your overall final semester grade, even when you have a poor six weeks. 3 six weeks and a final exam grade averaged together determine your final grade