**University**

**Freshman Checklist**

Please submit questions about this checklist to your School Counselor

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| **Topic** | **To Do** | **Useful Info** |
| **Course Work/**  **Academic**  **Expectations** | * Maintain strong grades * Students/Parents Review portal daily to monitor grades, attendance, and assignment updates * Become familiar with ALL Graduation Criteria * Check and track your graduation requirements. | **Graduation requirement information** can be found at:   * <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/StandardDiplomaRequirements.pdf>   **\*\*online course requirement removed\*\*** |
| **High School/**  **Freshman Planning** | **FRESHMAN STUDENTS CAN HELP THEMSELVES BY:**   * Becoming familiar w/grad req; (*see link above*) * Learning about the various Academic Options available (***Honors, AP, Dual Enrollment***) * Create a challenging 4 Yr Academic Plan   **FRESHMAN YEAR IS NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN LOOKING AHEAD. WHAT CAN YOU START DOING?**   * Create a file to save awards/ accomplishments/ school involvement/ leadership activities/etc; * Start thinking about and begin making list of colleges you might be interested in attending; * Become involved in activities at your school | **IMPORTANT**:  Understand that your **Freshman year counts** and your attention to excellence cannot be put off to a later point in high school!!!  For more information to help students contemplate and plan their **pathway to college**, visit:   * **NAVIANCE – access through Clever account, click Naviance icon** * **4 year plan through Naviance (should have worked on in 8th grade)** |
| **Foundation to Academic Success** | **BEING A GOOD STUDENT IS AN ACTIVE AND INTENTIONAL PROCESS. KEYS TO SUCCESS:**   * Organization, organization, organization! ***Exaggerate this process and make it a strength!***   + Less clutter = Less distraction! * Develop a structured/disciplined routine of study. * Learn the process of hard work and commitment to academic success. Seek to develop and improve work ethic - Learn how to work hard! * Attack areas of difficulty straight on * Be accountable for actions and responsibilities | **IMPORTANT**:   * Without exception, students should be doing homework every night! * To help manage deadlines and avoid missing assignments, Use a daily planner! * Do ALL homework! Turn in ALL homework * ***No 0’s!!! They destroy students grade!!!*** * Unplug when engaged in school work * As questions, seek help, attend tutoring!   To review **study tips** in greater detail, visit:   * <http://student-tutor.com/blog/top-10-high-school-study-tips/> |
| **Tutoring/**  **Homework**  **Resources** | * **Extra help w/ teacher –** stay after with your teacher to get extra help—plan ahead with teacher for availability * **Math Nation –** * **WEBSITE:** [**http://mathnation.com/**](http://mathnation.com/) * **Khan Academy** * **WEBSITE:** [**http://www.khanacademy.org/**](http://www.khanacademy.org/) * **After School Tutoring (math):**   **WHEN: Tuesdays 2:05-4:05pm room 19-103**  **Fridays 2:00-3:00pm room 19-232(Alg 1 & 2,MCA, MCLA)** | * **Homework Helpline** * **WHEN: Mon-Th / 5-8pm // 727-547-7223** * **Homework (Tips for Taking Control)** * [**https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/take-control-of-homework**](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/take-control-of-homework) * **Pinellas County Web Resources** * **https://www.pcsb.org/homeworkhelp** * **Pinellas eCounselor - assistance to answer questions re: grad req, academic prep, college planning, fin aid, scholarships** * [**eCounselor@pcsb.org**](mailto:eCounselor@pcsb.org) **(M-F; 4-9pm)** |
| **Bright Futures**  **Scholarship** | **STUDENTS FOCUS, IN 9TH GRADE, SHOLD BE ON GETTING GOOD GRADES AND LINEING UP A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.**  **BF Forms/ List of Suggested Volunteer sites**:   * <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/3554> - PCSB Website | For additional Bright Futures info, including all **BF qualifications**, please visit:   * <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssafd/bf>   *\*See Counselor for approval before starting your community service hours.* |
| **Credit Recovery** | **CREDIT RECOVERY**:   * If you received **F’s** in graduation requirement courses,   **GRADE FORGIVENESS**:   * To improve GPA, you may retake CORE courses you received a **D** in | **ELP is offered**:   * **Room 11-203 // after school** * **MON**-**THURS** (subjects vary by day-check website or ask counselor) * **Must see counselor to sign up before you attend** * **Plan to attend the ELP after school program:**   *If student Fails a CORE class during 1st* **Sem** |
| **Attendance** | * All absences must be reported to grade-level secretary by note, phone call, or by submitting notification via school link on PHU’s homepage. | * 9th Grade Traditional Secretary: Mrs. Redfield * Weblink: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/20994> |
| **NAVIANCE** | Program that provides self-discovery, career and college exploration, academic planning and post-secondary planning tasks.  **REQUIRED TASKS**  Semester 1:  **-Game Plan survey**  **-Create, review or edit course plan**  Semester 2:  **Achieveworks Personality** | Student overview video:  <https://www.screencast.com/t/tbcYt9eUkKg>  To access: log into Clever, click Naviance icon  Helpful video:  <https://www.screencast.com/t/pcu7l1gAOe4l>  <https://www.screencast.com/t/9dz5MULoh>  **Review 4 year plan:** Log onto your Naviance account > Select Courses > Select Manage Course Plans > click red plus button top right > Select Course Plan for HS  **Achieveworks:** Login to your Naviance account> Select Self-Discovery> Select Personality > Select Start Assessment |
| **School based Info** | Keep yourself ‘in the know’ on upcoming events, topics, deadlines  Check school website often | * Check [www.pcsb.org/phuhs](http://www.pcsb.org/phuhs) for announcements * Check University Padlet: <https://padlet.com/madeja/university-student-padlet-wci6imj5weyvz2pv> |