**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)**
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| **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/>
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| **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** **(M-F; 4-9pm)**
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| **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>
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| **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 iconHelpful 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, deadlinesCheck 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>
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