



2024-2025

VERIFICATION OF RECEIPT

This is not the application for the scholarship.

I verify that I have received and read the initial eligibility requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Name (please print)_____

Signature_____

Date_____

Please return this receipt to your school counselor.

JUNIOR SEMINAR GUIDE



Today's presentation will cover all the topics listed below. All resources, including the PowerPoint, are posted on the **Seminars & Resources** page of the Guidance website – pcsb.org/Page/21892.

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QUESTIONS

- Contact your counselor
 - A-G = Mrs. Nymark nymarkk@pcsb.org
 - H-O = Ms. Jackson jacksontw@pcsb.org
 - P-Z = Ms. Polizzi polizzie@pcsb.org
- Visit the Guidance website pcsb.org/Page/21888
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Nov 22 Deadline**



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Academic Advisement

Students Entering Grade 9 Prior to 2023-2024

What Students and Parents Need to Know

What options lead to a standard diploma?

Successful completion of one of the following options:

- 24 credits
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway

(See section [s.] [1003.4282](#), Florida Statutes [F.S.])

What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) or a concordant score
- Algebra 1 end-of-course (EOC) or a comparative score

A waiver of assessment results is granted by the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) team for students with disabilities. Additionally, students who have been enrolled in an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program for less than two years may meet the requirement for grade 10 ELA by satisfactorily demonstrating grade level expectations of formative assessments.

Refer to [Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments](#) for concordant and comparative scores.

Students enrolled in the following courses must participate in the corresponding EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the final course grade*:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology
- U.S. History

*Special note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC (Credit Acceleration Program [CAP]).
(See s. [1008.22](#), F.S.)

What is the difference between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical Education is not required

What is the difference between the CTE Pathway option and the 24-credit option?

- At least 18 credits are required
- 4 elective credits instead of 8
 - 2 credits in CTE courses, must result in a program completion and industry certification
 - 1.5 credits in work-based learning programs; Physical Education is not required
- Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, CTE or Practical Arts is not required

24-Credit Standard Diploma Requirements

Available To All Students, Including Students With Disabilities

4 Credits ELA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA 1, 2, 3, 4 • ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, IB and dual enrollment may satisfy this requirement
4 Credits Mathematics*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be Geometry • Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry) ** • An identified computer science*** credit may substitute for up to one mathematics credit (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)
3 Credits Science*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of which must be Biology, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses • Two of the three required course credits must have a laboratory component • Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology)** • An identified computer science*** credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology)
3 Credits Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 credit in World History • 1 credit in U.S. History • 0.5 credit in U.S. Government • 0.5 credit in Economics
1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, Career and Technical Education, or Practical Arts*
1 Credit Physical Education*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To include the integration of health
8 Elective Credits
<p>Students must earn a 2.0 unweighted grade-point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments.</p>

*Eligible courses are specified in the Florida Course Code Directory.

**Industry certifications for which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of Education may substitute for mathematics and science credit.

***A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and science credit.

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Scholar Diploma Designation

In addition to the requirements of s. [1003.4282](#), F.S., a student must satisfy the following requirements:

- Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2 or an equally rigorous course
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC++
- Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the U.S. History EOC++
- Earn 2 credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course

****Special note:** A student is exempt from the Biology 1 or U.S. History EOC assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB, or AICE Biology 1 or U.S. History course; takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and earns the minimum college credit.

Industry Scholar Diploma Designation

- Meet standard high school diploma requirements
- Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)

What is CAP?

The CAP allows a student to earn high school credit if the student passes an AP examination, a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a statewide course assessment without enrollment in the course. The courses include:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology
- U.S. History

What are the additional graduation options for students with disabilities?

Students, in collaboration with parents and the IEP team, may choose two additional standard diploma options available only to students with disabilities. Both allow students to substitute a CTE course with related content for one credit in ELA 4, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1 and U.S. History). The two options are as follows:

- Students with a most significant cognitive disability may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students enrolled in the academic and employment option must earn at least 0.5 credit via paid employment in addition to meeting the standard diploma graduation requirements.

State University System

Admission into Florida's [State University System](#) (SUS) institutions is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous course of study in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements (credit earned by industry certification does not count for SUS admission):

- High school graduation with a standard diploma, a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and admission test scores meeting minimum college-ready test scores per Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 6.008
- 16 credits of approved college preparatory academic courses per BOG Regulation 6.002
- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 level and higher)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language or other equivalents)
- 2 approved electives

Florida College System

The 28 colleges of the [Florida College System](#) serve more than 650,000 students. Colleges offer affordable and stackable workforce credentials including certificate programs, associate in science degrees and associate in arts degrees, which transfer to a bachelor's degree program. All colleges also offer workforce bachelor's degree programs in areas of high demand. All Florida College System institutions have open-door admissions for students who earned a standard high school diploma or an equivalent diploma, or earned college credit.

Career and Technical Colleges and Centers

Florida also offers students 49 accredited career and technical colleges or centers throughout the state, which provide the education and certification necessary to work in a particular career or technical field. Programs are flexible for students and provide industry-specific education and training for a wide variety of occupations.

[Career, Adult and Technical Education District Postsecondary Institutions](#)

Where is information on financial aid located?

The Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships.

[Office of Student Financial Assistance](#)

For more detailed information on Graduation Requirements visit the Florida Department of Education's webpage at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/ss/graduation-requirements/>.

CREDIT RECOVERY and GRADE FORGIVENESS

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/34481>



Need to make up credits or boost your GPA? Ask your school counselor about the options listed below. Please know that only grades of "D"s and "F"s are eligible for forgiveness, with the exception of "C"s earned in middle school.

After School Credit Recovery (ASCR):

ASCR is offered on our campus after school. All core courses (i.e., English, Math, Science, and Social Studies) are open to 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. Courses will be taken via Edmentum – a computer-based credit recovery program that allows students to work at their own pace until the subject matter is mastered. Please note that seats are limited and that a student must be first approved by the guidance department and then accepted by the ASCR coordinator. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, however, seniors are given priority placement.

A few points to be aware of: (1) students must finish all course requirements to earn credit or grade forgiveness; (2) students must earn a final grade of 80% to earn credit for the course; (3) students may not miss more than three days or nine hours of instructional time without prior approval from the ASCR coordinator; (4) students may be suspended or removed from the program for not meeting the guidelines and procedures as outlined by the ASCR coordinator and instructor(s); and (5) Edmentum courses do not meet NCAA credit requirements.

For more information or to sign up for courses, speak with your school counselor.

Florida Virtual School (FLVS Flex Option):

FLVS is a fully accredited public school that offers more than 120 free courses to K-12 public, private, and homeschool students. Every FLVS course is taught by a dedicated and certified teacher who is focused on student success. Courses are aligned with Florida and national standards and are accessible 24/7. Core courses are NCAA approved. Enrollment is open 365 days a year due to the FLVS year-round rolling enrollment model.

For more information or to sign up for courses, speak with your school counselor and visit <https://www.flvs.net>.

Night School:

Students must obtain a completed High School Credit Referral Form from their school counselor and bring it to the night school campus on the night they enroll in class. Night schools use the Edmentum credit recovery program which enables students to make up high school credits online. The curriculum is self-paced, and progress and completion of the course is mastery based. Once the work is completed, the credit is earned. Visit the websites below for school times and course offerings:

- Clearview Adult Education Center <https://www.pcsb.org/ClearviewAdult>
- Clearwater Adult Education Center <http://www.pcsb.org/caec>
- Lakewood Community <http://www.pcsb.org/lakewood-cs>

For more information or to sign up for courses, speak with your school counselor.

Pinellas Virtual School (PVS):

PVS brings together the best technologies, the best curriculum and most importantly the best of Pinellas County teachers who provide an incredible online experience. PVS uses the Canvas and Florida Virtual School learning management systems for curriculum delivery.

For more information or to sign up for courses, speak with your school counselor and visit <http://www.pcsb.org/virtualschool>.

Pinellas County Schools Summer Credit Recovery Program:

Runs much like ASCR throughout the summer.

Students in need of summer credit recovery and/or grade forgiveness will be notified by the school.

TUTORING and EXTENDED LEARNING



**MU ALPHA THETA
STUDENT TUTORS HELP**
12:05 – 12:35



Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geo/Alg. 2/Calc Library	Alg. 1/1A Library Geometry Library Alg. 2 Library AB/BC Calc Library AP Stat Library	Geo./Alg. 2 Library AB/BC Calc Library

Meeting time will revert back to 2:00-2:30 once we are back on a normal schedule.



EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM



After school from 12:35-1:35 -- Days will vary by course

- Accelerated Courses Tutoring (AP/AICE)
- ACT/SAT ELA Prep
- ACT/SAT Math Prep
- Science Tutoring
- Social Studies Tutoring
- STEM



Scan to Sign Up

Meeting time will revert back to 2:00-3:00 once we are back on a normal schedule.

DUAL ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

What is available?

Institution	DE at Osceola (part-time)	DE at the college (part-time)	Early College (full-time)	Early Admission (full-time)
Pinellas Technical College	Yes	Yes	No	No
St. Petersburg College	Yes	Yes	Yes Entering Grade 11	Yes Entering Grade 12
University of Florida Online	No	Yes	No	No
University of South Florida	No	Yes	No	Yes Entering Grade 12

Dual Enrollment Eligibility

Institution	HS GPA	College GPA	Test Scores
PTC	2.0 (UGPA) 2.5 (UGPA) for medical programs	2.0	Basic Skills Assessment: No minimum score PERT: No minimum score SAT: No minimum score ACT: No minimum score
SPC	3.0 (UGPA) for academic classes 2.0 (UGPA) for career classes	2.0	PERT: 106 R, 103 W, 114 M PSAT / SAT: 24 R, 25 W, 24 M Digital PSAT / SAT: 490 R&W, 480 M ACT: 17 E, 19 R, 19 M CLT: 38 VR&W, 16 QR
UF	3.6 (UGPA)	3.0	PSAT: 1130 ACT: 22 SAT: 1100 CLT: 72
USF	3.5 (WGPA)	2.0	PERT: 106 R, 103 W, 123 M SAT: 560 EBRW, 530 M ACT: 21 R, 21 M PSAT: 490 RW, 480 M CLT: 38 VR&W, 16 QR

Dual Enrollment Registration Processes

Institution	How to Register	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
PTC	DE Application	April 30	NA	NA
SPC DE SPC ECP SPC EA	DE Permission Form Online application PCS Student Reservation System	Last day of school Jan. 10 / Feb. 10 Jan. 10 / Feb. 10	December 6 NA NA	Last Friday of April NA NA
UF	Online application	April 12	November 8	NA
USF	Online application DE Approval Form	April 22	November 15	NA

DE students must...

- Meet all of the qualifications for the institution hosting the courses.
- Take at least 4 classes at their high school.
- Have a full schedule (7 active classes per semester).
- Have no more than 6 college level classes (DE, AP, AICE, IB) per semester.
- Be pursuing a 24-credit standard diploma.

EC/EA students must...

- Must complete World History, Biology, Geometry, and HOPE prior to starting EC/EA.
 - + EC HOPE deadline is June 30
 - + EA HOPE deadline is May 15
- All state assessment graduation requirements must be met to apply to EA.

SPC Dual Enrollment Program Registration Checklist

- ☐ See your counselor to verify that you are eligible.
 - For academic courses, you need a 3.0 unweighted cumulative GPA or a 3.0 in the subject area to be studied at SPC.
 - For career courses, you need a 2.0 unweighted cumulative GPA or a 2.0 in the subject area to be studied at SPC.
 - You must have at least 7 credits in core subjects (math, science, ELA, social studies).
- ☐ Obtain an SPC ID number and SPC Live email address by completing an online SPC application.
 - Go to spcollege.edu/apply – Click on the **High School Programs Student** option.
 - Give the number to your counselor so that it may be recorded in Focus.
- ☐ Have qualifying test scores.
 - **PERT:** 106 Reading, 103 English/Writing, 114 Math
 - **PSAT / SAT:** 24 Reading, 25 English/Writing, 24 Math
 - **Digital PSAT / SAT:** 490 Reading & Writing, 480 Math
 - **ACT:** 19 Reading, 17 English/Writing, 19 Math
 - **CLT:** 38 Verbal Reasoning & Writing, 16 Quantitative Reasoning
 - Register for the PERT here: <https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/admissions/testing>
 - Please note that high school students only have two attempts per PCS semester to take the PERT. Any additional attempts may disqualify you from SPC's dual enrollment programs.
 - Provide a copy of your results to your counselor, who will then help you complete the **PCS Permission for Dual Campus Coursework** form.
- ☐ Identify courses on the Approved Course List that you would like to take.
 - Visit pcsb.org/Page/41273 to find the list of approved courses.
- ☐ Email the required registration information to your counselor.
 - Visit pcsb.org/Page/41273 for further details and directions.
 - Failure to follow the directions and DE policies could cause a delay in the processing of your registration form, which could result in you not getting placed into dual enrollment courses because classes fill or deadlines pass.
- ☐ **MONITOR YOUR EMAIL!!!**
 - You will receive a confirmation email from SPC's DE office.
 - Verify that the course, day, time, and campus are all correct.
 - If a registration confirmation is not received, call the DE office at 727-394-6164 or 727-394-6023.
- ☐ Book Pick-Up.
 - You must pick up your core materials (textbooks and/or codes) during the designated **Book Pick-Up** week, otherwise you will be responsible for purchasing any required core materials at your own expense.
 - If you fail to return or remit payment for core materials, you will not be permitted to continue taking DE classes.
- ☐ A college GPA of 2.0 (C average) is required to remain in the DE program.

DECEMBER 6	Spring Registration Deadline
APRIL 25	Summer Registration Deadline
MAY 29	Fall Registration Deadline

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How does it Work?

What is High School Career Dual Enrollment?

High School Career Dual Enrollment (*aka Dual Enrollment*) is an educational option that allows qualified high school students to enroll in PTC postsecondary courses creditable toward both high school graduation and a career technical program certificate. Participating high school students earn weighted high school elective credits for High School Career Dual Enrollment.

STEP 1:

Consult with your High School Counselor regarding eligibility requirements and to get started

STEP 2:

Scan the QR code to access the application



dualenrollment.myptc.edu

STEP 3:

Complete application and required permission forms

Scan to learn more



Clearwater
727.538.7167

St. Petersburg
727.893.2500



High School
Career Dual
Enrollment

LEARN MORE

dualenrollment.myptc.edu

YOUR CAREER IS

Closer Than You Think...

CLW

CLEARWATER CAMPUS

727.538.7167 x 2016

6100 154th Ave N, Clearwater, FL 33760

SP

ST. PETERSBURG CAMPUS

727.893.2500 x 2060

901 34th St S, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

HS:

HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES PINELLAS COUNTY

Check HS campus program
availability below

Accounting Operations

CLW

Automotive Collision Technology Technician

SP

Barbering*

CLW SP

Building Trades & Construction Design Technology

SP HS: Dunedin | Lealman Innovation Academy
| St. Petersburg

Cabinetmaking

CLW

Central Sterile Processing Technology

SP

Computer-Aided Drawing & Modeling

SP

Computer Systems & Information Technology

CLW SP HS: Countryside

Cosmetology*

SP

Diesel Maintenance Technician

CLW

Early Childhood Education

HS: Countryside | Gibbs | Largo | Tarpon Springs

Electricity

CLW SP

Electronic Systems Integration & Automation – Limited Voltage Technician

CLW

Emergency Medical Technician

SP HS: Gibbs | Lakewood

Facials Specialty*

SP

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration

CLW SP

Interior Decorating Services

CLW

Machining Technologies

CLW HS: Hollins

Marine Service Technologies

HS: Jacobson Technical

Master Automotive Service Technology

CLW SP HS: Largo | Northeast

Medical Administrative Specialist

CLW

Nails Specialty*

SP

Network Support Services

CLW HS: Hollins

Plumbing

SP

Practical Nursing

CLW SP HS: Boca Ciega | Jacobson Technical
| Palm Harbor University

Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality

CLW SP HS: Hollins | Northeast | Osceola
| Tarpon Springs

Television Production Technology

SP

Web Development

CLW

Welding Technology

SP HS: Largo

**Program offered for co-enrollment.
Enrollment based on space availability*



2024–25 BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT), or combined SAT® score no later than August 31 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates).
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or combined hours.

REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE AN AWARD

(As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and US citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree-or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester hours.

COURSEWORK & CREDITS

16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits

- 4 English (3 must include substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (at or above Algebra 1 Level)
- 3 Natural Sciences (2 must have substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 World Language (sequential, in same language)

The required coursework aligns with the State University System admissions requirements found in regulation 6.002.

HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHTED BRIGHT FUTURES GPA

FAS	FMS
3.50	3.00

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS BY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR (ACT® /CLT®/SAT®)

FAS	FMS
2024–25 GRADUATES: 29/96/1340	2024–25 GRADUATES: 25/84/1210
2025–26 GRADUATES: 29/95/1330	2025–26 GRADUATES: 24/82/1190

VOLUNTEER AND PAID WORK HOURS

	Volunteer	Paid Work	Combination of Volunteer & Work
FAS	100	100	100
FMS	75	100	100

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS (As determined by grades & hours submitted by the postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	FAS	FMS
Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded & unweighted)	3.00	2.75

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION, INCLUDING OTHER WAYS TO QUALIFY, PLEASE REFER TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES STUDENT HANDBOOK. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING THEIR APPLICATION AND AWARD STATUS ONLINE AND ENSURING THAT FUNDING FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR IS ACCURATE BY CONTACTING THEIR INSTITUTION'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

2024–25 BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) and Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)

Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC)

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit.
4. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours.

Eligible CAPE Certifications: Active Articulation Agreements Summary
www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7525/urlt/active-articulation-summary.xlsx

SCHOLARSHIP RESTRICTIONS

Until a student has earned an eligible associate degree, Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) scholarships may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program.

Upon completion of an eligible associate degree program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward an eligible baccalaureate degree.

Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.
4. Complete at least three (3) full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program.
5. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the single Career and Technical Education program.
6. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours.
7. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below no later than August 31 of the year the student graduates from high school.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS BY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR (ACT® /CLT® /SAT®)

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT*	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT* (March 1, 2024 & thereafter)	Critical Reading or Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	490
	Mathematics	480
SAT* (Prior to March 1, 2024)	Reading	24
	Writing & Language	25
	Math Test	24
PERT (Only applies for GSV Scholarship)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

SCHOLARSHIP RESTRICTIONS

The GSV award may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program and not toward the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) and Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)

REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE AN AWARD (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and US citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree–or certificate–seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester hours.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS (As determined by grades & hours submitted by the postsecondary institution.)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. Students must maintain a minimum of cumulative 2.75 GPA (unrounded and unweighted).

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES STUDENT HANDBOOK.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING THEIR APPLICATION AND AWARD STATUS ONLINE AND ENSURING THAT FUNDING FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR IS ACCURATE BY CONTACTING THEIR INSTITUTION'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.



PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID WEBSITE

<http://www.pcsb.org/Page/376>



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+ K-12 School Counseling

Multi-Tiered System of Supports

+ Prevention Office

Financial Aid & Scholarships

[2024-25 Financial Aid Presentations- NEW!](#)

IMPORTANT FAFSA INFO

Attention Seniors: The 2025-2026 FAFSA will open by December 1st

Find out more about the FAFSA on our [FAFSA webpage](#).

Scholarships

- [Scholarship Opportunities](#) Updated 9/17/2024
- Search for scholarships with the U.S. Department of Labor's [free scholarship search tool](#)
- The [College Board's Big Future Scholarships](#) program provides scholarship opportunities for completing steps to get ready for college.
- [Scholarships for Students with Disabilities](#)

Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- [Florida Bright Futures website](#)
- [Bright Futures Volunteer Service/Paid Work Hours Process](#)
- [2023-24 Bright Futures Eligibility Chart](#)
- [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\) - Required for Bright Futures](#)

State of Florida Grant and Scholarship Programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance

Upcoming Events

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Elevating Excellence Fall
2024 ACT Prep
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Elevating Excellence Fall
2024 ACT Prep
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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***Scholarship Opportunities is a monthly publication of a scholarship list for Pinellas County Schools.**



BIGFUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Qualify to win \$40,000 just by planning for your future

Open to all students in the class of 2025, and 2026, BigFuture® awards hundreds of \$500 scholarships and at least two \$40,000 scholarships each month to students who take steps toward their career and education after high school. There is no required essay, minimum GPA or test score. You qualify yourself by taking steps to get ready for life after high school. If your family's income is less than \$60,000 per year, you will get extra chances at these scholarships and earn double the entries for every drawing.

1 Start Your Career List

Explore careers that match your interests.

Start: Any time*

Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

2 Build Your College List

Find two or four-year colleges that interest you.

Start: Any time

Deadline: By June 30 of your junior year

3 Start Your Scholarship List

Find other scholarships to help you pay for college.

Start: July 1 before your senior year

Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

4 Strengthen Your College List

Make sure your college list has a mix of reach, match, and safety schools.

Start: July 1 before your senior year

Deadline: By October 31 of your senior year

5 Complete the FAFSA

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.

Start: December of your senior year

Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

6 Apply to Colleges

Apply to the schools you want to attend.

Start: October 1 of your senior year

Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

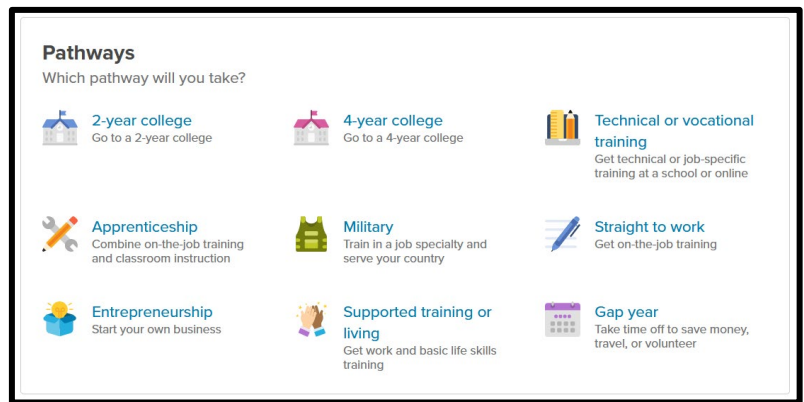
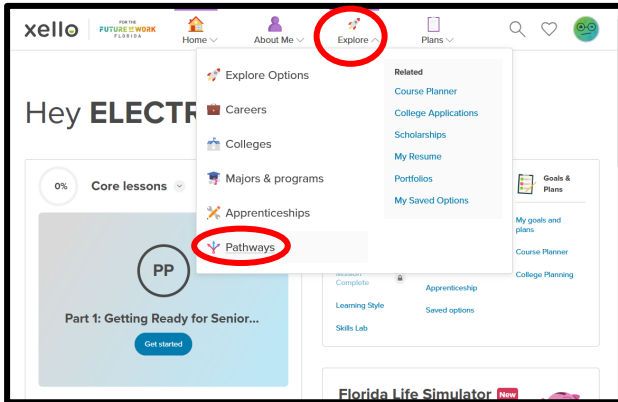
Get started at: bigfuture.org/scholarships



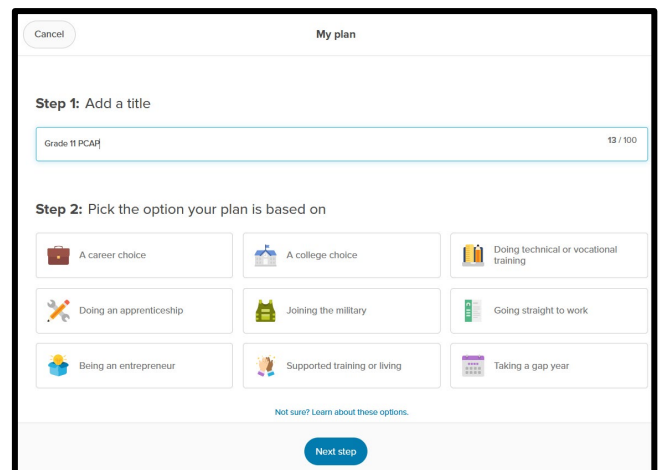
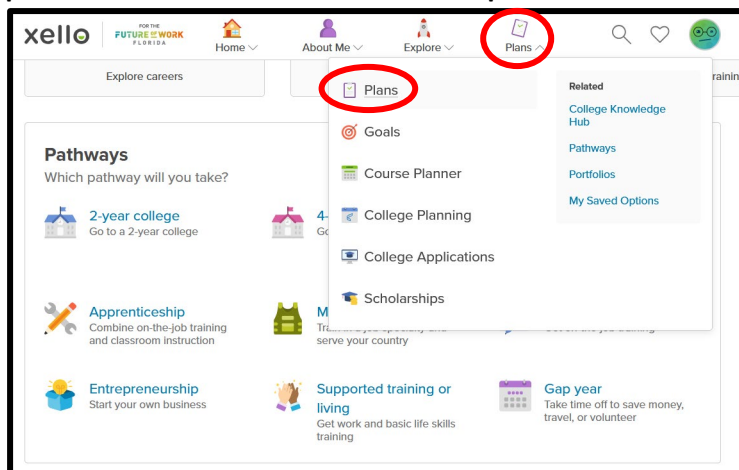
*The "Start Your Career List" step is only open to the class of 2025 and 2026.

Creating a Personalized Career and Academic Plan (PCAP)

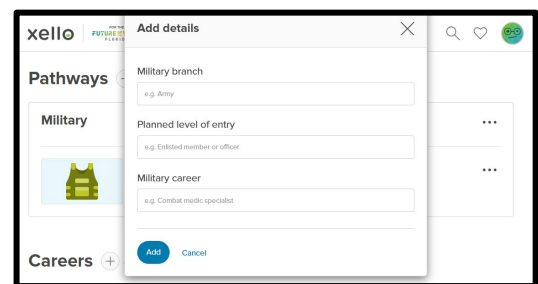
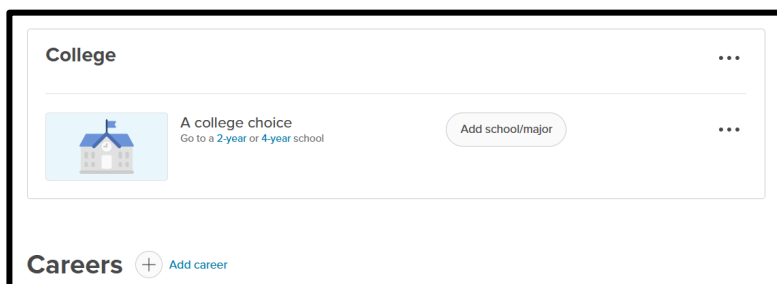
- 1) Log in to **Clever**, click on **Xello**.
- 2) Under **Explore** at the top, select **Pathways**. Scroll to the bottom to review the different Pathway options. Clicking on a pathway will open a video and give more information about that particular option.



- 3) After you've reviewed the different pathways, go to **Plans** at the top and select **Plans**. Click **Make a plan** under **Make future plans** or **+Add Plan** next to **Make future plans**.



- 4) For **Step 1**, title the plan "Grade 11 PCAP". For **Step 2**, Select an option for this plan and click **Next Step** at the bottom. This will generate tasks associated with the selected plan. Click **Done** on the next screen.
- 5) You can now review the tasks, add specific college/major information and select a specific career, or add personal notes if you like.



- 6) Click back to the Xello home page, then click **Get started** under **Part 1: Getting Ready for Senior Year (My PCAP)** located under **Core lessons**.
- 7) Explain "why you're so excited to pursue this plan" in the space provided and click **Turn in** at the bottom.

Congratulations, the Xello Semester 1: Grade 11 task is now complete!



**COLLEGE
and
CAREER
CENTER**

**CENTER HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:30 AM - 2:45 PM**



- EXPLORE CAREER IDEAS
- COLLEGE PLANNING
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- FINANCIAL AID
- RESUME SUPPORT
- AND MORE!



**Check out the CCC
Padlet resource library**



**DROP IN -
DURING LUNCH
OR AFTER SCHOOL.**

**NOTE:
STUDENTS MUST
HAVE A PASS FROM
THEIR TEACHER
TO VISIT THE CENTER DURING
CLASS TIME.**

**MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT
WITH BOOKINGS**



QUESTIONS? EMAIL MS. LONG - LONGJUL@PCSB.ORG





LUNCH WITH THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS!



Monday - Thursday

*Drop in the College & Career Center
during lunch to ask a question!*

MONDAY

Ms. Nymark -

10th - 12th Grade, A - G

Email - nymarkk@pcsb.org

TUESDAY

Ms. Jackson -

10th - 12th Grade, H - O

Email - jacksontw@pcsb.org

WEDNESDAY

Ms. Havekotte - 9th Grade

Email - havekottea@pcsb.org

THURSDAY

Ms. Polizzi -

10th - 12th Grade, P - Z

Email - polizzie@pcsb.org

Ms. Long is in the Front Office from 10:30 -12:30

11th Grade Post-Secondary Preparation

This is a key year in the college planning process because you'll be taking standardized tests, narrowing down your college list, and learning more about financial aid. In addition, you'll need to stay involved in your high school courses and activities.

Fall: Take the PSAT and start a list of colleges

☐ **Stay on track with your classes and grades.**

Meet with your counselor to see what you still need to take. Check on your class rank and your GPA. Even if your grades haven't been that good so far, it's never too late to improve. Colleges like to see an upward trend.

☐ **Take the PSAT.**

Taking the test qualifies you for the National Merit Scholarship program, which means you could earn money for college. In addition, it's a good way to practice for the SAT.

☐ **Evaluate your education options.**

Now is the time to follow a more specific path. Decide whether you want to pursue full-time employment, further education or training (such as a vocational-technical school, career college, or two-year or four-year college), or a military career. If you're interested in attending a military academy, talk to your school counselor about starting the application process now.

☐ **Make a college list.**

Your list of colleges should include schools that meet your most important criteria (for example, size, location, cost, academic majors, or special programs). Weigh each of the factors according to their importance to you and develop a preliminary ranking of the schools on your list.

☐ **Continue gathering college information.**

Go to college fairs, attend college nights, and speak with college representatives who visit your high school; use an online college finder and search top college lists. You may be able to narrow your choices or add a school to your list.

☐ **Organize a testing plan.**

Figure out when you'll be taking important tests like the SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests, and AP exams, and mark the dates on your calendar. You'll want to have plenty of time to prepare.

☐ **Make sure you're meeting any special requirements.**

If you want to play Division I or II sports in college, start the certification process and check with your counselor to make sure you're taking a core curriculum that meets NCAA requirements.

Winter: Stay involved, organize college lists, and prepare for standardized tests

☐ **Stay involved with extracurricular activities.**

Colleges look for consistency and depth in the non-academic activities you pursue. Taking on leadership roles and making a commitment to the same groups are more important than trying out tons of new activities each year.

☐ **Organize your college information.**

Set up a filing system with individual folders for each college's correspondence and printed materials. This will make it easier to locate the specific information you're looking for.

☐ **Begin narrowing down your college choices.**

Make sure you have all the information you need about the colleges you're interested in (entrance requirements, tuition, room and board costs, course offerings, student activities, financial aid, etc.). Then begin comparing the schools by the factors that are most important to you and rank your choices.

☐ **Prepare for standardized tests.**

Find out if the colleges you are interested in require the SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Tests. Register to take the tests you need; most juniors take them in the winter or spring. You can take them again in the fall of your senior year if you're unhappy with your scores.

☐ **Talk to your family.**

Have a discussion about the colleges you're interested in. Your family can learn about what you want to pursue and you can hear any concerns or suggestions they might have.

☐ **Learn more about financial aid.**

Examine your family's financial resources and gather information about financial aid from the schools you're interested in. High-school sponsored financial aid nights, college financial aid counselors, and advice articles are also good sources of information.

Spring: Search for scholarships and gather recommendations

☐ **Prepare a challenging schedule for senior year.**

Meet with your counselor to determine what classes you'll take next year and to make sure you're on track for graduation. When you pick your classes, don't load up on easy electives. Colleges do consider your senior year courses and grades, so stick with a schedule that challenges you.

☐ **Start a scholarship search.**

There are lots of scholarships out there; you just need to spend a little bit of time and effort to find them. Check with your guidance office for scholarships from local organizations and use online scholarship search tools to find a wider range of options. The sooner you start looking for scholarships, the easier it will be to select some to apply to during your senior year.

☐ **Contact your recommendation writers.**

Teachers and school counselors are often asked to write recommendations for lots of students. Consider whom you want to ask now and let them know so they'll have time to prepare before getting tons of requests in the fall. Ask teachers who know you well and who will have positive things to say. Letters of recommendation from a coach, activity leader, or adult who knows you well outside of school are also valuable.

☐ **Apply for a summer job or internship.**

Summer employment and internships in fields you're interested in will look appealing on a college application or resume. The money you earn can also be used to help pay application and testing fees in the fall.

☐ **Set up appointments at your top college choices.**

You'll often have to plan ahead when visiting colleges. Call the admissions office to set up a personal interview, tour, and a meeting with a professor or coach if you're interested. You can also ask them to send you an application.

Summer: Visit colleges and work on application essays

☐ **Visit colleges.**

Visit the campuses of your top five college choices. Take a tour and speak with the admissions and financial aid staff. You may also be able to talk to students if some classes are in session. If you have an interview, be sure to send a thank-you letter to the interviewer once you return home.

☐ **Get advice from other college students.**

If you have friends or relatives in college, talk to them about what college life is like, especially if they attend a school you're interested in. Although it's important to hear what the admissions staff has to say about a school, it's also important to get the students' perspective.

☐ **Organize your financial aid information.**

Develop a plan that includes a list of the aid sources, requirements for each application, and a timetable for meeting the filing deadlines. Getting organized will make the process of applying a lot easier because you'll know where to find important information.

☐ **Start working on your application essays.**














Compose rough drafts of the essays you'll need for your college applications. Have a teacher read and discuss them with you so you can see what to work on. Make any revisions to your application essays and prepare final drafts. Don't forget to proofread your final essays a few times.

☐ **Make early decision preparations.**

If you plan to apply early decision to any school, take the time to visit the school again and make sure you're willing to commit. If you elect to apply early decision, you should start working on your application as soon as possible because its deadline will be earlier than others.

Scan the code for the full guide.



	NAME OF INSTITUTION	SUMMER SEMESTER					
		Total Enrollment	Total Undergraduate Enrollment (2023)	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT
							
	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,742	8,011	348	3.47	1025	19.88
	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,458	1,150	3.33 – 4.0	1030 – 1090	20 – 24
	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	16,230	14,243	400	3.16 – 4.21	1030 – 1160	19 – 24
	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	38,715	3,600	3.9 – 4.4	1090 – 1190	21 – 24
	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,569	200	3.96	1130	23
	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,234	32,217	2,600	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1360	28 – 30
	NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	383	361	8	3.36	1045	23
	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,547	3,400	3.91 – 4.38	1180 – 1240	24 – 26
	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	60,489	38,347	1,800	4.5 – 4.7	1240 – 1400	27 – 32
	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,575	13,897	1,500	3.63 – 3.96	1000 – 1160	19 – 25
	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	36,452	3,211	3.61 – 4.15	1100 – 1190	22 – 25
	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,343	9,646	40	3.51 – 4.1	1000 – 1210	19 – 25

This matrix was produced by Florida International University.

	FALL SEMESTER							
Middle 50% FTIC CLT	Anticipated class size	Average or middle 50% FTIC GPA	Middle 50% Admit FTIC SAT	Middle 50% Admit FTIC ACT	Middle 50% FTIC CLT	SSAR/SPARK	Self-Reported Test Scores	2+2 Program
	1,100 – 1,400	3.84	1120 – 1150	21 – 23	76	YES	NO	IGNITE
78 – 91	4,250	3.73 – 4.34	1090 – 1270	22 – 28	76 – 90	YES	YES	Link2FAU
54 – 68	2,400	3.80 – 4.54	1070 – 1230	21 – 26	63 – 67	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
63 – 78	1,650	4.1 – 4.7	1250 – 1390	26 – 31	83 – 94	NO	NO	Connect4Success
N/A	330	4.35	1160 – 1360	25 – 31	81	YES	YES	N/A
84 – 86 (6 students)	3,400	4.2 – 4.6	1360 – 1470	30 – 33	92-97 (4 students)	YES	YES	Aspire Transfer Programs through Tallahassee State College (Traditional, Elite, Honors, Online)
53	230	3.96	1170	24	82	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
81 – 88	4,900	4.01 – 4.55	1300 – 1420	29 – 31	92 – 100	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
N/A too few	5,400	4.5 – 4.7	1380 – 1510	31 – 34	N/A too few	YES	YES	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe; Gator Design and Construction @ Santa Fe
58 – 65	1,500	4.14 – 4.57	1130 – 1300	24 – 29	71 – 86	YES	NO	Transfer2UNF
67 – 82	4,068	4.07 – 4.55	1250 – 1400	27 – 31	81 – 91	YES	NO	FUSE
	1,460	3.69 – 4.24	1040 – 1240	20 – 27		YES	NO	2UWF



**An asterisk beside the institution name means the institution is "TEST OPTIONAL".*

	ADVENT HEALTH UNIVERSITY*	BARRY UNIVERSITY*	ECKERD COLLEGE*	EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY*	FLAGLER COLLEGE*	FLORIDA COLLEGE*	FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE*	JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY*	KEISER UNIVERSITY FLAGSHIP CAMPUS*
	www.ahu.edu	www.barry.edu	www.eckerd.edu	daytonabeach.erau.edu	www.flagler.edu	www.floridacollege.edu	www.fit.edu	www.flsouthern.edu	www.ju.edu	www.keiseruniversity.edu/residential
LOCATION	ORLANDO, FL	MIAMI SHORES, FL	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	DAYTONA BEACH, FL	ST. AUGUSTINE, FL	TEMPLE TERRACE, FL	MELBOURNE, FL	LAKELAND, FL	JACKSONVILLE, FL	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
UNDERGRADUATE/FULL TIME ENROLLMENT	1221	2,040	1,950	7,551	2,359	591	3,500	2,721	2,698	1175
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	83%	69%	20%	28.73%	56%	0	40%	56%	48%	40%
ADMISSION DEADLINE	JULY 1	ROLLING	EARLY ACTION 11/15 THEN ROLLING	JAN 15 & ROLLING	NOV 1 (ED) & MARCH 1 (RD)	ROLLING	ROLLING	Nov 1 - ED/EA, Mar 1 - RD	MAY 1	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	3.23	3.42	3.4-3.7	3.99	3.67	3.5-3.9	3.51-3.93	3.4 - 4.1 (weighted)	3.7	3.2-3.4
MIDRANGE/AVG. SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	Test Optional	967*	1120-1290*	1250	1157	1065-1130	1150-1330	1170-1360	1220	990 TEST OPTIONAL*
MIDRANGE/AVG. ACT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	Test Optional	18*	23-29*	27	29	21-24	24-30	24-30	25	19
TUITION, FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD	\$43,740	\$48,400	\$66,618	\$58,856	\$45,030	\$31,215	\$59,420	\$58,400	\$65,740	\$53,179
ACCEPT AICE? AP? IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$5,673	\$8,686	\$29,000	\$1,738	\$16,586	\$6,299	\$4,000	\$26,704	\$30,000	\$6,543
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$4,967	\$13,908	\$18,000	\$14,179	\$4,049	\$5,916	\$20,000	\$23,305	\$30,000	\$11,000
TOP 3 MAJORS	NURSING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY HEALTHCARE ADMIN.	MANAGEMENT NURSING PSYCHOLOGY	MARINE SCIENCE ANIMAL STUDIES ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE AEROSPACE ENG. MECHANICAL ENG.	BIOLOGY COASTAL ENVIRON. SCIENCE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP	BUSINESS ADMIN. NURSING KINESIOLOGY	AEROSPACE ENG. AERO SCI, W/ FLIGHT COMPUTER SCIENCE	BIOLOGY NURSING BUSINESS	NURSING AVIATION HEALTH SCIENCES	GOLF MGMT. EXERCISE SCIENCE BUSINESS ADMIN.
	LYNN UNIVERSITY*	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*	RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN*	ROLLINS COLLEGE*	SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY*	SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*	STETSON UNIVERSITY*	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI*	THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA*	WARNER UNIVERSITY*
	www.lynn.edu	www.nova.edu	www.ringling.edu	www.rollins.edu	www.saintleo.edu	www.seu.edu	www.stetson.edu	www.miami.edu	www.ut.edu	www.warner.edu
LOCATION	BOCA RATON, FL	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL	SARASOTA, FL	WINTER PARK, FL	SAINT LEO, FL	LAKELAND, FL	DELAND, FL	CORAL GABLES, FL	TAMPA, FL	LAKE WALES, FL
UNDERGRADUATE/FULL TIME ENROLLMENT	2,311	7,219	1,722	2,229	2,099	2,500	2,260	12,570	9,585	894
PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	31%	49%	24%	50%	65%	55%	66%	32%	20%	82%
ADMISSION DEADLINE	NOV 15 EA 1, JAN 15 EA 2, Rolling	NOV 1 ED/EA, FEB 1 REGULAR	ROLLING, ANIMATION JAN. 15	NOV. 15/FEB. 15	ROLLING	ROLLING	Nov. 1	NOV 1 ED/EA, JAN 6 ED 2/R2	ED-NOV. 1, EA-NOV. 15, RD-MAR. 1	ROLLING
MIDRANGE GPA	3.47	3.92	3.2-3.87	3.5	3.3 (UNWEIGHTED)	3.56	3.89	3.86	3.6	3.23
MIDRANGE/AVG. SAT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	1175	1090-1330	N/A	1150-1350	1120-1170*	1120	1140-1300	1360-1490	1240	960
MIDRANGE/AVG. ACT (CR & M, MIDDLE 50%)	24	24-31	N/A	24-29	20-23*	24	24-30	31-34	24.8	18
TUITION, FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD	\$56,700	\$55,540	\$73,490	\$71,690	\$44,640	\$42,530	\$75,138	\$86,406	\$49,020	\$43,797
ACCEPT AICE? AP? IB? DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)? ALL?	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
AVG NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$6,754	\$23,514	\$7,317	\$38,231	\$1,069	\$6,408	\$44,442	\$47,156	\$18,328	N/A
AVG NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	\$18,568	\$19,064	\$10,305	\$25,462	\$14,501	\$18,085	\$29,904	\$24,895	\$13,495	\$18,880
TOP 3 MAJORS	INT'L. BUSINESS MGMT. ENTREPRENEURSHIP SPORTS MGMT.	BIOLOGY PRE-NURSING PSYCHOLOGY	COMPUTER ANIMATION ILLUSTRATION GAME ART	BUSINESS BIOLOGY PSYCHOLOGY	PRE-NURSING BUSINESS BIOLOGY	MINISTRY PSYCHOLOGY NURSING	HEALTH SCIENCE PYSCHOLOGY BUSINESS ADMIN.	BIOLOGY NURSING BSN BUSINESS	UNDECIDED FINANCE MARKETING	BUSINESS ADMIN. AGRICULTURE EXERCISE SCIENCE

For more information, please visit our Web site: www.pcuf.net

Post-Secondary Options

THE FL COLLEGE SYSTEM

<https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/about-us/colleges.stml>

Florida's colleges remain the primary point of access to higher education in Florida, with 65 percent of the state's high school graduates pursuing postsecondary education beginning at one of Florida's 28 colleges.

The 28 state colleges offer career-related certificates and two-year associate degrees that prepare students to transfer to a bachelor's degree program or to enter jobs requiring specific skills. Many also offer baccalaureate degrees in high-demand fields.

Florida College System institutions have an open-door policy. This means students will be admitted to an associate degree program.

THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

<https://icuf.org/our-colleges/>

The Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) is a diverse association of 30 private, not-for-profit, higher education institutions. All are based in Florida and are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS). They serve more than 150,000 degree-seeking students.

THE PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

<https://www.pcuf.net/>

Private College and Universities of Florida (PCUF) is an organization of twenty of Florida's most competitive and prestigious private colleges and universities. They work with over 79,000 of the best and brightest college students from Florida, the United States, and the world.

PCUF believes that a private education can offer support, community, and mentorship that is a better fit than state institutions for many high school students. Collectively, they are here to offer students amazing opportunities, academically, athletically, and socially.

NONPUBLIC POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS/COLLEGES

<https://web02.fldoe.org/CIE/SearchSchools/SchoolSearch.aspx>

There are also numerous institutions that have met the requirements of the Commission for Independent Education to operate a nonpublic postsecondary school/college in the state of Florida.

CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

https://www.pcsb.org/Page/21885#career_and_tech_schools

Vocational education is education that prepares people to work in a trade, a craft, as a technician, or in professional vocations such as engineering, accountancy, nursing, medicine, architecture, or law. Craft vocations are usually based on manual or practical activities and are traditionally non-academic but related to a specific trade or occupation.

THE MILITARY

<https://www.todaysmilitary.com>

When it comes to learning about the Military, knowing where to start your research may seem daunting. Don't worry — Today's Military is there to help.

The first steps to considering service include understanding the Military's basic entrance requirements, exploring the different Service branches and deciding between enlisted and officer career paths.

Today's Military overview pages show the various stages of a military career, from the joining process to training, working and taking advantage of military benefits.

College Days

Any post-secondary visitation, whether it is to a university/college, a technical/vocational school, or a military recruiter's office is known as a "College Day." A College Day is a Code 3 excused absence, which does not affect your exam exemption eligibility. College Days are limited to one (1) day for Juniors and three (3) days for Seniors. However, in order to receive the Code 3 excused absence, you must follow this procedure:

1. Turn in a **College Day Request Form** (copies are located in the Guidance lobby or can be downloaded from the Guidance website), or bring a note from your parent, to your clerk at least three (3) days prior to the visit.
2. Obtain an original letter on letterhead/stationary from the location of your visit that addresses you by name and confirms the date of your visitation.
3. Return the letter to your alpha clerk upon your return to school.

Also, please note that you are responsible for obtaining and completing all missed class and homework assignments due to the College Day absence.

Transcripts

All official transcript requests for college applications are to be made through your Xello account.

Unofficial transcripts can be obtained from your alpha clerk:

A-G	Mrs. Bowling	bowlingt@pcsb.org
H-O	Mrs. Turner	turnerdi@pcsb.org
P-Z	Mrs. Sirabella	sirabellaa@pcsb.org

Letters of Recommendation and Secondary School Reports

Letters of recommendation should be written by someone who can describe your skills, accomplishments and personality. Colleges and employers value recommendations because they: (1) reveal things about you that grades and test scores can't; (2) provide personal opinions of your character; and (3) show who is willing to speak on your behalf. Letters of recommendation work for you when they present you in the best possible light, showcasing your skills and abilities. In order to request a letter of recommendation, please follow this procedure:

1. Complete a **Student Resume for Letters of Recommendation** form (copies are located in the Guidance lobby or can be downloaded from the Guidance website).
2. Provide the Student Resume to the recommender(s) (e.g., teacher, counselor, coach, administrator, etc...).
3. Letters of recommendation requests for college applications can be made in your Naviance account. For any other type of LOR, give your recommender(s) addressed and stamped envelopes for each scholarship program and/or employer that requires a recommendation.
4. Make your recommender(s) aware of any deadlines. Be sure to give them at least two (2) weeks before your earliest deadline to complete and send your letters.
5. Follow up with your recommender(s) a week or so before recommendations are due to make sure your letters have been sent.

2024 – 2025

COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST DATES



SAT Exam: collegeboard.org

Cost: \$68
Late Fee: + \$34

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 24, 2024	August 9	August 13
October 5, 2024	September 20	September 24
November 2, 2024	October 18	October 22
December 7, 2024	November 22	November 26
March 8, 2025	February 21	February 25
May 3, 2025	April 18	April 22
June 7, 2025	May 22	May 27

Students taking the digital SAT [who need to borrow a device from College Board](#) will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.



ACT Exam: act.org

Cost: \$69
Late Fee: + \$38

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Standby / Photo Upload Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20	July 4

Stop by the College & Career Center for information on FREE test prep and test registration resources.

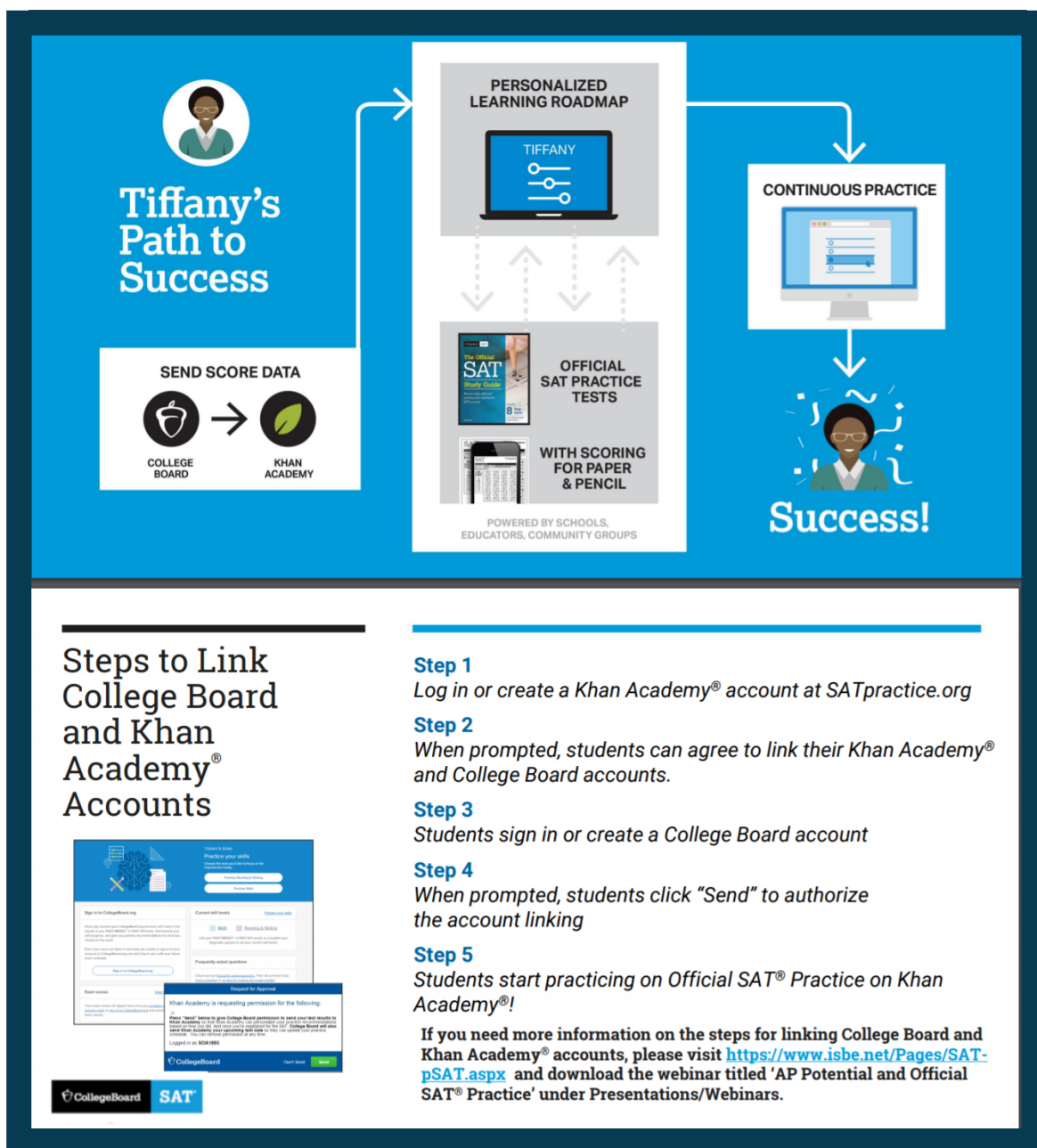




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FYI from Khan Academy -

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? Questions - Stop by the College and Career Center



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BASIC STUDY SKILLS

- **USE A DAY PLANNER / AGENDA BOOK**

Keep up with assignments, due dates, etc.

- **TIME FORMULA**

Time outside of school, **5 days a week**

Grade (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) X 10 min = # of Mins/Day

- 90-120 minutes a day for high school X 5 days a week
- Add 30 mins per Honors class
- Add 1 hour per AP class

- **LOOK AT EVERY SUBJECT / EVERY NIGHT**

- Take out and open agenda book.
- Take folders out of back pack.
- Look on FOCUS as well as teacher posted site.
- Ask:
 1. What did I do in (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) period?
 2. Did I finish it? Do I have work? Where is it?
 3. When is the next test / project / deadline?

- **NO LOOSE PAPERS**

Have a folder, notebook, binder or binder section for EVERY subject.

- **ENGAGE IN CLASS**

Ask questions.

- Ask 1 to 3 questions per class, per week to engage in the discussions / topics.

Volunteer to answer / lead discussions.

- **COMMUNICATION WITH THE TEACHER**

Maintain regular communication with your teacher, via email, class discussion, chat, etc.