

**WELCOME PARENTS
& FAMILIES!**

**ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPT**

NOVEMBER 2023

TODAY'S AGENDA

- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW
- POST-SECONDARY PLANNING OPTIONS
- Q & A



IB Diploma Programme students are exempt from the credit requirements.

Graduation Requirements

24-CREDIT TRADITIONAL DIPLOMA

IB Career-related Programme students must meet the credit requirements.

Grade Point Average (GPA)	2.0
Community Service	20 Hours
Language Arts (English)	4.0 Credits
Mathematics	4.0 Credits (1.0 Algebra 1 and 1.0 Geometry, 2.0 additional math)
Science	3.0 Credits (1.0 Biology, 1.0 Physical Science (Earth/Space, Chemistry, Physical Science, Physics), 1.0 Science Elective)
Social Studies	3.0 Credits (1.0 World History, 1.0 US History, 0.5 Economics, 0.5 US Government)
Practical/Performing Art	1.0 Credit (Career Academy courses now satisfy this requirement!)
Physical Education	1.0 Credit (0.5 PE and 0.5 Personal Fitness OR 1.0 HOPE)
Electives	8.0 Credits (current 9 th graders must include 0.5 Personal Financial Literacy)

Testing Requirements

FAST (FL Assessment of Student Thinking)	Grade 10 FAST ELA (Level 3 or higher) OR any concordant scores below: ACT (English and Reading): Average of 18 SAT (EBRW): 480 CLT (Verbal and Grammar): 36 combined score
EOC (End-of-Course) Assessments	Algebra 1 (Level 3 or higher) OR Geometry (Level 3 or higher) OR any concordant scores below: PSAT/NMSQT: 430 SAT Math: 420 ACT Math: 16 CLT (Quantitative Reasoning Section): 11 Must take the below EOCs to earn credit for the class: Biology 1 US History Geometry
Florida Civic Literacy Test	Students are required to take the assessment. Students who earn a passing score on the Civic Literacy assessment will be exempt from the postsecondary Civic Literacy assessment.

Earning Credits

Quarters: There are 4 quarters during the school year, each about 9 weeks in length.

Semesters: A semester consists of 2 quarters; there are 2 semesters in the school year.

CREDITS:

- Half-year semester courses are awarded 0.5 credit upon successful completion.
- Year-long non-EOC courses are worth 1.0 credit with 0.5 credit awarded each semester upon successful completion.
- EOC courses are worth 1.0 credit and are awarded at the end of semester 2 upon successful completion; the EOC counts for 30% of final course grade and **MUST** be taken to earn course credit (Alg. 1, Geo., Bio., U.S. History)

G.P.A.

Grade Point Average

Computing GPA: Total points divided by total number of classes/credits

Unweighted GPA = 4.0 Scale

Weighted GPA = 6.0 Scale

*Weighted courses

Grade	Regular	Honors*	*AICE, AP, IB
A	4.0	4.50	6.0
B	3.0	3.375	4.50
C	2.0	2.25	3.0
D	1.0	1.125	1.5
F	0	0	0

Example (non-weighted):

Course	Grades = Points	Credits
English	B = 3.0	1.0
Math	A = 4.0	1.0
Science	A = 4.0	1.0
Social Studies	B = 3.0	1.0
PE	B = 3.0	1.0
World Language	A = 4.0	1.0
Art	B = 3.0	1.0
Total	24.0 points	7 credits

$24 \text{ (points)} / 7 \text{ (total credits)} = 3.42 \text{ GPA}$

Post-Secondary Planning (Aka life after high school!)

WHAT ARE MY STUDENT'S OPTIONS?

- **4-year University:** Earn Bachelor's Degree and higher
- **Community College:** Earn Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree in selective majors
- **Trade/Vocational School:** Earn certifications to enter the workforce
- **Enlist in the military** with the option of attending college either during or after service
- **Enter the workforce** immediately upon high school graduation

4-YEAR UNIVERSITY

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Varies based on the school; see next slide for examples

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS?

Pros: Higher earning potential, access to more jobs, more learning and networking opportunities, potential for positive “campus life” experiences. Flexibility in scheduling (i.e., online, hybrid, in-person)

Cons: Much higher cost of tuition/fees; student debt after graduation more likely. Distractions.

FL SUS ADMISSIONS (Middle Ranges Fall 2023)

		GPA	SAT	ACT	DEADLINE	Line 1 = early action or priority, Line 2 = final		GPA	SAT	ACT	DEADLINE	
 FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY Tallahassee, FL admissions.famu.edu		3.91	1070-1240	22-27	11.1.23 4.1.24		 NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA Sarasota, FL ncf.edu/admissions		4.03	1100-1310	22-29	11.1.23 2.1.24
 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY Boca Raton, FL fau.edu/admissions		3.70-4.30	1090-1250	22-28	11.1.23 4.1.24		 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA Orlando, FL admissions.ucf.edu		4.1-4.5	1260-1380	26-30	11.1.23 5.1.24
 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY Fort Myers, FL fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid		3.76-4.51	1080-1230	21-26	11.1.23 3.1.24		 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA Gainesville, FL admissions.ufl.edu		4.4-4.6	1370-1510	31-34	11.1.23 3.1.24
 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY Miami, FL admissions.fiu.edu		4.1-4.7	1240-1370	26-30	10.23.23 3.25.24		 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA Jacksonville, FL unf.edu/admissions		3.80-4.44	1060-1250	21-27	11.1.23 4.1.24
 FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY Lakeland, FL floridapoly.edu/admissions		4.0-4.7	1250-1390	28-32	11.15.23 3.1.24		 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA Tampa, FL usf.edu/admissions		4.10-4.59	1250-1390	27-31	11.1.23 3.1.24
 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY Tallahassee, FL admissions.fsu.edu		4.3-4.6	1340-1450	29-33	10.15.23 12.1.23		 UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA Pensacola, FL uwf.edu/admissions		3.95	1050-1230	21-27	12.1.23 6.1.24

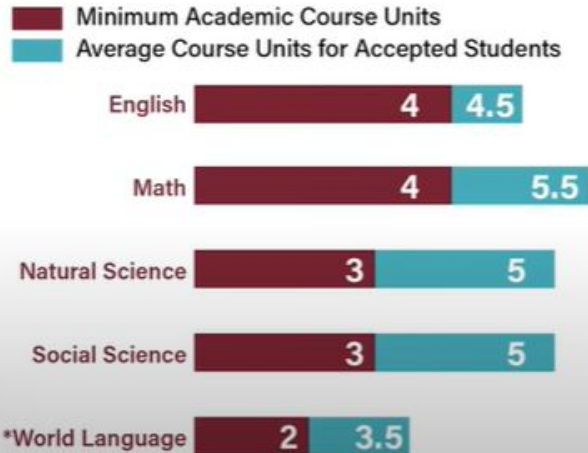
Florida State University Average Admitted Student Academics

EARLY ACTION ADMITTED STUDENT ACADEMICS

Top Areas of Study



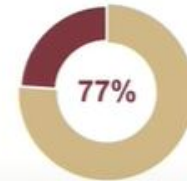
Average Course Units



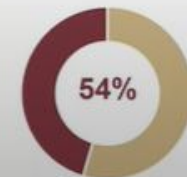
**Two sequential units of one World Language are required.*

Course Attributes

All A/B Grades



Advanced Math



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

High School Diploma

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS?

Pros: SAVE MONEY!!! Tuition/fees much lower cost than Universities/private colleges. Smaller class sizes, flexible scheduling, career-focused. 2 + 2 program = transfer to state university after 2 years.

Cons: Limited course options, different college experience, less accountability.

TRADE SCHOOLS

WHAT IS A TRADE SCHOOL?

A trade school (also known as a technical school) is a postsecondary educational institution designed to train students for a specific job in a skilled trade career. A trade school offers hands-on training to prepare students for actual work in their chosen field. Trade school programs are concentrated entirely on relevant job training.

Examples: Welders, Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers, Plumbers, Heating & Air Conditioning, Dental Hygienist, Electrician, Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, etc.

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS?

Pros: Hands-on training, applicable skills, faster education, smaller class sizes.

Cons: Limited career growth, limited school options, limited financial aid options, rigorous schedule.

MILITARY BOUND

HOW CAN MY STUDENT JOIN THE MILITARY?

Military recruitment. Juniors and seniors can take the ASVAB test (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on campus to determine which branch they are most suitable for (administered twice yearly; students are emailed when the opportunity arises)

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS?

Pros: Money given toward college education, military benefits, traveling opportunities, builds character, provides structure.

Cons: Serious commitment and dedication to long work hours, no choice in where you'll be sent or what work you'll be asked to do.

ENTERING THE WORKFORCE

MY STUDENT WILL BE WORKING FULL-TIME INSTEAD OF ATTENDING
A POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL.

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS?

Pros: Accumulating substantial experience can help you grow within company.

Cons: Lower paying jobs can create “burn out”, less job security, fewer opportunities to advance without degree

"I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I WANNA DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL"



Career & Postsecondary Exploration Resources:

- [Xello](#) - Florida's official K-12 online career planning/work-based learning coordination provider
 - Coming soon to student portal!
- [Florida Shines](#) - free online tools/resources to help students succeed in school, earn a college degree, and embark on a rewarding career
- [Get My Future](#) - U.S. Dept of Labor's career/postsecondary readiness site geared toward young adults
- [Big Future](#) - Compare colleges, explore careers, learn about financial aid and scholarships

PLANNING

HOW CAN MY STUDENT PREPARE NOW FOR THEIR FUTURE?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend school regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer in the community; this may also be a career exploration opportunity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain good grades & communicate with teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore careers and colleges online or at fairs, tours, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop strong study & organizational habits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Scholarship Opportunities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ FastWeb◦ ATL Senior Scholarship List◦ ATL Grades 9-11 Scholarship List
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College-bound students:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Take rigorous courses (AICE, AP, IB, Dual Enrollment)◦ Prepare for the SAT/ACT in 11th grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work part-time jobs and internships
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend tutoring if needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be involved! Join clubs/sports

Bright Futures Scholarship

General Requirements- info sheet

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student's postsecondary institution.
- Complete the application no later than August 31 after high school graduation

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award (100% tuition) or the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award (75% tuition) must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Complete the required high school coursework;
- Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA);
- Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT®, CLT®, or SAT® college entrance exam by August 31 of high school graduation year;
- Complete the required number of volunteer service, paid work hours, or the combination of 100 total hours

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

Bright Futures Scholarship

Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship- students completing a career technical ed program, to 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 towards the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

Other Ways to Qualify for Bright Futures:

IB Diploma Recipients (**full IB diploma waives test requirements**)

IB Diploma Curriculum (students who do not earn the IB diploma) **must have ELIGIBLE TEST SCORES!!!!**

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year		Volunteer Service*	Paid Work Hours*	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2023-24	2024-25				
National Merit® Finalists and Scholars			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
National Hispanic Recognition Program			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) - Diploma			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma			100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
			75 hours			FMS
AICE - Curriculum	29/96/1340	29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
	25/84/1210	25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Curriculum	29/96/1340	29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FAS
	25/84/1210	25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	FMS

*Student must earn the required volunteer service, paid work hours, or a combination of both equal to 100 total hours.

Q & A

QUESTIONS?

HOW DID WE DO? PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY!



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