Class of 2025 Assembly Dr. Joaquin Garcia High School School Counseling Department



Graduation Requirements

- 24 credits in required areas
- A minimum GPA of 2.0
- Passing Score on the Alg 1 EOC or concordant score
- Passing Score on the 10th grade Reading FST or concordant score
- 20 community service hours

Credit Breakdown

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits
 - Algebra 1
 - Geometry
 - 2 Math Electives
- 3 Science Credits
 - Biology
 - Physical Science
 - Physical Sci, Chemistry, Earth/Space, Physics
 - 1 Science Elective

- 3 Social Studies Credits
 - World History
 - US History
 - Gov/Econ
- 1 Performing/Practical Art Credit
 - Fine Arts, Speech, Debate, etc.
- 0.5 Personal Fitness Credit and 0.5 PE Credit
- 8 Elective Credits

Grade Forgiveness

How to help students meet the 2.0 GPA requirement

- Available to students who have earned a D or F as a semester grade
- Florida Virtual School (FLVS)-this option if you plan to play sports in college
- Edgenuity Credit Lab
- Course remains on transcript, grade forgiveness removes the lower grade from the cumulative GPA



SAT and ACT

Helping with College Readiness and to Meet Concordant Scores for graduation

SAT

- Reading & Writing and Math sections
- Maximum score on each section is 800
- Going digital starting March 2024
- www.collegeboard.org

CollegeBoard

ACT

- Verbal, Math, Reading, Science sections
- Maximum score on each section is 36
- www.act.org

PSAT Help prepare for the SAT

- Completed in their Sophomore year
- Score report can be downloaded from www.collegeboard.org
- My College QuickStart
 - Personalized online college and career planning kit available for all students who took the PSAT/NMSQT
- Use Khan Academy as a free study resource
 - Can <u>link</u> accounts for personalized feedback



Community Service

- <u>Community Service Guidelines</u>
- Non-paid volunteer work with a non-profit agency
- 20 hours required for graduation
 - 75-100 hours are required for Bright Futures Scholarship(100 if earning AICE diploma)



February and March

- Prepare, Register, and take SAT/ACT
- Explore colleges
 - Internet searches, schedule virtual college tours, network with current college students
- Explore college majors (career assessments)
- Plan senior year courses

April and May

- Continue to take SAT/ACT
- Make a list of college options, attend virtual/in-person tours
- Familiarize yourself with the application process, deadlines, and plan how you will apply
 - Common App, Coalition, Institution website
- Request teacher recommendations if applicable

Timeline for Juniors

June and July

- Finalize list of colleges
- Complete college essays
- Work on resume and personal statement if applicable
- College Visits of top choices

August and September

- Apply to colleges
- Request teacher/counselor recommendations if applicable



Timeline for Juniors

College Admissions Criteria

- Academic courses and achievements
 - Junior years grades are the last chance to demonstrate abilities to college
 - Colleges still consider courses taken in senior year
- Test scores (SAT/ACT)
- Admissions essays
- Recommendations
- Leadership
- Extra-curricular accomplishments
- Special talents





Bright Futures Scholarship



Florida Academic Scholar – 100%

- 16 credits
 4 Math, 4 English, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 years of World Language
- 3.5 weighted GPA
- 29 on ACT or 1340 on SAT
- 100 community service hours
- Maintain 3.0 GPA in college

• 16 credits

 4 Math, 4 English, 3
 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 years of World Language

Florida Medallion Scholar – 75%

- 3.0 weighted GPA
- 25 on ACT or 1210 on SAT
- 75 community service hours
- Maintain 2.75 GPA in college

NCAA

Are you planning to play sports in college?

- 2% are awarded athletic scholarships
- NCAA Eligibility Center: <u>https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/</u>
 - Free
 - Academic Certification Account Div I or II -1 time \$100; official visit, sign letter of intent
- Review 16 Core courses-English, Math, Science, Social Science, World Language
- NCAA Membership Schools: <u>https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2021/5/3/membership-directory.a</u> <u>spx</u>
- Division III determines own eligibility



Resources

- Use this link to look at colleges: <u>https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/</u>
- Click here to find additional information about scholarships and financial aid
- Click <u>here</u> for FAFSA information
- Searchable Resource: <u>https://www.fastweb.com/</u>
- FL Resource for Career Assessments: <u>https://www.floridashines.org/</u>
 - \circ Xello is available for all students in their District Student Portal.

Student Parking Decal, Prom and Grad Bash Requirements

- No financial obligations owed to any school within the School District of Palm Beach County
- 20 Hours of Community Service completed, approved and on record with the school
- A 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher
- Parking Decals will be available for purchase on schoolcashonline.com beginning July

22. The cost is \$75

- Complete a Google Form Application found on <u>palmbeachschools.org/DrJoaquínGarcíaHigh</u> under School Info
- Decals can be picked up during Senior Distribution Day on July 31 from 9:00-10:00 am









