

West Boca Raton High School



Senior Presentation Class of 2024

Principal: Edmund Capitano

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Website: <https://wbrh.palmbeachschools.org/> (School info/Guidance)

Guidance Main Office **(561) 672-2021**





Guidance Google Classroom

Student will need to join first and then parent/guardian is able to be added

Click [here](#) to join -or- **CLASS CODE: p6xamio**

Turn notifications on

Always posting important information



BHP - Ms. Mendez

A school behavioral health professional provides critical support to students struggling with their mental health through:

- individual check in's
- groups
- school wide interventions

If a student is having concerns and wishes to see me, the student should visit their school counselor who will make a referral to me.

Graduation Requirements

24 Credit Diploma

English	4 credits (regular, honors, AP, AICE, Dual Enrollment)
Mathematics	4 credits (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry)
Science	3 credits (must include Biology 1 and a physical science)
Social Studies	3 credits (World History, US History, ½ Economics, ½ US Government)
Fine/Performing Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit (½ PE and ½ Personal Fitness)

Graduation Requirements (continued)

24 Credit Diploma

Electives	8 credits (9th grade FY23 and earlier) 7.5 credits (9th grade FY24 and after)
Personal Financial Literacy	½ credit (9th grade FY24 and after)
World Language	Not required for graduation, however at least 2 credits are required for admission into 4 year colleges and universities
Minimum Credits Required	24 credits
GPA	2.0 (unweighted)
Community Service	20 hours

Required Assessments for Graduation

<p>FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking)</p>	<p>Grade 10 FAST ELA (Level 3 or higher) -OR- any of the below: ACT English & Reading 18 SAT Reading 480 CLT Verbal and Grammar combined 36</p>
<p>EOC (End of Course Exams)</p>	<p>Algebra 1 (Level 3 or higher) -OR- any of the below: Geometry Level 3 PSAT 430, SAT Math 420 ACT Math 16 CLT Quantitative Reasoning 11</p>
<p>Florida Civic Literacy Test</p>	<p>Students are required to take this assessment. Students who earn a passing score will be exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment.</p>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

20 HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION*

*75-100 Required for Bright Futures Scholarship

Stop by student services or guidance for a copy of this form!

This form can be dropped off to the Guidance front desk.

West Boca Raton Community High School Community Service Form

Please Print:

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ ID # _____

Volunteer Information:

Location of Volunteer Work: _____

Type of Volunteer Work: _____

Volunteer Supervisor & Phone # _____

Date, Time and # of hours worked each day must be listed. (i.e. 9/23 8-11 3hrs.)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Total Hours _____

Student's Signature _____

** This form must be turned in 30 days after completion of the event !! **



INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

In line with Palm Beach County School District's mission statement, all students must **graduate college and career ready**.

At West Boca High, we offer **AP, AICE, dual enrollment and industry certification courses** in order ensure our students are prepared for college and/or a career upon graduation.

Students are encouraged to graduate with at least one industry certification. These certifications save students money in the workforce and also help build their resume.

AP Courses & Changes



College Board revamped its AP testing process.

The deadline to order tests has been moved up.

As a result, students may not drop AP courses after October 13th or they will be subject to a \$40 obligation fee.



Accommodations for AP and AICE

*Students with IEP or 504 plans have the option to take their AP and AICE exams with testing accommodations. This process is different than the process used for FSA or EOC and requires an application through College Board (AP) and/or Cambridge (AICE). If you have an IEP, 504 plan or use any school based accommodations then you are not automatically qualified to use test accommodations on AP or AICE exams. Therefore **all students seeking to use accommodations on their exams must see Ms. Lombardi (IEP) or Ms. Wolfe (504) by the start of second quarter to begin the process.***





College & Career Counselor - Dr. Keller

My purpose is student success

I am here to ensure that every student:

- is working towards academic goals
 - has a graduation plan
- has the coaching and support necessary to be successful





College Information



Critical Steps to Acceptance:

- GPA
- Test Scores
- Extracurricular activities
- Junior year is the last full year of grades colleges will see.
- Colleges will evaluate the rigor of your Senior schedule

Research Colleges & Careers:

- Florida Shines – Research colleges/majors/careers – www.floridashines.org
- Xello - coming soon
- Big Future College Board
- Research colleges directly through the College/University website

Other Recommendations:

- Attend virtual college fairs
- Essay is a deciding factor, so start early and talk with your English teacher
- College Resume
- Letters of recommendation



College Visits:

University of Central Florida
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Johnson & Wales University
University of Alabama
University of Florida
Florida Gulf Coast University
...and many more

Registration Required

How to register:

1. Check school email on Mondays for upcoming visits
2. Visit Dr. Keller on *Monday, Wednesday, or Friday* in the College & Career Room to sign up!





College Application Process

- **State Universities** - can apply directly or **Common App**
- **Common Application** - Most state universities in Florida do not require a recommendation. Private & Out of State institutions typically require 1 counselor & two teachers letter of recommendation.
- ***Please request letter of recommendation at least 2 weeks in advance before it is due.**
- **Resume & student profile** - (Provide recommender with copy prior to asking for letter of recommendation)
- **SEND ACT/SAT OFFICIAL TEST SCORES** from your account
- **PAY THE APPLICATION FEE!!!!!!**

West Boca Community High School
Counseling Department
Student Profile for Post Secondary Admission

These questions will assist counselors in constructing and writing a recommendation letter to a potential college/university. Please do your best to research all questions before submission to your school counselor and **attach an academic resume** to this form.

Name: _____ Student Number : _____

Telephone number: _____

GPA: _____ HPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

What do you plan to major in college? _____

Why have you chosen this as your potential major? _____

What career do you intend on pursuing? Why? _____

What are your hobbies outside of school? _____

Work experience. Please detail your job responsibilities. _____

Tell me a little more about yourself, including extra-curricular activities. _____

Community service experience. Please list hours, describe service performed, and location.

Hours of service	Describe service	Location
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What was your favorite community service experience/extracurricular activity/class project? Why was it your favorite experience? Please provide details. _____

Adjectives that describe you as a person

Adjectives that describe you as student

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List your strengths as a student and describe why you consider them strengths. _____

How do you think your teachers see you as a student? _____

Did you have an illness or are there any special circumstance(s) that may have prevented you from performing better academically? _____



TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

- If your student needs an “**unofficial transcript**” (not sending to schools) the student should email their school counselor. Unofficial transcripts will be available within 24 hours.

For official transcripts, please click the link(s) that apply and complete the form:

- Common application request - <https://forms.gle/fJAsCjB4bm78xTjR9>
- Florida PUBLIC institution request - <https://forms.gle/5sxhYpq3E1h1jmmZ6>
- Out of state/Florida private institution request - <https://forms.gle/Cs1Dzhn1bYjxqwpMA>

Cost for ALL transcripts including Common Application is \$3.00

Pay through School Cash

Military

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marines
- Coast Guard
- ASVAB testing for grades 10-12
- November 15th 7:30 am
- Sign up will be through a google document. A reminder will be posted in the Principal's Newsletter.
- For more information please email:
Jodi.mochel@palmbeachschools.org





- Fall and Summer registrations typically open in March
- Apply to Palm Beach State College using link below:
 - <https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/>
 - Click the apply now button



- Complete and submit application



Career Programs

Many great paying careers do not require a Bachelor's Degree and may be obtained at a local 2 year college.

Palm Beach State College offers:

CCP (Career Certificate Program) and CCC (College Credit Certificates):

Automotive/Diesel Technology

Welding

Cosmetology

Machining

Police and Fire Academy

HVAC

Dental Assisting

Medical Assisting

Accounting

Paramedic

Web Design

Human Services

Mechatronics

Net Security

Logistics

Sonography

Broward offers: Aviation

Career Assessment:

<https://palmbeachstate.emsicc.com/?radius=25%20miles®ion=Palm%20Beach%20State%20College>



College Fairs

- Palm Beach County College & Career Fair will be held on September 20th from 5 - 8 pm at the South Florida Fairgrounds
- NACAC National College Fair will be held on September 23rd from 9am-1pm in Jacksonville at Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

<https://www.nacacattend.org/23Jacksonville>



The School District
of Palm Beach County

College & Career Fair

For high school students interested in
learning more about post-secondary options.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Charlene Beckford
charlene.beckford@palmbeachschools.org or
visit palmbeachschools.org/collegeandcareer

Featuring representatives from:

- Public and private colleges and universities (including HBCUs and HSIs) from in and out of state.
- Vocational programs.
- Military branches.
- Trio EOC (PBSC) to present FAFSA info. sessions.

South Florida Fairgrounds
9067 Southern Boulevard
West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

Virtual Resources:

<https://collegefairsonline.com/>

<https://www.gotocollegefairs.com/>

<https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs/virtual-fairs>

2022-2023 State University System (SUS) Admissions Matrix

Universities													
Location		Tallahassee	Boca Raton	Ft. Myers	Miami	Lakeland	Tallahassee	Sarasota	Orlando	Gainesville	Jacksonville	Tampa	Pensacola
Undergraduate Enrollment		8,504	24,861	13,935	46,079	1,479	33,486	632	60,062	41,180	14,167	38,804	9,291
Type of Applications Accepted		Institutional Online	Institutional Online, Common App	Institutional Online, Common App	Institutional Online	Institutional Online, Common App	Institutional Online, Common App, Coalition App	Institutional Online, Common App	Institutional Online, Common App	Common App, Coalition App	Institutional Online, Common App	Institutional Online, Common App	Institutional Online, Common App
Middle 50% of Admitted FTIC 2022 (S=Summer) (F=Fall)	GPA	S: 3.5 F: 3.7	S: 3.22-3.80 F: 3.70-4.30	S: 3.56-4.33 F: 3.75-4.52	S: 3.9-4.4 F: 4.2-4.7	S: 3.8-4.5 F: 4.0-4.7	S: 4.0-4.4 F: 4.3-4.6	F: 3.8-4.4	S: 3.8-4.3 F: 3.9-4.4	S: 4.4-4.6 F: 4.4-4.6	S: 3.37-4.30 F: 3.60-4.39	S: 3.62-4.12 F: 4.00-4.5	S: 3.4-4.05 F: 3.5-4.18
	SAT	S: 1020 F: 1110	S: 1000-1120 F: 1190-1260	S: 1010-1170 F: 1090-1240	S: 1070-1170 F: 1250-1380	S: 1140-1250 F: 1290-1410	S: 1180-1300 F: 1300-1430	F: 1110-1320	S: 1150-1270 F: 1250-1370	S: 1240-1420 F: 1370-1500	S: 1010 F: 1135	S: 1100-1190 F: 1240-1300	S: 1050-1170 F: 1050-1220
	ACT	S: 16 F: 18	S: 20-23 F: 22-28	S: 19-24 F: 21-27	S: 21-24 F: 26-30	S: 22-27 F: 27-32	S: 25-29 F: 29-32	F: 22-29	S: 23-27 F: 26-30	S: 28-32 F: 31-34	S: 22 F: 24	S: 22-25 F: 27-31	S: 21-25 F: 21-27
Application Waivers Accepted		SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver Common App Fee Waiver	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	Application Fee waived for all students	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch	SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, NACAC Fee Waiver, Email from School Counselor, Written Request from Student, Documentation Demonstrating Participation in Free/Reduced Lunch
Self-Reported Platform		SSAR	SSAR	Official Transcripts	Official Transcripts	SSAR	SSAR	Official Transcripts	SPARK	SSAR	SSAR	SSAR	SSAR
Super Score SAT		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Super Score ACT		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Transfer: 2+2 Enhancement Programs		Ignite Program	Link to FAU	Destination FGCU	Connect-4Success	Polk State College	Aspire TCC2FSU	NCF Transform	DirectConnect to UCF	Gator Eng @SF; Gator Eng @SCF; DCP@SF	UNF 10/4 Program	FUSE	2UWF

TRiO

EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

EOC A can help:

- FAFSA Workshops-Join Us!
- Choose a school or career that's right for you!
- Apply to College
- Complete your financial aid or scholarship applications
- GED Referrals/ Tutoring
- Get informed about financial

tools and tips

All services are FREE

*For ADA Accommodations,
Email:
tragerc@palmbeachstate.edu

@TrioEOC_PBSC



Educational Opportunity Center

Come see what we can do for you!

Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus

4200 Congress Avenue, SCA 137

Lake Worth, FL 33461

This program, which is administered by Palm Beach State College, is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of



TRiO @ WBHS

Where: West Boca Raton HS - Career Center located in Guidance

When: September 13th and October 11th

Time: 12:15pm-1:45pm

-Provide 30 min sessions

-2 Students are able to attend per session

Please have your child see their school counselor to sign up for a session

Also complete the application:

<https://bofform.compansol.com/202365712714047>

Spots are limited!

Please bring your Chromebook



Senior Class Visits

School Counselors will be visiting senior English Classes from September 18th to 21st to discuss:

- High School credits
- College Admissions:
 - Common Application
 - Xello
 - College Deadlines
 - Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)
 - Transcripts
 - Scholarships including Bright Futures report
- Vocational/Apprenticeship Programs
- Students with No English Class (Dual Enrollment) - session held at 12:15 pm on September 21st in the career center.



Dual Enrollment

- An opportunity to earn BOTH high school and college credit for free!
- 3.0 cumulative unweighted GPA
- College ready test scores on the SAT, ACT, and/or PERT in ALL subject areas.
- Process: Check eligibility through SIS and counselor - then go to website:
- <https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/dualenroll/default.aspx>
- Steps for Prospective Students-> Steps and Guidelines->Apply, Set up Workday Student Account, Attend Orientation, Tell your counselor what class(es) you want to take. Counselor supplies Dual Enrollment Authorization Form.
- Books - Students must supply a hard copy of their schedule to the Guidance assistant and a triplicate form is provided to bring to BookSmart to obtain text books.
- Seniors with a 2.75 GPA may take SLS1501 "Introduction to the College Experience" in the Spring semester.

*Periodic lunchtime sessions are held with counselors about the DE application process.

Scholarships

Where can I find/apply scholarships?

*Use the following scholarship websites:

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.chegg.com/>

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>

<https://www.phttps://www.scholarships.com/eterso/>

<https://www.unigo.com/>

<https://www.cappex.com/>

<https://studentscholarships.org>



Please visit our guidance website for updated scholarship opportunities:

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/Page/12273>

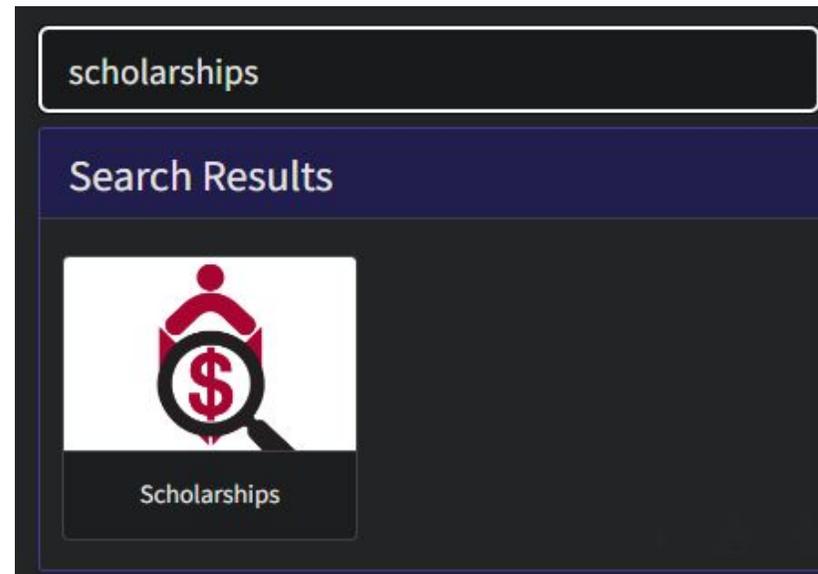


Scholarships - Palm Beach School District

<https://apps.palmbeachschools.org/ScholarshipSearch>

This page is now accessible to students through their portal!!!

Students just need to search for "scholarships" and they will be able to see the tile. This will take them directly to the District's Scholarship Search page.



Pathfinders Scholarship

Scholarship Categories:

Academic Excellence

Mathematics

Reach for Excellence

Foreign Language

Music/Instrumental

Computer Science

Community Involvement

Forensics/Speech

History/Political Science

Drama

Literature

Communications

Sports

Music/Vocal

Art

Business

Vocational



***More information to come in October.**

BRIGHT FUTURES REQUIREMENTS

Florida Academic Scholarship and Florida Medallion Scholarship

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

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

² Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

Bright Futures Website: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>



Bright Futures Requirements

Gold Seal Vocational

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 towards the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

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 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.

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT [®]	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT [®]	Reading Test	24
	Writing and Language Test	25
	Math Test	24
Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by Rule 6A-10.0315, Florida Administrative Code.



Bright Futures Requirements

Gold Seal CAPE Scholars

The GSC 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 towards the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

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





Florida Legislative Changes

- Florida Academic Scholars **100%** of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida public postsecondary institution
- Florida Medallion Scholars **75%** of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida public postsecondary institution
- Students must earn either the required volunteer service, paid work hours, or the combination of 100 total hours
- Request your official single sitting test scores be sent to one of Florida's public colleges or state universities when registering for the ACT®, CLT®, or SAT®.
- The CLT® (Classic Learning Test) combined score is the sum of the best Verbal Reasoning, Grammar/Writing and Quantitative Reasoning from any test sitting of the CLT® for an Overall Score.
- Bright Futures awards are available for Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars for the summer 2023 and summer 2024 terms.
- Beginning in the fall 2021, students enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida public postsecondary institution will receive an award to cover 100% of tuition and applicable fees
- Applicable fees for both FAS and FMS include: activity and service fee, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee.
- **A student is eligible to apply for reinstatement for up to five years from high school graduation.**

* Please see Bright Futures Student Handbook for more information:

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>

Other Ways of Earning Bright Futures

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.

AICE Curriculum

- Complete a minimum of 14 AICE credits* identified by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International) in the Diploma Core and three academic areas as follows:
 - AICE Diploma Core – AICE Global Perspectives & Research AS level (Two Credits required)
 - Group 1 – Mathematics and Sciences (Two Credits required)
 - Group 2 – Languages (Two Credits required)
 - Group 3 – Arts and Humanities (Two Credits required)
 - Group 4 – Interdisciplinary Skills (Optional – Four Credits maximum)
 - Six additional credits required in any combination from the above four groups.

*Students earn one credit by completing and passing one AICE full credit course and another credit for taking the corresponding AICE examination.



Bright Futures Application

Students will be provided with Bright Futures Instructions at the end of September

Graduating Seniors of 2024 need to complete the application by August 31st, 2024

Instructions will be posted on the Guidance Google Classroom, Guidance website, and in the Principal's Newsletter

FAFSA Changes

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/resources/fafsa-simplification-fact-sheet.pdf>

- This year's FAFSA is projected to open in December instead of October
- The form will be shorter with fewer questions
- The language will be aligned closely with the language on income tax returns
- SAI (Student Aid Index) replaces the EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- Pell Grant Eligibility is expanded to families and links eligibility to family size and the federal poverty level
- Divorced families, report the parent who provides the most financial aid support
- DO NOT APPLY UNTIL IT OPENS IN DECEMBER!!

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Complete the FAFSA[®] Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA[®]) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA[®] Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

Start Here

Returning User?

Correct info | Add a school

View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

Log In

PROJECTED TO OPEN: **December 1, 2023**: Submit the **2024-2025 FAFSA** USING TAX INFORMATION FROM **2022**

Important Test Dates

SAT

SAT Test Dates Online Registration: www.collegeboard.org

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	*Late Registration
August 26	July 28	August 15
October 7	September 7	September 26
November 4	October 5	October 24
December 2	November 2	November 21
March 9 (Digital)	February 23	Coming Soon
May 4 (Digital)	April 19	Coming Soon
*June 1 (Digital)	May 17	Coming Soon

*West Boca HS is not open for June testing but other test centers are available

SAT Digital testing begins March 2024

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

ACT Test Dates Online Registration: <https://my.act.org>

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	*Late Registration
September 9	August 4	August 18
October 28	September 22	October 6
December 9	November 3	November 17
February 10	January 5	January 19
April 13	March 8	March 22
*June 8	May 3	May 17
*July 13	June 7	June 21

* West Boca HS is not open for testing but other test centers are available*

[www.my.act.org](https://my.act.org)



SAT/ACT Fee Waivers

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible to receive 2 SAT fee waivers and up to 4 ACT waivers.

Please have the student see their school counselor to receive the waiver(s). SAT waivers *MAY* already be uploaded to your CB account.

Free or reduced lunch eligibility letter is **required** in order to receive the waiver

To complete the Income Survey, go to the Palm Beach School District Website/ Students & Parents /Food and Nutrition Services/ Income Survey. Once you complete the income survey, please complete the "Meal Status Release Form" found in the Principal's Update under 2023-24 School Links Page. Only your child's name will be released to guidance to inform them that your child is eligible for the fee waiver.

WBRHS Meal Status Release Form FY 23-24 <https://www2.palmbeachschools.org/formssearch/pdf/2528.pdf>



College Application Fee Waivers

Common Application - If students are on free or reduced lunch and have taken the SAT, they are eligible for 4 college application fee waivers which they can download through their College Board account.

Counselors are also able to provide up to 4 college application fee waivers if we are provided with the student's free or reduced lunch eligibility letter.

Please contact your child's school counselor for further information

SAT Study Guide Tool

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>



For additional assistance with creating and linking both accounts, call College Board's student customer service line at 866.433.7728 and follow the automated prompts.



HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!!!!

- **Regularly self-assess:** If what you are doing isn't producing the level of results/success that it should, then it is time to try something different.
- Colleges still are looking for a **rigorous schedule** so make sure you are continuing to **challenge yourself**.
- Read the **Principal's Newsletter** delivered to your inbox every Friday and check your student email.
- **Ask questions**/seek out assistance
- Avoid getting caught up in justifying and making excuses. Instead, **focus your energies on being positive and proactive in confronting areas of difficulty head-on.**

