



# Senior Newsletter

## THE CLASS OF 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

The Student Services Department would like to remind you that the school year is already several weeks over! We hope that you are in the process of registering for the SAT/ACT, participating in senior activities, and applying to colleges. School Counselors will be conducting individual meetings with seniors to conduct check credits and verify that students are on track for graduation, this will occur in September via English classes & appointments. As you already know this is a unique year so please **read this Newsletter in its entirety**. Remember to remain focused on your goals and *enjoy your senior year*.

### Graduation requirements for a standard high school diploma

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 required high school credits</li> <li>• Complete and pass an <u>entire</u> FLVS or OCVS online class</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA</li> <li>• Passing score of: <b>level 3+</b> (FSA Algebra 1 EOC)<br/>or earn a concordant score of: <b>97 PERT</b><br/>or earn a concordant score of: <b>430 SAT</b><br/>or <b>420 PSAT</b> or <b>14 ACT Math</b></li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passing score of: <b>level 3</b> (reading FSA ELA) or earn a concordant score of: <b>430 Evidence Based Reading &amp; Writing; 24 Reading sub-section (SAT)</b> or <b>19 Reading (ACT)</b> or Average <b>18</b> on English/Reading (ACT)</li> </ul> |   |

### COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Due to earlier application deadlines, it is to your advantage to have all of your college applications completed by **November 1st** (unless requested earlier by the college or university)

Remember, a complete application includes the application itself, recommendations, resume or personal statement, and an official transcript or the completion of a SSAR (Self-reported Student Academic Record).

**Official transcripts can be ordered via this google form:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/DPHSTranscriptRequest>

### IMPORTANT TEST INFORMATION for SAT and ACT

**SAT DATES** 8/29, 9/26, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 3/13, 5/8, 6/5

**ACT DATES** 9/12, 9/19, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 12/12, 2/6, 4/17, 6/12, 7/17

For more information on registration visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

**Looking for a SAT/ACT Fee Waiver?** Please contact your School Counselor directly. (You must qualify to receive waivers)

#### College and Career Assistance:

If you need to reach Ms. Loftus please email her at [Emily.Loftus@ocps.net](mailto:Emily.Loftus@ocps.net)  
 Ms. Loftus can also help you with college applications and scholarships searches.

#### Here is helpful links from Ms. Loftus:

FSA ID: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>

FAFSA Applications: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

UCF Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

UF & FSU Applications: <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

*If you need a recommendation letter from your School Counselor for a college application or a scholarship be sure to complete a senior recommendation packet in a timely manner. Your counselor will have this form.*

# Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements



## Florida Academic Scholars

3.5 weighted GPA

100 hours community service  
1330 SAT/ 29 ACT

## Florida Medallion Scholars

3.0 weighted GPA

75 hours of community service  
1210 SAT/ 25 ACT

## Gold Seal Vocational/Gold Seal Cape

3.0 weighted GPA

30 hours of community service  
Completion of vocational program/take 3 full credits in a single Career/Tech program with a minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA

\*\*For scores/details on Gold Seal please visit <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/>

For further information, please visit [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf)  
In November counselors will be assisting students with the Florida Financial Aid Application (Bright Futures)

## Financial Aid Information

Submit your FAFSA as soon after **October 1** as possible! Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to fill out an application.

### Scholarship Search and Helpful Websites

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

[www.fastweb.net](http://www.fastweb.net)

[www.hsf.org](http://www.hsf.org)

[www.finaid.org/scholarships](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships)

[www.brokescholars.com](http://www.brokescholars.com)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

[www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.gatesfoundation.org](http://www.gatesfoundation.org)

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

[www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org](http://www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org)

You can also check out the OCPS Scholarship Bulletin at <https://tinyurl.com/y74h88t6>

### **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)**

College-bound athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

### **National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA)**

College-bound athletes must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center

<https://www.playnaia.org/>

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