

**FRESHMAN AND
SOPHOMORE PARENT
NIGHT
OCTOBER 9, 2013**

A-G Ms. Fusco

H-O Ms. Fornera

P-Z Ms. Auman



- How does the guidance counselor help?
- Graduation and promotion requirements
- GPA criteria
- Student and parent success
- Safety Nets
- www.FLVC.org
- Florida Bright Futures
- College planning
- Questions and answers
- Naviance

HOW DOES GUIDANCE HELP?

- Academic, personal and social counseling
- Yearly credit checks to make sure students are on track
- Classroom guidance lessons
- Parent contact of failing grades
- Meet with students concerning failing grades
- Provide information about safety nets
- Assist students with college planning and Bright Futures scholarship

Open door: during all 3 lunches



Graduation Requirements – Class of 2015

Students entering high school in 2011-2012

	General Diploma	College Ready Diploma (recommended Progression)
English Credits	4	4 (honors, AP or Dual Enrollment at junior and senior level)
Math Credits	4 (Algebra 1 and Geometry are required)	4 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 course above Algebra 2)
Science Credits	3 (2 must include a Lab component and one must be Biology)	4 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 1 additional honors or AP level)
Social Studies Credits	3 (World History, US History, Government and Economics)	4 (World History, US History, Government, Economics and 1 additional)
Foreign Language Credits	Not required for graduation but required for admission into state universities.	2 (Same World Language)
Additional Academics	** One class must be completed through online learning. (FLVS/SJVS)	1 (Must be in English, Math, Science, Social Studies or World Language)
PE and Health	HOPE	HOPE
Performing Fine Arts or Practical Fine Art Credit	1	1
Electives	8	3

2.0 or higher unweighted GPA, Passing score on 10th grade Reading FCAT 2.0, and students must earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 EOC to earn course credit. Geometry and Biology EOC's are required and the results will count as 30% of the final course grade, if enrolled

Graduation Requirements – Class of 2016

Students entering high school in 2012-2013

	General Diploma	College Ready Diploma (recommended Progression)
English Credits	4	4 (honors, AP or Dual Enrollment at junior and senior level)
Math Credits	4 (Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 are required)	4 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 course above Algebra 2)
Science Credits	3 (Biology and 2 additional that must include a Lab component)	4 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 1 additional honors or AP level)
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At least one course must be completed through online learning



<http://www-sjvs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

www.flvs.net



Suggested classes:

Driver's Education

Critical Thinking and Study Skills

Sociology

Global Studies

Psychology 1

Philosophy

Law Studies

Journalism



Common Myths

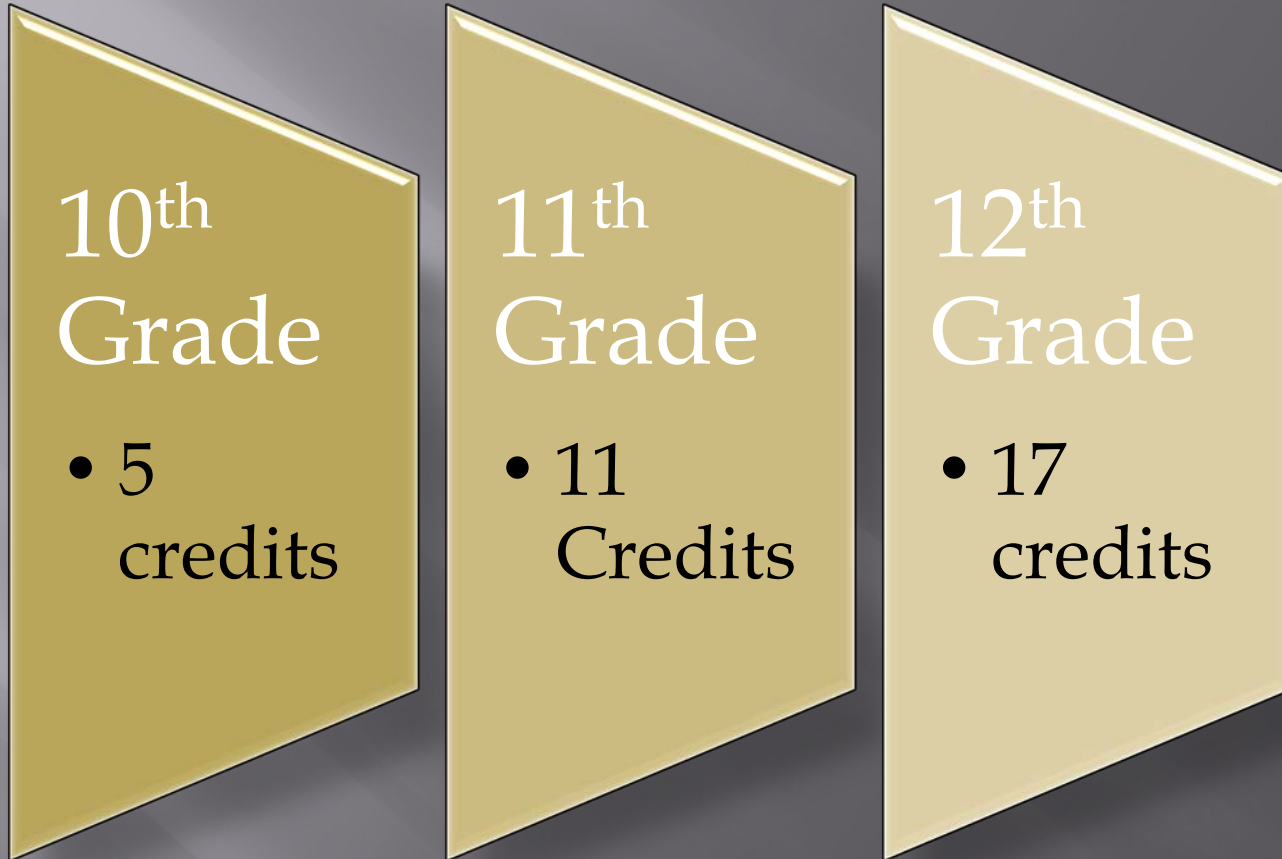
- ▣ Do I need Community Service hours?
 - ▣ Not for graduation, only for Florida Bright Futures

- ▣ How many years of Foreign Language do I need?
 - ▣ None for graduation, only for acceptance into a college or university and for Florida Bright Futures

- ▣ Are all courses calculated into my GPA?
 - ▣ Your GPA starts in 9th grade or in 8th grade if you took high school credit in middle school
 - ▣ All courses are included into GPA
 - ▣ Grades become part of your GPA when credit is issued.

- ▣ Do I only have one GPA?
 - ▣ Not really! You have an unweighted and a weighted GPA. Bright futures calculates your GPA differently from schools, and colleges often recalculate on their own system.

Promotion Requirements



Promotion each year of high school does not guarantee graduation on time.

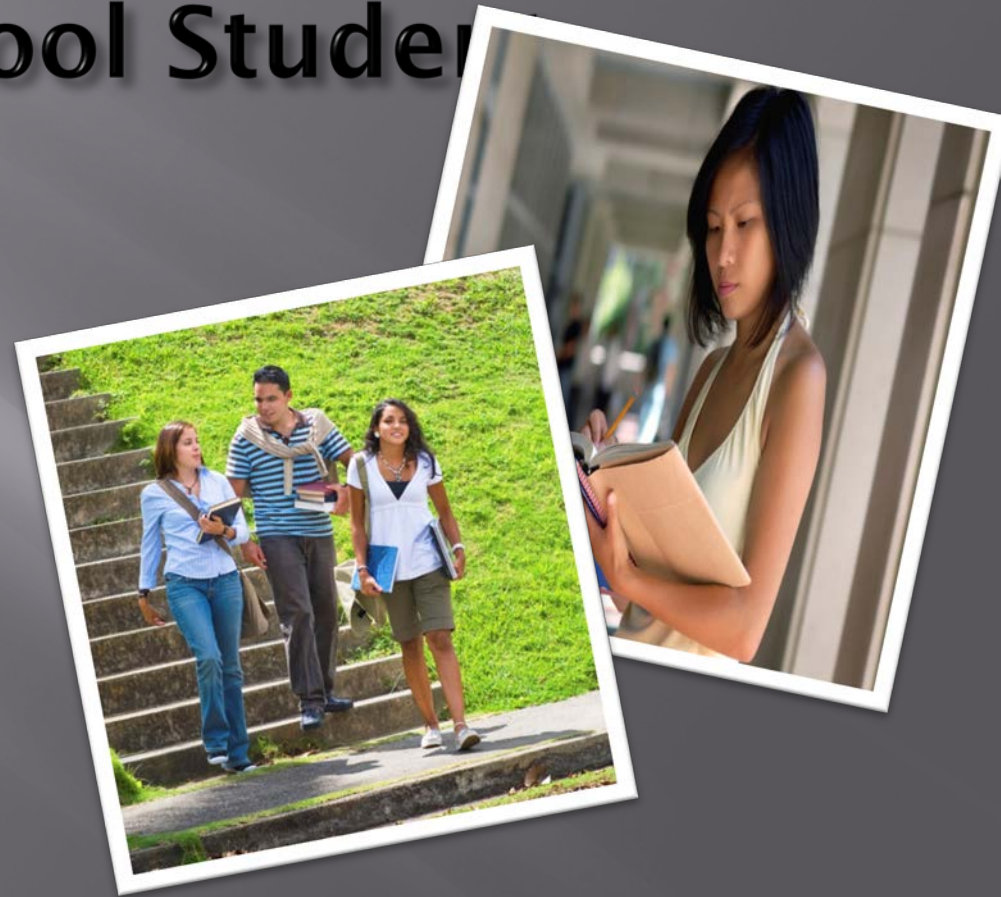
How is my GPA calculated?

- ▣ Unweighted GPA - Graduation
 - ▣ 4.0 scale: 4 - A, 3 - B, 2 - C, 1 - D, 0 - F.
- ▣ Weighted GPA - Ranking
 - ▣ Add .5 weight for honors, 1.0 weight for AP & DE
- ▣ Bright Futures GPA
 - ▣ Add .5 weight for honors, AP & DE. Only uses certain classes.
- ▣ College Admissions GPA (Florida Schools only)
 - ▣ Add .5 weight for honors, 1.0 weight for AP & DE



Characteristics of a Successful High School Student

- ▣ Motivated
- ▣ Responsible
- ▣ Proactive
- ▣ Intelligent
- ▣ Organized
- ▣ Manages time well
- ▣ Stressed out (only at times)
 - ▣ Stress leads to action, not to paralysis



An Effective Student.....

- ▣ Knows the teacher's expectations
- ▣ Does all homework
- ▣ Listens in class
- ▣ Ask questions
- ▣ Completes make-up work when absent
- ▣ Studies notes every night
- ▣ Completes in-class assignments
- ▣ Knows due dates
- ▣ Gets to know their counselor
- ▣ Re-takes tests if applicable
- ▣ Resubmits essays
- ▣ Does extra credit
- ▣ Attends tutoring when needed
- ▣ Attends school related activities at Creekside
- ▣ Has personal goals
- ▣ Takes responsibility for own learning
- ▣ Makes good choices regarding friends, activities, where you spend your time

...is **PRO-ACTIVE!**

As a parent, how can you help?

- ▣ Be a source of encouragement
 - ▣ Join School groups; SAC, PTSO, Boosters...
- ▣ Let Students assume the responsibility for their learning
 - ▣ However, expect them to keep you informed
 - ▣ 9th graders need more guidance
- ▣ Teacher e-mails/conferences
 - ▣ Home Access Center
 - ▣ Great Accountability tool



Safety Nets

Internally

- ▣ Intensive Reading
- ▣ Tutoring with the teacher
- ▣ Before and after school tutoring with Honor Societies and/or teachers
- ▣ School wide literacy program
- ▣ Writing across the curriculum
- ▣ Data chats
- ▣ PLATO Program

Externally

- ▣ FCAT Explorer
- ▣ Private tutoring
- ▣ Collegeboard.com



www.FLVC.org

- ▣ This is a NEW program
- ▣ Florida's Academic Advising program
- ▣ State University System Admissions Requirements Evaluation for Florida schools
- ▣ Bright Futures Evaluation
- ▣ Search College and University's within Florida
- ▣ College, Career and Financial Planning
- ▣ High School Planning
- ▣ Track Progress towards Graduation

An Interactive On-Line Planner that enables students to map out coursework

https://facts23.facts.org/hsplannerplus/worksheet.do - Windows Internet Explorer

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View By: Subject Area	DEL	Course Number	Course Title	Credit	Grade	Grade Level	School Name/ Course Type	Acad Elect	For Lang	Career Tech
For your plan, you need:								3	2	3
English	Add Course									
Required: 4 credits (with major concentration in Composition, reading for Information, and literature.)	Planned Courses:									
X 1001310		English 1	1.0		9		Mandarin High School			
X 1001340		English 2	1.0		10		Mandarin High School			
Mathematics	Add Course									
Required: 4 credits (one credit must be Algebra I or its equivalent, or a higher-level math course)	Planned Courses:									
X 1200310		Algebra 1	1.0		9		Mandarin High School			
X 1206310		Geometry	1.0		10		Mandarin High School			
Science	Add Course									
Required: 3 credits (two credits must have a laboratory component)	Planned Courses:									
X 2001310		Earth/Space Science	1.0		9		Mandarin High School			
X 2000310		Biology 1	1.0		10		Mandarin High School			
American History	Add Course									
Required: 1 credit										
World History	Add Course									
Required: 1 credit										
American Government	Add Course									
Required: .5 credits										
Economics	Add Course									
Required: .5 credits										
Physical Education	Add Course									
Required: 1 credits	Planned Courses:									
X 1503310		Basketball	0.5		9		Mandarin High School			
X 1502410		Individual & Dual Sports 1	0.5		10		Mandarin High School			
Fine Arts (Performing)	Add Course									

Florida Bright Futures Evaluation

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the FACTS.org website. The address bar shows the URL: <https://facts23.facts.org/hseval/facts>. The website header includes the logo "FACTS.org" with the tagline "Go Higher Florida, education pays!" and a navigation menu with links for "LOGOUT", "HOME PAGE", and "SITE MAP". Below the header is a navigation bar with categories: "Middle School Students", "High School Students", "Finding a College or Program", "Paying for College", "Applying for College", "College Students", and "Counselors & Educators".

The main content area features several green buttons with yellow text, arranged in two rows:

- Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility
- Academic Competitive Grant (ACG)
- State University Course Requirements for Admission
- 4-yr/24-Credit Standard HS Diploma
- 3-yr/18-Credit College Prep HS Diploma
- 3-yr/18-Credit Career Prep HS Diploma
- Course Summary
- ePersonal Education Planner (ePEP)

Below the buttons is a table with four columns: "Description", "Frequently Asked Questions", "Printer Friendly Version", and "Key to Abbreviations".

The "Student Information" section is highlighted in yellow and contains the following details:

Student Name: TYLER MATTHEW HOLLAND	District/County: DUVAL
Graduation Date:	School: 2601 MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL

Evaluations based on transcript received from District/County on: 07/02/2008

A green bar at the bottom of the content area contains the text: "Please email comments to the WebMaster".

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done" and "Internet".

Florida Bright Futures

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

- Merit based scholarship program funded by the Florida Lottery.
- The purpose is to reward academic achievement by providing funding to attend postsecondary education in Florida.
- There are three different awards within this program



General Eligibility Requirements

- Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen as determined by your postsecondary institution.
- Enroll in an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary institution
- Enroll in a minimum of 6 hours per term (or the equivalent)
- Begin using the scholarship funds within three years of graduation (unless you enlist in the military).
- Must not be found guilty of, or plead no contest to, a felony charge.
- Must apply during your last year in high school – Application opens Dec. 1 of senior year.
- Students must also complete the FAFSA application after January 1st of their senior year

General Academic Requirements

- Application opens December 1st of senior year
- 16 Core Academic credits
- Core GPA includes (does not round):
 - 4 English credits
 - 4 Math credits (algebra 1 or higher, LAM and Informal Geometry do not count)
 - 3 Natural Science credits
 - 3 Social Studies credits
 - 2 Foreign Language credits
 - 2 additional academic courses to help raise GPA
- GPA can be tracked on FLVC.org starting the end of 1st semester in 9th grade year

Fl. Academic Scholars Class of 15/16

- 16 Core Academic credits
- 3.5 Weighted GPA in 16 Core academic credits
- 1290 SAT/29 ACT - Will mix and match highest test scores
- 100 hours of Community Service
- Requirements as of 2012 - but subject to change

Fl. Medallion Scholars

- 16 Core Academic credits
- 3.0 Weighted GPA in 16 Core academic credits
- 1170 SAT/26 ACT - Will mix and match highest test scores
- 75 hours of Community Service
- \$76/S. Hr. State University or \$47/Hr C. College

Gold Seal Vocational Scholars

- SAT: 440 Reading and Math, ACT: English 17, Reading 18, Math 19, or CPT: Reading 83, Sentence 83, Math 72
- 30 hours of Community Service
- 3.0 Weighted GPA in "CORE" classes (instead of World Language that is counted for the other CORE GPA, use Fine Arts and HOPE)
- 3.5 Unwtd. GPA in 3 voc. credits in 1 voc. program
- \$76/S. Hr. State University or \$47/Hr C. College

College Planning: What are Colleges looking for?

- ▣ Academic Rigor
- ▣ Courses taken vs. course available
- ▣ Cumulative GPA
- ▣ Test Scores – SAT or ACT
- ▣ Extracurricular
 - ▣ Leadership
 - ▣ Continued Involvement
- ▣ Well-Rounded
- ▣ Community Service
- ▣ Qualities you bring to the campus
 - ▣ Demonstrate with resume, essays



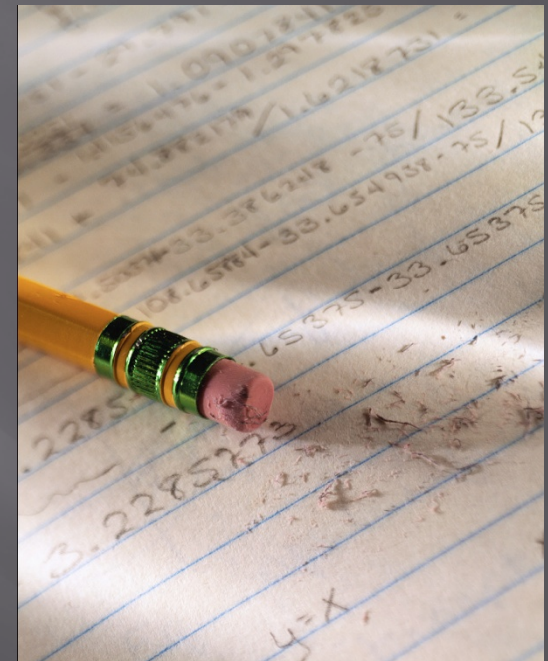
College Planning – 9th and 10th Grade



- ❑ Get involved – walk about Wednesdays, 10/24
- ❑ Remember it all counts
- ❑ Think about where you would like to go
- ❑ Start making college visits
- ❑ Community Service
- ❑ Start resume
- ❑ Research Colleges – NACAC, October 13th
- ❑ Take SAT / ACT at end of 10th grade
- ❑ Use Naviance

College Planning- 11th

- ▣ Your grades still count!
- ▣ Make list of potential colleges
- ▣ Make official college visits
- ▣ Finalize resume
- ▣ Use Naviance
- ▣ Make sure you have at least 75 hours community service hours
- ▣ Take SAT/ACT fall
 - take SAT prep course if needed.
 - Goal: have qualifying SAT/ACT score by end of junior year



College Planning- Summer

START WORKING ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- ▣ Decide Where you are applying
- ▣ Spreadsheet of application deadlines
 - Application fees
- ▣ Essay topics
- ▣ Letters of recommendations
- ▣ Scholarship opportunities

AUGUST, SENIOR YEAR

- ▣ Request transcripts
- ▣ Request letters of recommendation
 - 2 weeks notice
- ▣ Counselor forms
- ▣ Be aware of your deadlines
 - Whose responsibility is this??

College Credit in High School

Yes.....Through **Dual Enrollment**

○ Qualifications

- Entering junior year of high school
- 3.0 or higher unweighted GPA
- Recommendation from a teacher
- SAT, ACT, or PERT test score (must earn a passing score)

○ Locations

- St. John's River State College
- Creekside High School

□ Yes.....Through **Advanced Placement**

- Must Pass exam at 3 or higher to gain college credit

□ Qualifications

- A in Standard Class , or C or higher in current honors class.
- OR level 4 FCAT in related area, not less than 3 in any area

□ Locations

- Creekside High School

COUNSELOR INFORMATION

Best way to contact the guidance counselors:

A-G Ms. Fusco – fuscoa@stjohns.k12.fl.us

H-O Ms. Fornera – fornerj@stjohns.k12.fl.us

P-Z Ms. Auman – aumank@stjohns.k12.fl.us



**To set up a parent/teacher
conference:**

**Ms. Spurgeon, guidance
secretary – 904-547-7327**



NAVIANCE

▣ WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

- ▣ Web-based resource for building your resume, for career and college planning. Paid for by CHS PTSO.
- ▣ How do you find it? Naviance web link on CHS home page. Video tutorial at CHS homepage under Parent tab. Also found on the Web:
 - ▣ <http://connection.naviance.com/creeksidehs>
- ▣ Parent account connected to Student account.
- ▣ Also visit the Guidance College and Career Center



NAVIANCE

▣ Naviance Gets You Organized!

- ▣ Compare colleges & save what you like about them for future reference.
- ▣ Assess your skills for careers and interests for college majors with "Do What You Are" test.
- ▣ Link to resources like scholarships and loan programs, enrichment programs for high school students.
- ▣ Build your high school resume for college applications and track your college deadlines.
- ▣ Explore careers to learn responsibilities and income opportunities.



NAVIANCE

▣ HOW DO I GET MY NAVIANCE ACCOUNT?

- ▣ Each student receives a code.
 - Use assigned code to open your personal account.
 - Then personalize your log-in password in Naviance and use Naviance whenever you want to.
- ▣ CONTACTS:
 - Melissa Scott – for your assigned code and administration questions
 - Melissa.Scott@stjohns.k12.fl.us
 - Cathy Klein – PTSO liaison for user help, ideas,
 - ckleinfla@comcast.net

Welcome to Family Connection

Nice to see you again! Please log in.

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ckleinfla@gmail.com

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Creekside High School

100 Knights Lane
St. Johns FL 32259
p: 904) 547-7300

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- scholarship search

what's new

You received an e-mail: [Naviance Parent Night - Monday February 6th](#) from Justin Vogel.

- You have **1 new messages**
- document library

Welcome!

Between you and **college**, between you and your **ideal career**, between you and **success**, is a wide ocean. Naviance is the perfect ship for your voyage. We encourage you to begin by clicking on the "About Me" tab to take the personality test. Also, feel free to enter your test scores, search for colleges or careers, or start planning so you can reach your goals!



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Questions and Answers