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# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Why is GPA Important?

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Beachside High School Counselors

# What we're going to learn about today ...

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How to Find  
Info



Graduation  
Requirements



Community  
Service



GPA  
Information



# Beachside Counseling Department

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Ms. Ashenfelder – Last  
Names A-D



Ms. Shook – Last  
Names E-K



Ms. Patterson – Last  
Names L-Re



Ms. Sterling – Last  
Names Rf-Z



Location: Academic  
Building 4  
(Patterson/Sterling 2<sup>nd</sup> floor;  
Ashenfelder/Shook 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)



Open office hours during  
lunches, no appointment  
needed

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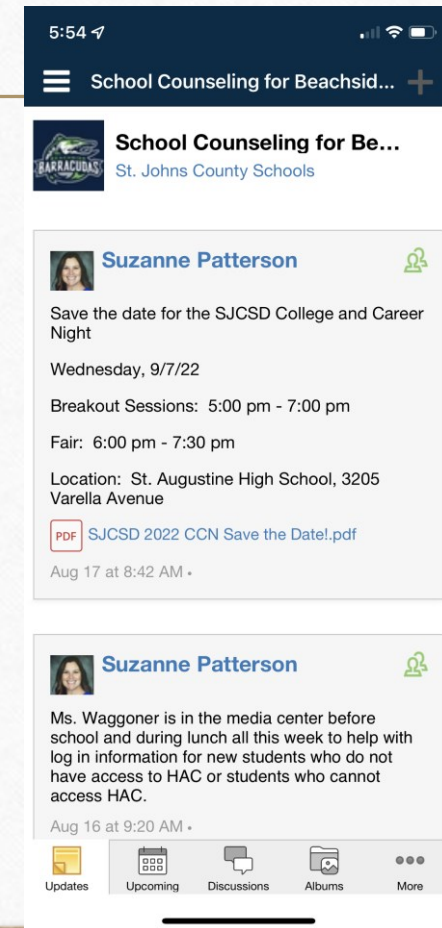
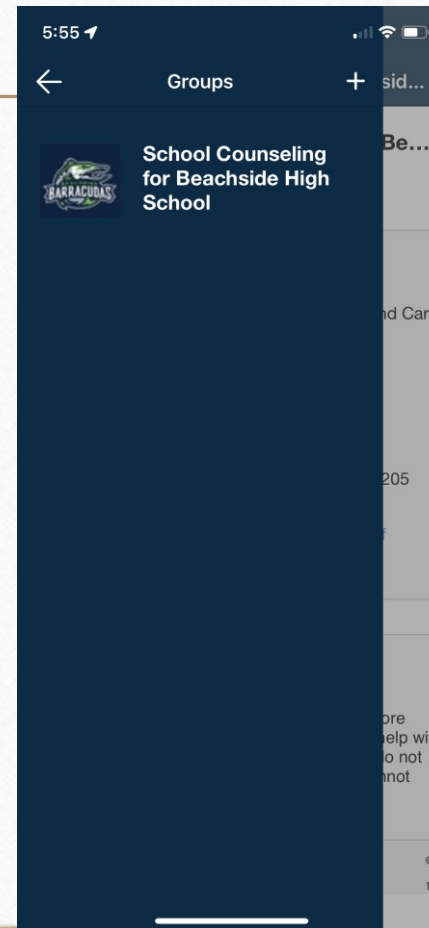
## with the School Counseling Department at Beachside High School

- ▶ **Website:** <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/> - add this site to your favorites and check it for resources
- ▶ **Social Media:** Follow on Instagram @beachsidehigh\_ and Twitter @beachside\_high
- ▶ **Schoology:** Join the School Counseling for Beachside High School schoology group using access code: 8G4M-J5H5-5RZSD
  - Schoology Parent Access Codes are available to view in HAC. Log into HAC, click on Registration Icon, the code will be under “additional information”.
  - Link to Schoology Help (creating parent account, parent help guide, parent FAQ, etc) - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/edtech/schoology/schoology-for-parents/>



# How will you get information? Schoology!

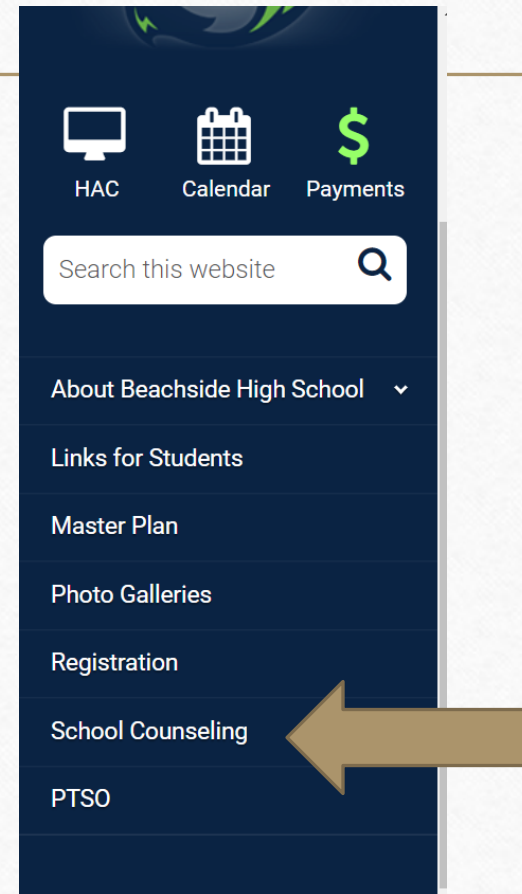
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# School Counseling Website

## Information you can find ...

- Community Service
- Graduation Requirements
- Florida Bright Futures
- Post-Secondary Visits
- Scholarships
- And more!





# Graduation Requirements

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Assessments  
(Algebra 1 EOC and  
Grade 10 Language  
Arts -ELA)

2.0 Cumulative,  
Unweighted GPA

24 specific credits

# Assessments

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- Must pass two assessments to graduate with diploma (otherwise you earn a Certificate Of Completion)
  - Algebra 1 EOC (level 3 or above) or
    - ACT Math – 16 or
    - SAT Math – 420 or
    - PSAT/NMSQT Math – 430 or
    - FSA Geometry EOC – Level 3 or
    - CLT Quantitative Reasoning section - 11
  - Grade 10 ELA FAST or
    - ACT Reading and English average – 18 or
    - SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing – 480 or
    - CLT Verbal Reasoning and Grammar/Writing sections sum - 36
- If you earn a COC that means you did not graduate from high school and your post-secondary options are limited



# GPA

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- GPA - 2.0 cumulative unweighted or higher
  - 2.0 is a “C” average
  - Check HAC regularly to keep track of grades

# Credits

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- 24 credits must be earned in all of the following:
  - English 1, 2, 3, and 4
  - Algebra, Geometry, and two additional math courses
  - Biology and two additional sciences
  - World History, US History, Government, and Economics
  - 1 Practical/performing/fine arts
  - HOPE
  - 8 elective credits (to include .5 credit of personal financial literacy)
    - If you're planning to attend college, you will need two credits in the SAME world language



# Promotion Requirements

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- 9th to 10th Grade
  - 5 credits
- 10th to 11th Grade
  - 11 credits
- 11th to 12th Grade
  - 17 credits

# Community Service



Not needed for graduation



Needed for \$\$ (scholarships, including Bright Futures)



Your goal should be to finish 100 hours of community service by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade so you will qualify for the highest level of the BF scholarship



How to find community service opportunities -

Beachside School Counseling Schoology Updates

<https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>



# How to Turn in Community Service Hours

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- Have the supervisor of your service provide a signed letter on the organization's letterhead describing the type of service performed, who in the community the service benefited, and a description of the service event. Student and parent/guardian should sign this letter.
- For paid work, student will need to submit a copy of their pay stub to Ms. Davis.
- Make a copy of all completed forms for your records.
- Student provides letterhead and reflection log to Ms. Davis with all required signatures included.
- Please allow 1 week for hours to be updated. Students may check their hours by logging in to HAC and clicking on the registration tab.

# What we need to know about GPA:

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- GPA's update after every semester:
  - In January, after semester 1 grades post
  - In the summer, after semester 2 grades post
- Each letter grade has a quality point value assigned
- AP, AICE, Dual Enrollment, pre-AICE, and honors counts towards your **weighted** GPA
  - Honors and pre-AICE = additional .50 quality point
  - AP, AICE, DE = additional 1.0 quality point
- Only cumulative, **unweighted** GPA counts towards graduation and qualifications for Dual Enrollment



# Calculating Unweighted and Weighted GPA

Course	Grade	Point Value Standard	Point Value Honors/DE
English 1 Honors	B	3	3.5
Algebra 1	A	4	4
AP Human Geography	C	2	3
Environmental Science	D	1	1
HOPE	A	4	4
2-D Studio Art	B	3	3
Team Sports	C	2	2
	Total Quality Points	19	20.5
	Total Classes	7	7
Quality Points/Classes = GPA	<b>GPA</b>	<b>2.71</b>	<b>2.92</b>

# What are Colleges/Universities looking for?

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Well rounded student



GPA (grade point average)



Test scores (ACT and SAT)



Community service hours



Rigorous courses taken  
(Dual Enrollment, AP,  
AICE, Pre-AICE, Honors)



Extra-curricular and  
leadership activities –  
Quality, not Quantity



## Post-Secondary Visits

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Counselors have invited over 100 post-secondary schools (including Universities, Colleges, Vocational schools, and Military recruiters). Admission representatives will meet with students outside in the courtyard during all lunches. Students will be notified of the visit via the School Counseling Schoology page, morning announcements, our Instagram account, and posted on our College Visits page - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/post-secondary-visits/>

- **August 25** – University of Alabama
- **September 11** – First Coast Technical College
- **September 21** – University of South Alabama
- **September 22** – Florida Institute of Technology
- **September 25** – Electrical Training Alliance
- **September 29** – United States Coast Guard Academy
- **October 3** – Florida State University
- **October 6** – St. Johns River State College
- **October 13** – Aveda Institute
- **November 6** – Florida School of the Arts
- **November 9** – Valdosta State University
- **November 13** – Bryant University

## College Fairs

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ALL students are encouraged to attend these College Fairs! 9<sup>th</sup> grade is the perfect time to start researching post-secondary institutions.

### **NACAC National College Fair – Jacksonville**

Saturday, September 23, 2023 9am – 1pm

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**  
**COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR**

Wednesday, September 6th  
*Hosted at St. Augustine High School*

*Connect with colleges from  
across the U.S.*

 **SCAN FOR MORE INFO**  
[scholartrek.com/stjohns](https://scholartrek.com/stjohns)



## CONTACT US

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Open Office Hours During Lunch

