

Important Things To Know For Sophomore Year

1. High School Graduation Requirements:

- Your current unweighted GPA is _____ (2.0 required to graduate)
- You have not yet taken FSA ELA 10th grade test (**GIVEN IN APRIL/MAY**)
- You have passed _____ not passed _____ Algebra 1 EOC
- 24 required, specific credits

| ENGLISH | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
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| 1 Stand, Hon | | |
| 2 Stand, Hon | | |
| 3 Stand, Honors, AP, DE | | |
| 4 Stand, Honors, AP, DE | | |
| MATH | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
| ALGEBRA 1 (one grade) | | |
| GEOMETRY (one grade) | | |
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| SCIENCE | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
| BIOLOGY (one grade) | | |
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| SOCIAL STUDIES | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
| WORLD HISTORY | | |
| US HISTORY (one grade) | | |
| GOVT/ECON | | |
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| HEALTH/PE | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
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| HOPE | | |
| PERF/FINE ART | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
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| ELECTIVES | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
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| 5. | | |
| 6. | | |
| 7. | | |
| 8. | | |
| WORLD LANGUAGE | | |
| SPANISH 1 or ASL 1* | | |
| SPANISH 2 or ASL 2* | | |
| OTHER WL 1* - | | |
| OTHER WL 2* - | | |
| *Can be counted as two of the 8 required electives | | |

2. College and Career Information

- Begin the search process now – www.collegescorecard.ed.gov
 - Make a list of colleges or other postsecondary opportunities that are interesting to you
 - Request information about each college and if possible visit colleges that you are interested in during your Junior year
 - Attend post-secondary visits on BHS campus - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/post-secondary-visits/>
 - Use Naviance to get information about careers (log in via Clever).
- SJRSC Dual Enrollment** - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-sjrsc/>
 - If you qualify for traditional dual enrollment, you can begin taking classes the summer before 11th grade
 - Work on getting (or keeping) your unweighted, cumulative GPA at or over a 3.0
 - You should have scores available from the PERT, ACT, or SAT by April 1 to qualify for summer dual enrollment.
 - FCTC Dual Enrollment** - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-fctc/>
 - If interested, see your school counselor during lunch this year to come up with a plan to have room in your schedule to take FCTC dual enrollment.
 - Bright Futures Scholarship, Community Service Hours, and Scholarship Searches:**
 - Begin working on getting at least 100 community service and/or work hours - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - <https://www.raise.me/join/5778868440>
 - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>

Guided Notes - 10th grade classroom lessons

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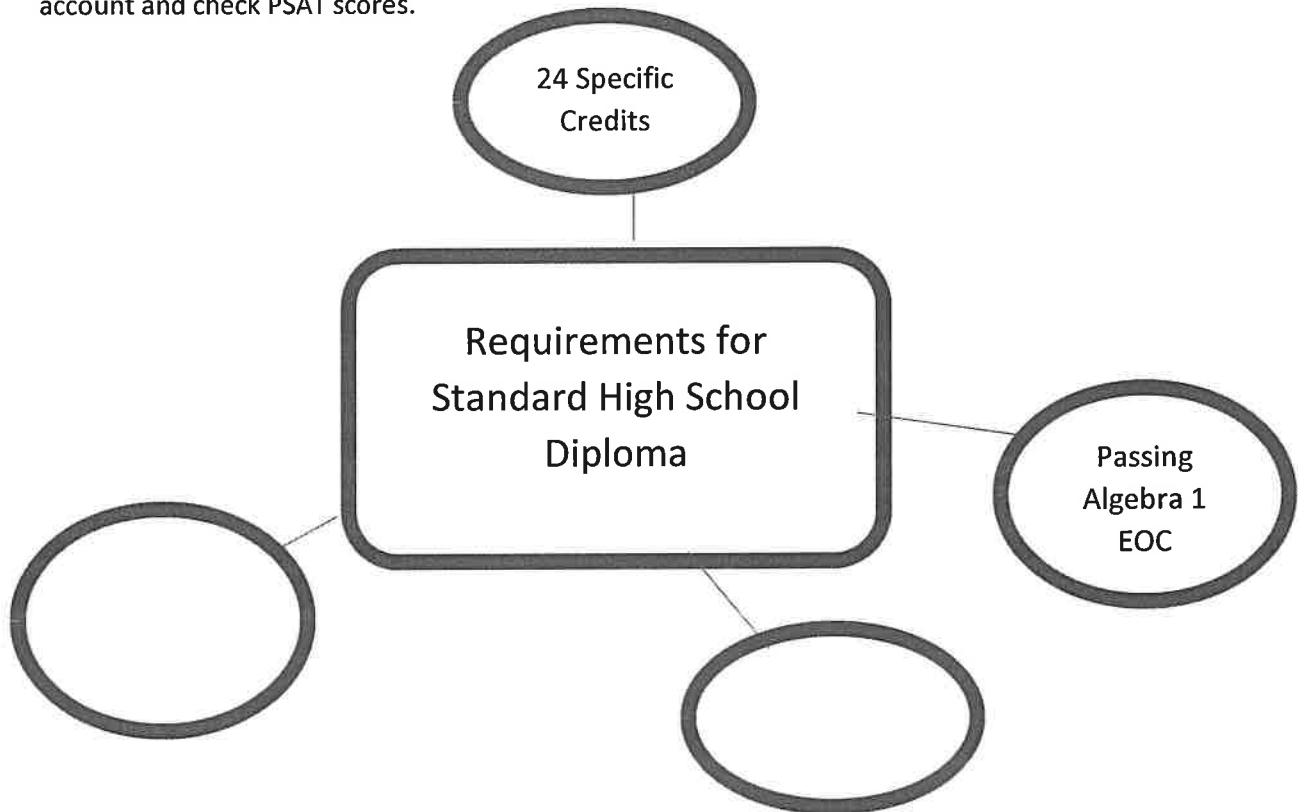
Class Period: _____

My school counselor is _____

What website should students use to sign up for post-secondary visits? _____

I will take the PSAT on _____

I will check my _____ account in early December for instructions to create a CollegeBoard account and check PSAT scores.



It is recommended that I have _____ hours of community service or work hours by the end of _____ grade.

I should turn my completed community service verification letters/pay stub and reflection logs to _____

I must have a _____, unweighted, cumulative GPA to qualify for SJRSC dual enrollment.

How will I know when dual enrollment applications and registration/approval forms are available and when dual enrollment deadlines are? _____

BHS Post-Secondary Readiness Milestones

9th Grade

- Explore career and college opportunities on www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Attend the NACAC College Fair in October as well as other college and career fairs in the area.
- Participate in and track extracurricular activities: sports, clubs, and community service (required for Bright Futures scholarships).
- Turn completed community service hour letters and/or work stubs to the school counseling office.
- Create a Raise.Me account to start earning scholarships: <https://www.raise.me/join/5778868440>
- Start thinking about life after high school, talk to people about careers you might find interesting.
- Look for a summer job, internship or volunteer position to help you learn about your field of interest.
- Students with disabilities need to apply for PSAT/ACT/SAT/AP test accommodations (specific deadlines and requirements apply)- SAT: www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/index.html and ACT: www.actstudent.org/regist/disab/

10th Grade

- Explore career and college opportunities on www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Take the PSAT in October (FREE- for 10th graders).
- Attend the NACAC College Fair as well as other college and career fairs in the area.
- Review your PSAT score report with your parents (Dec/Jan). PSAT scores are in your CollegeBoard account.
- Link your CollegeBoard and Khan account to receive personalized practice recommendations for SAT based on your PSAT results.
- Research Dual Enrollment to understand application deadlines, process, and requirements - <https://www.sjrst.edu/dual.html> and <https://fetc.edu/students/highschool/programs/>
- Take the PERT or ACT or SAT by March if you are interested in Dual Enrollment classes the summer before your junior year <http://www.sjrst.edu/testingcenter.html>.
- Visit at least 3 college or other postsecondary websites to review programs, admissions requirements, freshman profile, costs, and AP equivalents.
- Keep up participation in school activities and volunteer efforts and keep tracking your progress.
- Update your Raise.Me account to keep earning scholarships
- Turn completed community service hour letters and/or pay stubs to the school counseling office.
- Look for a job, internship or volunteer position to help you learn about your field of interest.

11th Grade - FALL

- Review transcript in HAC and check for errors.
- Attend college visits on campus.
- Update your Raise.Me account to keep earning scholarships
- Explore career and college opportunities on www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Attend the NACAC College Fair in October as well as other college and career fairs in the area.
- If applicable, register for PSAT/NMSQT at your school (cost – about \$22). Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October.
- Link your CollegeBoard and Khan account to receive personalized practice recommendations for SAT based on your PSAT results.
- If interested in going into the military, make sure you talk to a recruiter and take the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- Contact your counselor about eligibility for ACT/SAT fee waivers (free and reduced lunch as well as several other criteria).
- Register for ACT and/or SAT for the spring (check current costs on website) www.act.org, and www.collegeboard.org Make sure to use your school code so results come to your school –102813 **SEND SCORES TO AT LEAST ONE UNIVERSITY IN FLORIDA for Bright Futures purposes.**

11th Grade - SPRING

- Research post-secondary institutions and programs of study to aid in senior year course selection.
- Registration in January through pre-scheduled appointments.
- Order a transcript; check for errors and needed credits.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT – **SEND SCORES TO AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL IN FLORIDA for Bright Futures purposes.**
- Complete and submit community service hours and/or paystubs
- Visit college campuses – set an appointment with the admissions office and notify attendance office to have absence excused.
- Submit all schedule change requests before school year ends.

Summer Before Senior Year or Before

- Complete online courses.
- Visit college campuses.
- Work on community service/work hours.
- Retake any courses on transcript with a D or F to improve GPA and/or get on track to graduate.

BHS Post-Secondary Readiness Milestones

Senior Year, Semester 1

- Discuss credit check with counselor; individual credit checks will be scheduled with all seniors.
- Complete testing requirements, if necessary.
- Complete online courses, if necessary.
- Update resume.
- If applicable, request letters of recommendation in person at least 3 weeks in advance.
- Check transcript for accuracy
- Apply to universities and colleges.
- Apply for financial aid – FAFSA & FFAA (October 1).

Senior Year, Semester 2

- Check transcript for accuracy.
- Complete any missing graduation requirements.
- Check your Bright Futures Eligibility, update with accurate institution information.
- Apply to state colleges.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Request a final transcript be sent to your post-secondary institution

Ordering Transcripts

- Naviance will be used for ordering transcripts during Senior year.
- Transcripts show the cumulated weighted and unweighted GPA, class rank, letter grades and service hours.

Grade Forgiveness

- Students can retake classes in which they earned a D or F.
- All grades appear on the transcript. Forgiven grades will still show but will not be included in GPA calculation.
- Students should complete grade forgiveness before the beginning of their senior year.
- Options for grade recovery: St. Johns Virtual School and Florida Virtual school (flvs.net) and/or the APEX* lab at school during a class period. *courses taken via APEX credit recovery will not count towards NCAA eligibility

SAT and ACT

- Students register online (sat.org and act.org).
- Registration deadlines are usually a month before the test date.
- Students with disabilities need to apply for PSAT/ACT/SAT/AP test accommodations (specific deadlines and requirements apply)- SAT:

www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/index.html and
ACT: www.actstudent.org/regist/disab/

Community Service/Work Hours for Bright Futures

- Documented on letterhead with the number of volunteer hours, description, contact signature, parent and student signature. OR For paid work, submit a copy of pay stub with parent and student signature
- Complete the volunteer service plan form
- Submit both to Mrs. Davis in the Guidance office.
 - Find details here: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>

Financial Aid

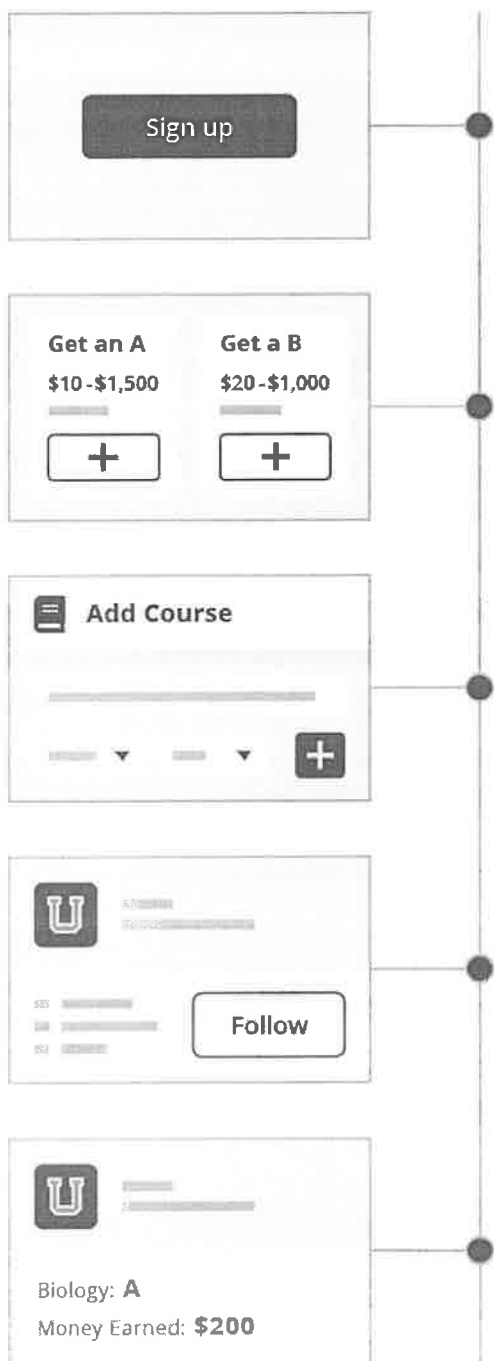
- Federal Aid – FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid); www.fafsa.gov ; opens October 1st of senior year
- State of Florida Aid – Bright Futures; www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org ; opens October 1st of senior year
- Institutional Aid – Apply via the college/university you will attend.
- Private Aid – free money from organizations interested in helping students; scholarship opportunities are on the Guidance page of the BHS website, check your (or your parent's) place of employment; corporations, local businesses, fastweb.com, finaid.org, collegenet.com, bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Bright Futures

- You must APPLY for Bright Futures by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application.
- Read over the Bright Futures Student Handbook.
- Know the requirements for the Florida Academic Scholar and the Florida Medallion Scholar.
- Bright Futures GPA is NOT the same as the transcript GPA. Honors, AP, AICE, and dual enrollment classes are weighed equally with 0.5 per credit (not 1.0 for AP or DE). Two academic electives will be accepted toward the GPA if it benefits the student.

Five Easy Steps to Sign Up for RaiseMe

On RaiseMe, scholarships are made simple! Just follow these five steps:



STEP 1

Create an account by visiting **www.raise.me**, click on "I'm a Student" and follow the instructions.

STEP 2

Click on the scholarships tab to see what achievements colleges and universities are willing to award.

STEP 3

Add your achievements from high school to your portfolio.

Seniors: Make sure you have at least **15 credits** worth of grades added to your portfolio in order to qualify.

STEP 4

Search for the colleges that you're interested in and Follow them.

STEP 5

See how much you've earned in micro-scholarships from universities!

PREPARE FOR THE SAT WITH

Official SAT Practice



Get personalized practice recommendations based on your results from the new SAT®, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT™ 8/9. **Take these steps to connect your College Board and Khan Academy® accounts:**

1

Go to satpractice.org

Create an account on Khan Academy, or sign into your existing account.

2

Link Your Accounts

When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts.

3

Send Your Scores

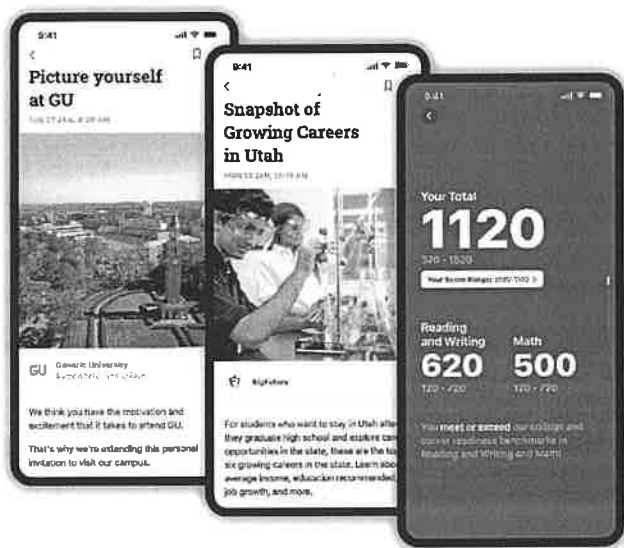
Log in to your College Board account, and hit “Send” to get a personalized practice plan.

Sign up. Link up. Get practicing. **satpractice.org**



Introducing BigFuture School

A new mobile app that delivers scores and planning information right to students' phones.



The Power to Plan—in the Palm of Students' Hands

The SAT® Suite of Assessments is going digital, making the testing experience easier for educators and students.

The digital transition also means students get scores faster and have a new way to access them—through a mobile app. The app meets students on their phones with:

- Easy and direct access to their Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) scores.
- Customized career information and guidance about planning and paying for college.
- Connections™, a free feature that allows students to hear from nonprofit colleges and scholarship programs that may be a good match.

A student's personal information will never be shared with any of these organizations. If the student is interested in one of the colleges or programs they learn about, they can decide if and when to contact them.

What to Expect

Summer 2023: Additional BigFuture School resources are available to districts and schools.

Fall 2023: BigFuture School and Connections are available to PSAT/NMSQT® takers 13 and over. During testing, students can share their mobile number. Their number will only be used to text them to securely access the app and to let them know when their scores are ready. It will never be shared with other organizations or used for any other reason.

Early 2024: Educators receive aggregate reporting about their students' engagement with BigFuture School.

Early 2024: BigFuture School is available to SAT School Day and PSAT™ 10 test takers 13 and over.

More About SAT Suite Score Reporting

Students can access their scores and additional resources through a PDF score report provided by their school. As always, students may log in to their personal College Board account at studentscores.collegeboard.org to get additional insights about their scores.

For more details, visit satsuite.org/K12bigfutureschool.