



Cambridge Assessment  
International Education

Cambridge International School

**Beachside High School**  
**Cambridge AICE Program**  
**9<sup>th</sup> grade**

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



How to Find  
Info



Graduation  
Requirements



Community  
Service



GPA  
Information

# First things first...

- ▶ What every student needs to know about being in 9<sup>th</sup> grade!

# Beachside Counseling Department



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Last Names A-D



Ms. Shook - Last  
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Names L-Re



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Names Rf-Z



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Ashenfelder/Shook  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor



Open office hours  
during lunches, no  
appointment needed

# Don't miss out!!

**STAY  
IN THE  
LOOP**



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?

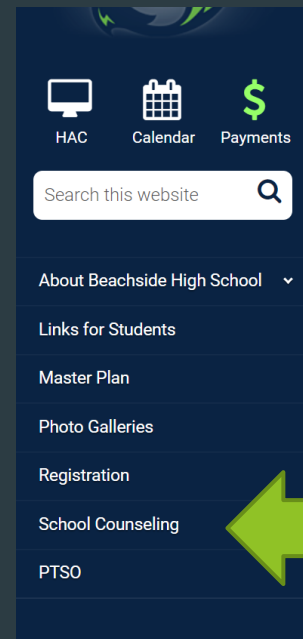
## ▶ Schoology -

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## ▶ School Counseling Website

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



# How do I reach out to my School Counselor?

- ▶ Schoology Message
- ▶ Email
- ▶ Open Office Hours during lunch

# Graduation Requirements

## Standard Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Algebra EOC and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts - ELA Tests
- ▶ 2.0 Cumulative, Unweighted GPA
- ▶ 24 Specific Credit
  - ▶ 4 English, 4 Math (to include Algebra 1 and Geometry), 3 Science (to include Biology), World History, US History, US Government, Economics, Financial Literacy, HOPE, Performing/Fine/CTE, and 7.5 electives

## AICE Exceptions

- ▶ HOPE
- ▶ Government/Economics/Financial Literacy
- ▶ Performing/Fine Art/Career Technical Education
  - ▶ If you leave the AICE Program, you will be expected to earn these credits



# Assessments

- ▶ Must pass two assessments to graduate with diploma
  - ▶ 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

# GPA

- ▶ GPA - 2.0 cumulative unweighted or higher
  - ▶ 2.0 is a “C” average
  - ▶ Check HAC regularly to keep track of grades
- ▶ Weighted vs. Unweighted
  - ▶ Weighted adds .5 point for Honors classes and 1 point for College level classes
  - ▶ Highest possible GPA is 5.0

# More about GPA

- ▶ GPA's update after every semester:
  - ▶ In January, after semester 1 grades post
  - ▶ In the summer, after semester 2 grades post
- ▶ Only cumulative, **unweighted** GPA counts towards graduation and qualifications for Dual Enrollment
- ▶ Your cumulative GPA includes all of your grades from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ▶ Bright Futures and some Colleges/Universities will “recalculate” your GPA using only the core courses and World Language courses.

# State University System Credit Requirements

- ▶ Admission into Florida's public universities is competitive. Acceptance is based on enrollment limitations and qualifications of the freshmen applicant pool. Prospective students should apply to more than one university and complete a rigorous curriculum in high school to increase their chances for acceptance.
- ▶ Minimum credits for admission to a state university in Florida:
  - ▶ 4 English/Language Arts
  - ▶ 4 Mathematics (at or above the Algebra 1 level)
  - ▶ 3 Natural Sciences (two of which must have included substantial lab requirements)
  - ▶ 3 Social Science (to include anthropology, history, civics, political science, economics, psychology, and/or geography)
  - ▶ **2 World Language**
  - ▶ 2 additional academic credits

# What are Colleges/Universities looking for?



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

- ▶ 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 Schoolology 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 20** - Valdosta State University; University of South Alabama; J-Tech Institute
- ▶ **September 19** - Universal Technical Institute; Florida State College at Jacksonville; US Army
- ▶ **October 1** - First Coast Technical College; St. Johns River State College, New York University
- ▶ **October 8** - Rollins College, Paul Mitchell
- ▶ **October 22** - Florida School of the Arts
- ▶ **December 12** - Electrical Training Alliance of Jacksonville, Aveda Institute

# College Fairs

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, October 5th, 2024

9am - 1pm

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

- ▶ **St. Johns County College and Career Fair**

Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6pm - 7:30pm

World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Conference Center

# 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/>

**AICE students DO have to complete the community service hours to get Bright Futures!**



# How to Turn in Community Service Hours

- 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.

# Bright Futures Requirements

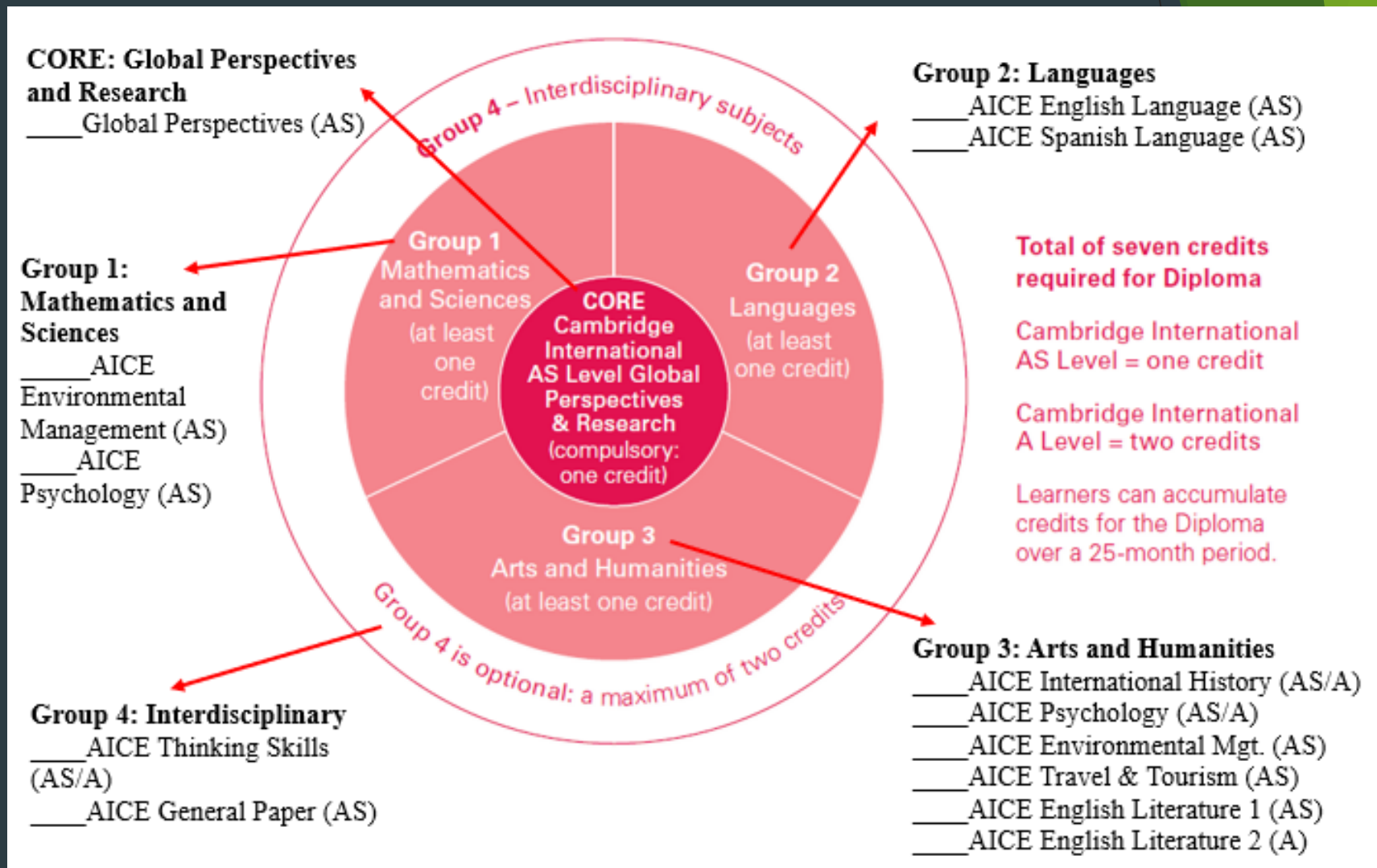
Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT <sup>®</sup> /CLT <sup>®</sup> /SAT <sup>®</sup> )	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
<b>FAS</b>	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340  2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
<b>FMS</b>	3 - Social Science  2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210  2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

Earning the AICE Diploma Award eliminates the GPA and Testing requirements, but NOT Community Service/Work hours!!

# What is the Cambridge AICE Program?

- ▶ **What is AICE?**
  - ▶ “AICE” is the Advanced International Certificate of Education
  - ▶ International Pre-University Preparation Program developed by the Cambridge Assessment Group
  - ▶ Internationally recognized in over 160 countries worldwide
- ▶ **Who should take AICE?**
  - ▶ Honors level, highly motivated students, international mindedness
- ▶ **What does AICE look like at Beachside?**
  - ▶ AICE DP Program (Diploma Program—7 AICE classes/ 3 years)
  - ▶ AICE Certificate Program (Select coursework—subject options)

# How are AICE courses organized?



# What does the Cambridge AICE Curriculum look like at BHS?

## Freshman Year Schedule

- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE English General Paper (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Human Geography
- \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 1 Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Geometry Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 2 Honors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Biology OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Chemistry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Spanish 1 OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Spanish 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Thinking Skills (AS or A Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Elective(s) \_\_\_\_\_
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Total AICE Courses/Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

## Junior Year Schedule

- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE English Literature 1 (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP US History (AICE A History Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 2 Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Pre-Calc. OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Calc AB (AICE Math AS Exam only) OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Statistics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Chemistry OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Physics OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Environmental Mgt. (AS Exam) OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Biology OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Chemistry OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Physics 1 OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Global Perspectives (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 3 Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 4 Honors
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Psychology (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Travel and Tourism (AS Exam)

Total AICE Courses/Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sophomore Year Schedule

- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE English Language 1 (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE International History (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Geometry Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 2 Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Pre-Calc
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Chemistry OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Physics OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Biology OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Chemistry OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Environmental Mgt. (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Spanish 2 OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 3 Honors
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Psychology (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Travel and Tourism (AS Exam)

Total AICE Courses/Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

## Senior Year Schedule

- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE English Literature 2 (A Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Economics (AICE AS Econ. Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP US Government/Comparative Gov.
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Pre-Calc. OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Calc AB (AICE Math AS Exam only) OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Calculus BC OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Statistics
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Environmental Mgt. (AS Exam) OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Biology OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Chemistry OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Physics 1 OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Physics 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 4 Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AP Spanish Lang. (AICE Spanish AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Psychology (AS Exam)
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Travel and Tourism (AS Exam)

Total AICE Courses/Credits: \_\_\_\_\_



# AICE Curriculum vs. AICE Diploma Award

## ▶ AICE Curriculum Core

- ▶ Must COMPLETE at least 7 AICE level classes with at least 1 in each category
  - ▶ Complete means FINISH the class and SIT for the exam
  - ▶ BHS students must also take most of the other graduation requirements, tests and earn the required GPA
- ▶ Equivalent to a High School Diploma

## ▶ AICE Diploma Award

- ▶ Must TAKE and PASS at least 7 AICE tests with at least 1 in each category

# What are the benefits of the Cambridge AICE Program?

- ▶ Flexible curriculum
  - ▶ Ability to take AICE classes all four years
  - ▶ Ability to take AP/DE classes alongside AICE curriculum
- ▶ GPA boost
  - ▶ AICE classes count as an additional quality point on GPA (5pts on a 4.0 scale)
- ▶ College success skills—writing ability, speaking ability, time management
- ▶ Increase in college admissions
- ▶ Ability to earn college credit
- ▶ Bright Futures Scholarship and other scholarships
  - ▶ AICE students who earn the AICE Diploma Award may qualify for 100% Bright Futures