

9th Grade – Why is GPA
Important?

Beachside High School Counselors

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



How to Find
Info



Graduation
Requirements



Community
Service



GPA
Information

Beachside Counseling Department



Ms. Ashenfelder – Last
Names A-D



Ms. Shook – Last
Names E-K



Ms. Patterson – Last
Names L-Re



Ms. Sterling – Last
Names Rf-Z



Ms. Cashwell – AICE
Counselor



Location: Academic
Building 4
Patterson/Sterling/Cashwell
2nd floor;
Ashenfelder/Shook 3rd floor



Open office hours during
lunches, no appointment
needed

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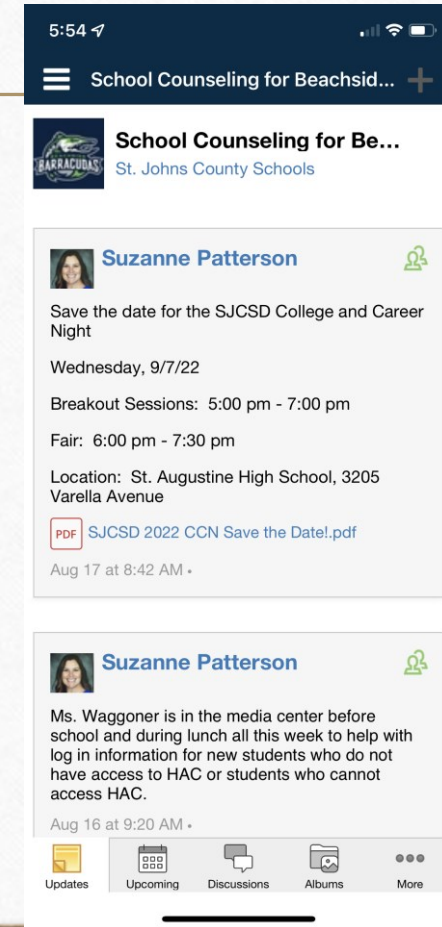
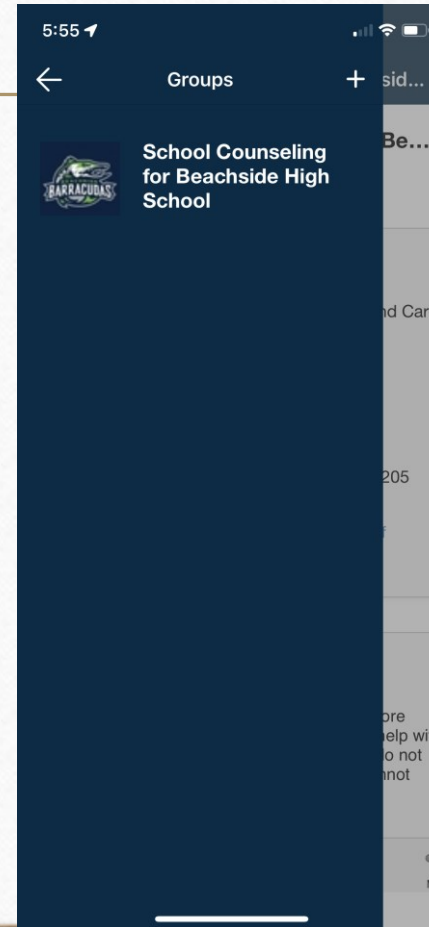


with the School Counseling
Department at
Beachside High School

- ▶ **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!

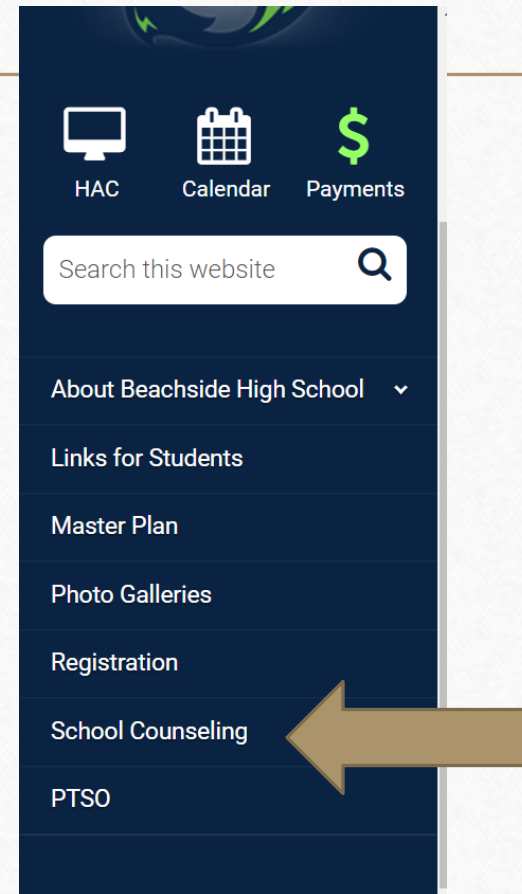
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School Counseling Website

Information you can find ...

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



Graduation Requirements

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

2.0 Cumulative,
Unweighted GPA

24 specific credits

Assessments

- 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

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

Credits

- 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/career technical education
 - 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

- 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 (or work hours) by the end of 11th 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

- 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:

- 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
- Most public state universities in Florida, some colleges around the country, and the Bright Futures scholarship recalculate GPA based on only core and world language courses.

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	GPA	2.71	2.92

Bright Futures Requirements

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
FAS	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
FMS	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

These requirements are subject to change each legislative season

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 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 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!
9th 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 4th, 2024
6pm – 7:30pm
- World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Conference Center

CONTACT US

Open Office Hours During Lunch

