

Being Prepared for 10th Grade

BHS School Counseling

Important Tasks for 10th Grade



What to know about the PSAT/NMSQT

Anticipated test date: October 2025 (specific date, TBA)

Cost for 10th graders: \$0 (district pays cost)

Test length: 2 hours, 14 minutes

Test will be digital. Scores will be accessed through the students CollegeBoard account.

Scale ranges: 320 – 1520 for the total score

PSAT/NMSQT Math 430 or above = Comparative score for Algebra 1 EOC

No penalty for guessing or blank responses

Practice through Khan Academy:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/SAT>

ACT/SAT/PSAT/AP Test Accommodations

If your child has a disability that affects how they test, accommodations are available (IEP or 504 plan).

These accommodations are approved (but not guaranteed) through College Board for AP, SAT, and PSAT and through ACT for ACT tests.

For additional information, deadlines, and consent forms, please visit: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>

Community Service or Paid Work Hours



Not needed for graduation



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



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

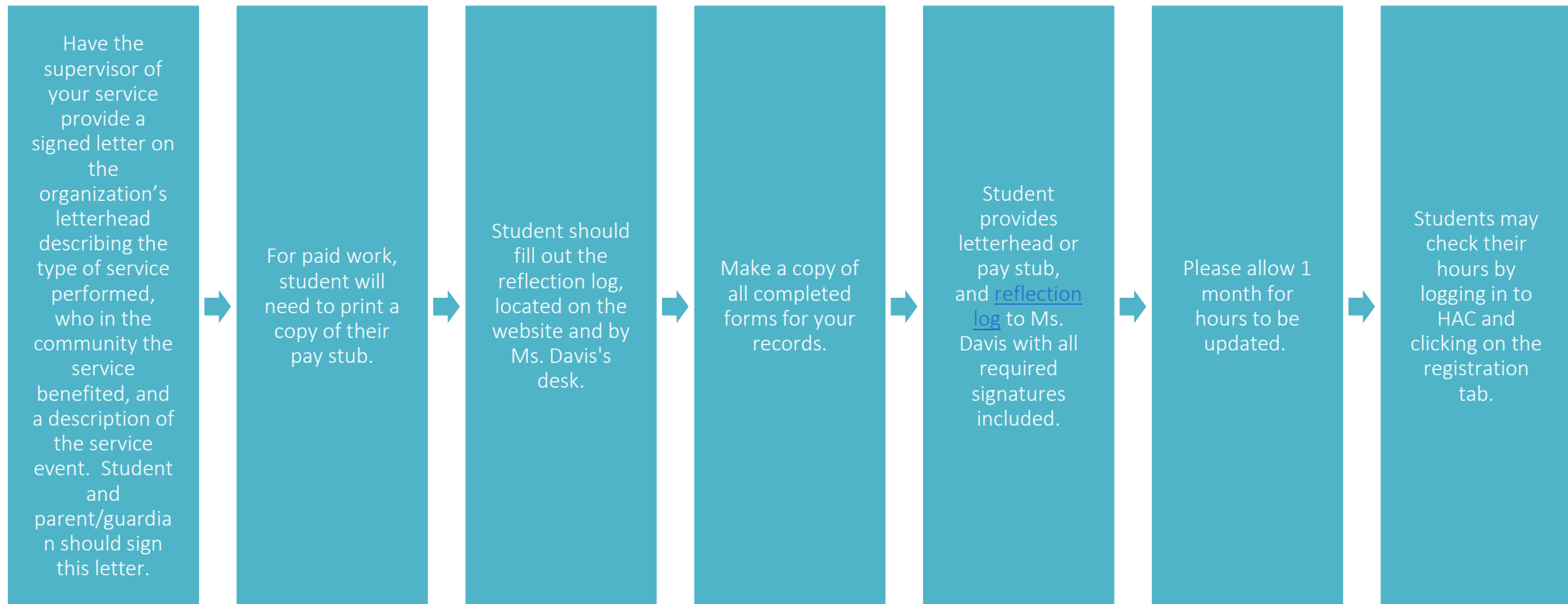


How to find community service opportunities -

Beachside School Counseling
Schoolology Updates

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

How to Turn in Community Service/Paid Work Hours



Scholarships

Start applying NOW!

<https://www.raise.me/>

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

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

Opportunities from parent and students' current employers

Bright Futures Requirements (these may change for Class of 2027)

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	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GVS) can only be used to fund a career education, AS, or certificate program.

What should sophomores do to qualify for the Bright Futures scholarship?



Keep up with course work and maintain a good high school GPA – especially in CORE classes (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language)



Stay involved in school and community



Turn in service hours/work hours to Ms. Davis in the main office



During Junior year, take ACT and/or SAT and send scores to Florida universities

Bright Futures Resources



Work towards eligibility now; apply October 1 of senior year



BHS Bright Futures Webpage

<https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/florida-bright-futures/>



BHS Fall Parent Night Presentation


<https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/presentations-and-resources/>



Bright Futures Handbook


<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>

Typical Sophomore Year Schedule

 English

 Math

 Science

 World History (AICE International History = World History)

 3 Electives

Science & Math Classes for Next Year

Science

All science courses after Biology should be chosen based on a student's future career and post-secondary plans. Choose a course that sounds interesting to you and will prepare you for your post-secondary plans.

Math

All math courses after Geometry should be chosen based on a student's future career and post-secondary plans. Choose a course that will prepare you for your post-secondary plans.

Post-Secondary rep visits
to Beachside

College Fair at Beachside

Classroom Lesson – One
Year Completed Toward
Graduation, What to
Consider for Year Two!
Sophomores will look at
a snapshot picture of
freshmen year and
decide where to focus as
a sophomore!

Classroom Lesson – Post-
Secondary Paths &
Careers; Students will
learn about the many
paths they can take after
high school and will
complete a career
interest inventory.

Help for Sophomores from School Counselors

Thank you!

All presentations will be posted here: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/course-selections/>