



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Cambridge International School

Beachside High School
Cambridge AICE Program
9th 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 9th grade!

Beachside Counseling Department



Ms. Ashenfelter –
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: Main
Office, Building 1
Cashwell 3rd floor



Open office hours
during lunches, no
appointment needed

How do I reach out to my School Counselor?

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

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?

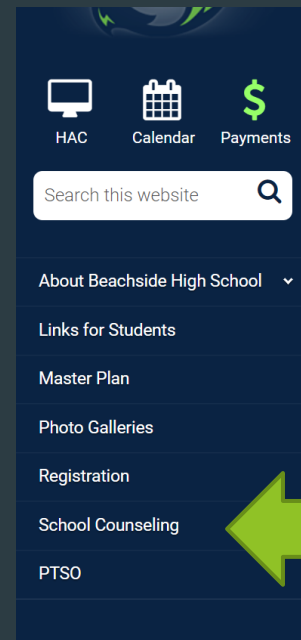
▶ Schoology -

- ▶ Download Schoology App
- ▶ Join School Counseling for Beachside High School Schoology Group
- ▶ Access code: 8G4M-J5H5-5RZSD



▶ School Counseling Website

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



Graduation Requirements

Standard Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Algebra EOC and 10th 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
 - ▶ 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 - 14
 - ▶ Grade 10 ELA FAST or
 - ▶ ACT Reading and English average - 18 or
 - ▶ SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing - 490 or
 - ▶ PSAT English/Writing - 470 or
 - ▶ CLT Verbal Reasoning and Grammar/Writing sections sum - 39

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 9th through 12th grade.
- ▶ Bright Futures and some Colleges/Universities will “recalculate” your GPA using only the core courses and World Language courses.

Calculating SJCS D 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

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

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

Grades matter NOW

Average or middle 50% recalculated GPA for incoming freshmen:

- ▶ FAMU - 3.69-4.25
- ▶ FAU - 3.78-4.35
- ▶ FGCU - 3.79-4.54
- ▶ FIU - 4.1-4.6
- ▶ FloridaPOLY - 3.48-3.86
- ▶ FSU - 4.3-4.6
- ▶ New College - 3.7-4.3
- ▶ UCF - 4.11-4.57
- ▶ UF - 4.5-4.7
- ▶ UNF - 4.00-4.53
- ▶ USF - 4.03-4.55
- ▶ UWF - 3.58-4.22

Post-Secondary Visits

Admission representatives will meet with students outside in the courtyard during all lunches. All info posted on our College Visits page -

[https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/post-secondary-visits/](https://www.bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/post-secondary-visits/)

- ▶ August 14- US Air Force ROTC, US Navy, US Marine Corp
- ▶ August 28 - US Army, J-Tech Institute, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Paul Mitchell
- ▶ September 2 - Valdosta State University, New College of Florida, Florida State University, University of Florida, University of South Florida, University of South Alabama
- ▶ September 11 - Savannah College of Art and Design, University of North Florida, Jacksonville University, University of South Carolina
- ▶ September 18 - United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Academy
- ▶ September 23 - First Coast Technical College, Universal Technical Institute
- ▶ September 30 - St Johns River State College
- ▶ October 16 - New York University, Florida Southern College
- ▶ October 24 - Aveda Institute
- ▶ October 30 - North Florida Sheet Metal Workers

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, September 6th, 2025

9am - 1pm

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

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

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025

6pm - 7:30pm

World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Conference Center

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	2025-26 Graduates ² : 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 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	2025-26 Graduates ² : 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 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!!

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 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/>

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.

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

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

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AICE Diploma and Graduation Tracking Guide

Diploma Requirements: Achieve a minimum of seven (7) credits (including Global Perspectives and Research AS)*													
Earn at least one credit from Groups 1, 2 and 3									Optional (max of two credits)				
Mathematics & Science Group 1			Languages Group 2			Arts & Humanities Group 3			Interdisciplinary & Skill-Based Courses, Group 4				
Class?	Exam Grade	Course	Class?	Exam Grade	Course	Class?	Exam Grade	Course	Class?	Exam Grade	Course		
		Environmental Management AS**			English Language AS			English Literature AS			General Paper AS		
		Physics AS			Spanish Language AS (Exam ONLY)			English Literature AL			Thinking Skills AS		
		Psychology AS**						History-International AS			Thinking Skills AL		
		Psychology AL						History-_____AL (Exam ONLY)					
		Mathematics AS (Exam ONLY)						Travel and Tourism AS	Required Core Course				
								Travel and Tourism AL	Class?	Exam Grade	Course		
								Drama AS			Global Perspectives and Research AS		
								Drama AL	If graduating with Standard Diploma Requirements - Gov/Econ: HOPE: Art:				
								Music AS					
								Economics AS (Exam ONLY)					



Questions?