Common Course Selection Questions and Answers

Will all students meet with a counselor for a course selection appointment?
Yes, all students will meet with a school counselor or administrator during their English class. Click HERE for schedule. School counselors will schedule an appointment with students who do not have an English class.

What if a student is sick on the day of the appointment?
Keep the student at home, there will be make up days.

How will students know what classes they have been recommended for next school year?
Rising 11th and 12th grade BHS students received their verification sheet in late January from their 1st period teacher. Rising 10th grade students will get them in February before their appointment (after the district finalizes the academy lottery results). Students should return the signed sheet to the school counselor during their appointment. Students will be able to see all recommendations and requests in the student HAC account until spring break.

What if a student doesn't want a non-academy elective that has been recommended?
Scratch it out on the verification sheet and turn it into the school counselor during their appointment time.

What if a student wants to take a lower-level class than the teacher recommended?
Example: honors instead of AICE/AP or standard instead of honors
Scratch it out on the verification sheet, write the course level the student wants, and turn it into the school counselor during their appointment time.

What if a student wants to take a higher-level class than the teacher recommended?
Example: AICE/AP instead of honors or honors instead of standard.
Fill out course request change form during the appointment with a counselor, admin will review test scores and grades for qualifications.

Can the student 'try out' a class for the first five days of the new school year, then drop it if they don't like it?
No

If a student is going into the 11th or 12th grade and wants to start a new Academy, can they do that?
No

If a student is going into the 9th or 10th grade and wants to start a new Academy, can they do that?
Yes, but there is a firm deadline. Click link for Academy timeline -
https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/timeline/

How does a student drop an Academy course?
If a student no longer wants to be in an Academy, complete and return the academy drop form to Ms. Stone by the published deadline on the course selection website.

Can a student/parent choose a specific teacher for next year's classes?
No

Can a student/parent choose which lunch period is assigned?
No

What if a student wants to take a class virtually?
Students can only take a class virtually if it is not offered at BHS in addition to their full-time Beachside schedule. Beachside does not offer a virtual lab during the school day.

When is the deadline to make final schedule change requests?
All requests must be in before leaving for spring break. No changes will be made after students leave for spring break.

Is World Language a requirement?
Two years of the same consecutive world language is required for both college admissions and the Bright Futures scholarship. World language courses will count towards the required 7.5 elective credits. World Language is NOT a graduation requirement.

What are the Florida graduation requirements?
Click HERE for Florida graduation requirements

Where do I find information about the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship?
Click HERE for information regarding the Bright Futures scholarship

Which is better...Advanced Placement, AICE, or Dual Enrollment courses?
Click HERE for information regarding the similarities and differences between AP, AICE, and DE courses. Click HERE for a discussion with college reps regarding AP or DE courses.

Where can I find information about SJRSC dual enrollment?
Click HERE for a frequently asked questions document regarding SJRSC dual enrollment.

What is the Executive Internship (CO-OP) Course?
Provides practical introduction to the work environment through direct contact with professionals in the community. Students earn standard elective credit for this course.
9th and 10th graders are not eligible for this course.
Students must maintain employment throughout the year and work at least 25 hours per month for every executive internship course they take (example: 3 courses, 75 hours per month). Students taking this course will leave campus early (depending on how many executive

*internship classes they take) and **must provide their own transportation**. Assignments and pay stubs will be turned in for students to earn a grade in this course.*

Can 9th and 10th graders get a reduced schedule, Executive Intern (work program), or office intern (voluntary public service)?
No

Can 11th graders get a reduced schedule?
No

Can 11th and 12th graders get a blended schedule?
*Yes, students can enroll in dual enrollment course(s) with either St Johns River State College or First Coast Technical College to count towards their full-time enrollment at Beachside. Beachside classes will not be dropped from a student's schedule until we get notification from the college that the student is enrolled in the classes. **Students must provide their own transportation.***

Can 12th graders get a reduced schedule?
*Seniors can reduce up to 3 periods during their senior year if they are on track for an on time high school graduation (including credits, GPA, and test scores). Students must **provide their own transportation**. Morning or afternoon reduced periods cannot be guaranteed.*

What is Voluntary Public Service (Office Intern)?
12th graders only. Non-credit bearing class, able to earn 50 service hours per semester.

How can a student recover a grade of "D" or "F" to improve their GPA?
Students who earn a final grade of D or lower on their transcript in a high school course can take the course again to improve their GPA. Once a C or better is earned through grade forgiveness, all previous attempts are forgiven and are not included in the student's GPA. However, all courses and grades must be included on the student's transcript.
*Students can re-take the course on SJVS, FLVS, or in an Edmentum credit recovery lab**
***courses taken in an Edmentum credit recovery lab will not count towards NCAA eligibility*

What happens if a student scores a level 1 or 2 on the current school year FAST ELA PM3?
Students will be placed in a reading course during the next school year as a state required intensive intervention.