

PROGRAMMING PRESENTATION 2026

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Graduation Requirements

- 24 Total Credits
 - English – 4 credits
 - Math – 4 credits, including Algebra 1 and Geometry
 - Science – 3 credits, including Biology
 - Social Studies – 3 credits, including World History, US History, and Gov/Econ
 - Fine Art – 1 credit
 - HOPE – 1 credit
 - Two years of JROTC can substitute for HOPE and fine art
 - 8 Electives

Graduation Requirements

- Additional Requirements
 - Unweighted State GPA of at least 2.0
 - Passing score on the 10th grade FSA reading
 - Passing score on the Algebra 1 End of Course exam

GPA

- What is a GPA?
 - GPA (or grade point average) is the average of all of the points for all of the grades you earn throughout high school
 - Each letter is worth a certain number of points:
 - A = 4
 - B = 3
 - C = 2
 - D = 1
 - F = 0

GPA

- To calculate your GPA, add up the points for your grades in each class at the end of the semester, and then divide by the total number of grades you have

GPA

- For example, a student had the following grades at the end of the first semester:
 - 1) English – A = 4 points
 - 2) Math – B = 3 points
 - 3) Science – B = 3 points
 - 4) HOPE – C = 2 points
 - 5) Elective 1 – F = 0 points
 - 6) Elective 2 – D = 1 point
 - 7) Elective 3 – D = 1 point
 - 7 total classes attempted
- $4+3+3+2+0+1+1 = 14$, 14 points divided by 7 total classes = 2.0 GPA

GPA

- District GPA v State GPA
- If you take an honors, AP, DE or AICE class, and get at least a C, you get extra points added to your GPA
 - Honors = +.05 points
 - AP, DE & AICE = +1 point
- District (or weighted) GPA includes these extra points.
- State (or unweighted) GPA does not.
- District (weighted) GPA: add the extra points BEFORE you divide.

GPA

- Your GPA is key to everything you do in high school
 - Remember, you need at least a 2.0 overall GPA to graduate at the end of senior year
 - You must have a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to play sports and do most other after school activities
 - The better your GPA is, the more options you'll have (classes, activities, etc.)
 - Your GPA is one of the most important factors that colleges will look at
 - Employers will also want to know how you did in your classes
 - Grades you earn in 9th grade will follow you through high school. Remember, all of your grades count

Community Service/Volunteering

- Community service is not required for graduation, but it is required for many scholarships, including Bright Futures, and many colleges look for community service hours.
- Also, you are helping people in your community and that makes them happy and you happy!
- *It is now referred to as volunteering, as far as Bright Futures is concerned. That means students can earn these hours at any place of business, including churches (not just non profits).

Volunteer/Work Hours Directions

- 1. Complete Form(s).
- 2. Keep a copy for your records.
- 3. Drop in designated tray in Guidance.
- 4. Once processed, they will be filed in your records folder in Guidance and hours will be reflected on your transcript.

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Bright Futures is a scholarship you can earn while in high school and use at any public or private college in Florida
- Four different awards:
 - Florida Academic Scholarship
 - Florida Medallion Scholarship
 - Florida Gold Seal Scholarship
 - CAPE

For each level of Bright Futures, hours earned can be in the form of volunteering and/or working.

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Florida Academic Scholarship
 - 100% tuition paid (bachelor's degree)
 - GPA – 3.5 weighted academic GPA
 - 4 English, 4 math, 3 science, 3 social studies, 2 Foreign Language
 - 100 volunteer hours/paid work hours
 - 1330 SAT or 29 ACT composite or 95 CLT

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Florida Medallion Scholarship
 - 75% tuition paid (bachelor's degree)
 - GPA – 3.0 weighted academic GPA
 - 4 English, 4 math, 3 science, 3 social studies, 2 Foreign Language
 - 75 volunteer hours/paid work hours
 - 1190 SAT or 24 ACT composite or 82 CLT

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Gold Seal Scholarship
- applies to technical programs and AS/AAS degrees
 - Career Certificate - \$39 per credit hour
 - Applied Tech Diploma - \$39 per credit hour
 - Technical Degree - \$48 per credit hour
 - Bachelor of Science (BS)/Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) - \$48
- 3.0 weighted GPA in academic classes
- 3 full credits in career classes (auto tech, vet tech, culinary, etc.)
- 3.5 weighted GPA in career classes (mostly A's, the rest B's)
- 30 hours of community service or 100 work hours or combination of 100 hours
- ACT – 17 English, 19 Reading, 19 Math
- SAT – 490 Reading, 480 Math
- PERT – 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math

Bright Futures Scholarships

▶ CAPE

- ▶ *GSC recipients who earn a qualifying AS or AAS degree may receive an award toward a qualifying BS or BAS degree
 - ▶ Upon completion of an associate in science degree program that articulates to a Bachelor of Science degree, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a Bachelor of Science degree program. Upon completion of an associate in applied science program, a GSC Scholar may also receive an award for a maximum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor of applied science degree program.

- ▶ Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:
 - Complete and turn in 30 volunteer hours OR 100 paid workers volunteer hrs/paid work hours
 - Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications which articulate for college credit (industry certifications are earned in CTE classes like culinary, auto tech, vet tech and computer/technology courses)

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Juniors and Seniors can access their Bright Futures eligibility report on Xello!
- Steps:
 - 1. Navigate to Xello through your Clever account
 - 2. Locate your College Planning page from your quick links, under Goals & Plans.
 - 3. In the Scholarships section, click on "Check Eligibility" to open your report.
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- It's that EASY!
- *On that report You can view your progress towards meeting BF scholarship eligibility.

Graduation May Seem Far Away, but it Comes Quicker than you Think!

The following slides show the Various College Admissions Decision Models...

- Regular Decision
 - Set application deadline in the Fall
 - Notified of decision by a specified date – usually in March or April
- Rolling Admission
 - No set deadline. Once the school receives all of your application material, they will notify you within a matter of days or weeks.

College Admissions Decision Models cont...

- Early Decision
 - Apply early (usually by October or November)
 - Receive admissions decision well in advance of the usual notification date
 - Early decision plans are “binding”, meaning if you apply early decision, you agree to attend the college if they accept you
 - You can only apply to one college early decision, but you may apply to other colleges regular decision
 - If you’re accepted under early decision, you must withdraw all other applications

College Admissions Decision Models cont...

- Should you apply Early Decision?
 - Yes, if:
 - You are very sure of the college you want to attend
 - Your stats (GPA, test scores, etc.) match or almost match those of the average accepted student
 - Financial aid is not a concern
 - No, if:
 - You plan to weigh financial aid offers from multiple schools
 - You're considering several colleges

College Admissions Decision Models cont...

- Early Action
 - Application is due early and you get an admission decision in the winter or early spring
 - Non-binding
 - You can apply early action to multiple schools, or apply to one school early action and other schools regular decision

Good Resources to Check Out!

- Collegeboard.org

(don't forget to be SURE your Kahn Academy and collegeboard accounts are linked. You probably did this in 8th grade but if you have not, you need to do that ASAP so you can get updated individualized practice every time you take the PSAT)

- Xello
- Collegedata.com
- Myplan.com
- Mymajors.com
- Fastweb.com
- BSHS guidance page

- ***Looking for a GREAT interest inventory to help you decide on a career? Sign up for the ASVAB. There are 2 more happening this school year: one on 2/4 and one on 4/2 (the ASVAB sign up form can be found in the Guidance module of your Bloomingdale high school Resources class on Canvas, or at bloomingdaleguidance.org, under the community service tab)
- The ASVAB is not just for people looking to join the service. It is one of the best interest inventories....it matches your interests and abilities to help you find the best jobs for you. A rep will be out when results are in to help you interpret your scores and what they mean.

Questions?

- This power point can be found at bloomingtonguidance.org, under the presentations tab, for your future reference. 😊
- Up Next is...
 - Raise.me
 - Xello
 - Bloomingtonguidance.org

RAISE ME

- Check this out!!!!
- Trust me...you are going to LOVE it!
- The younger you are when you find out about this, the better!!!
- <https://vimeo.com/188042522>

Survey

- Scan the QR code and complete the brief survey based on your current hopes/dreams for the future.



- This information will be used to plan and explore options to get you where you want to go! 😊