

BULL NATION

Welcome to
BULL NATION
Junior Parent Night
Class of 2025



Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome
- Senior Pictures
- Graduation Requirements
- Post-Secondary Opportunities
- College Admission
- Financial Aid

Senior Pictures

- Ms. Cruz Aragon – Yearbook
- Ms. Emily Negrón – Leonard's Photography

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Graduation Requirements

- 24 Total Credits
- Passing scores on the 10th grade FAST Reading and Algebra 1 EOC
- Minimum unweighted GPA of 2.0

Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits
 - Must include Algebra 1 and Geometry
- 3 Science Credits
 - Must include Biology
- 3 Social Studies Credits
 - Must include World History, US History, and Government/Economics
- 1 HOPE Credit (Health/PE)
- 1 Performing/Practical Arts Credit
- 8 Elective Credits
- 24 credits total; minimum 2.0 unweighted GPA
 - **Online Course is no longer required**

Summer Credit Recovery

- Students needing to make up credits can attend summer credit recovery at Bloomingdale
- June 10th – July 18th, No class July 4th
- Monday – Thursday 8:30-1:30

Assessment Requirements

- Two tests students must pass to graduate:
 - Algebra 1 End Of Course Exam
 - 10th grade FAST Reading
- Other ways to meet testing requirements for graduation

Concordant Scores

- Students who don't pass the Algebra 1 EOC can earn a comparative score:
 - 430 PSAT Math
 - 420 SAT Math
 - 16 ACT Math
 - 11 CLT Quantitative Reasoning
 - Level 3 Geometry EOC
- Students who don't pass the 10th grade FAST Reading can earn a concordant score:
 - 480 SAT Reading
 - Average of 18 ACT English and Reading
 - Total of 36 CLT Verbal Reasoning and Grammar/Writing

SAT/ACT Registration

- ACT
 - www.actstudent.org
- SAT
 - www.collegeboard.org
- CLT
 - www.cltexam.com
- Links to all websites on the BSHS Guidance page
 - www.bloomingtonguidance.org
- Fee Waivers
- Testing deadline for Bright Futures – August 31, 2025

SAT School Day

- All juniors took the SAT at SAT School Day on March 6th
- This was a real SAT that can be used to earn a concordant score, to qualify for Bright Futures, and for college admission.
- Log in to your Collegeboard account to review and send scores.

SAT vs. ACT - Differences

	SAT	ACT
Test Format	Adaptive digital	Paper
Timing	Two sections: 64-minute reading and writing, 70-minute math. More time per question.	4 sections totaling 2 hours and 55 minutes. 3 hours and 35 minutes with essay.
Science	No specific science section	Includes science
English/Writing	No separate essay.	Optional 40-minute essay
Math	Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Data Analysis	Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probably & Stats

SAT/ACT Test Prep

- Registration websites both offer free online test prep resources
- Khanacademy.org
 - Free tutoring website that has partnered with Collegeboard to provide individualized feedback and practice for SAT
- Taking higher level (honors, AP, AICE) classes can help improve reading, writing, and math skills

Earn College Credit in High School

- Bloomingdale students can earn college credit in one of three ways:
 - Pass an AP exam
 - Pass an AICE exam
 - Pass a dual enrollment class

Earn College Credit in High School

- AP and AICE classes
 - Take the class throughout the year on campus at Bloomingdale
 - Earn college credit for passing the exam at the end of the year
 - The grade you earn in the class counts towards your high school GPA only
- Dual Enrollment
 - Take an HCC class at Bloomingdale, at an HCC campus, or online
 - Earn college credit for passing the course
 - The grade you earn counts towards your high school GPA and your college GPA
 - You are starting your college transcript
- AP, AICE, and Dual Enrollment classes earn an additional .08 points added on to your GPA

Earn College Credit in High School

- Dual Enrollment Requirements
 - 3.0 unweighted GPA
 - “College-Ready” test scores
 - PERT – 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math
 - SAT – 24 Reading, 24 Math
 - Digital SAT – 490 Reading & Writing, 480 Math
 - PSAT – 490 Reading & Writing, 480 Math
 - ACT – 19 Reading, 17 English, 19 Math
 - College Algebra (MAC 1105) requires:
 - 123 PERT Math
 - 27 SAT Math
 - 530 Digital SAT Math
 - 530 PSAT Math
 - 21 ACT Math
- Dual Enrollment Deadlines
 - To register for a fall class, paperwork is due no later than May 17th. Students must register for class no later than July 12th.

Earn College Credit in High School

- Dual Enrollment courses offered on campus at Bloomingdale:
 - First Year Experience (SLS 1106) – test scores not required
 - Early American History (AMH 2010)
 - Modern American History (AMH 2020)
- Summer 2024
 - SLS 1106 will be offered on campus this summer
 - June 18th – July 22nd
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 – 12:00
 - Registration information coming soon

Industry Certifications

- Can earn college credit
- Can help with jobs

AICE Diploma

- AICE program started this year at Bloomingdale
- Students who take and pass 7 AICE courses and exams in specific areas in no more than three years earn the AICE Diploma
- Students who graduate with the AICE Diploma and complete community service or work hours automatically qualify for the 100% Bright Futures Scholarship
- AICE exam results from 2023-2024 are scheduled to be available August 10th

Preparing for College Admission

- Take the SAT/ACT
 - Juniors are encouraged to take both tests at least once before the start of senior year
- Begin researching colleges
 - Organize a list of schools to which you plan to apply as early as possible
- Athletes
 - Contact college's athletic office. Register with NCAA Eligibility Center once you're being recruited. Work with high school and college coaches to ensure you're taking classes to meet eligibility requirements
- Collect examples of work – especially for creative majors
 - Writing samples, audition tapes, portfolios
- Think about summer activities
 - Work experience, community service, summer courses
- Research majors and careers
 - Collegeboard.org

Preparing for College Admission

- What do colleges look for?
 - Rigor of courses taken
 - Academic GPA/Class rank
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - Leadership experience
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Application essays
 - Recommendations
- Each college will prioritize different criteria in admissions decisions
- Knowing what is important can help you tailor your application to a particular college

Preparing for College Admission

- Reach Schools
 - Highly selective schools where you “just might make the cut”
 - Your statistics fall in the lower half or just short of those of admitted freshmen
 - Ivy leagues, service academies, big state schools
- Match Schools
 - Your admissions statistics match or slightly exceed those of the average accepted student
- Safety Schools
 - Your admission statistics exceed those of the average admitted student. Schools where you know you’ll be accepted
- Plan to apply to schools across that spectrum

Preparing for College Admission

- Get organized
 - Make a list of important information (deadlines, costs, etc) and compare schools side by side
- Review the [Admission Tour Matrix](#)
- Use application checklists to ensure all required material is submitted on time. Verify receipt of submitted material.
- Generally, application material can be submitted piece by piece
 - You don't have to finish your application before you send your transcript, etc.

Career & Technical Schools

- Hillsborough County Technical Colleges:
 - Erwin Technical College – Hillsborough Ave.
 - Aparicio-Levy Technical College – Ellicott St.
 - Brewster Technical College – N. Tampa St.
 - Leary Technical College – Hillsborough Ave
- Each offers a variety of career certificate programs
 - Firefighting, Culinary, Electricity, Plumbing, Welding, etc.
 - These can usually be finished in as little as 6 months
 - Hillsboroughschools.org -> Schools tab ->Technical/Adult
- HCC offers a variety of A.S. degree and career certificate programs.

Military Opportunities

- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is the required entrance test to enlist in the U.S. Military. For more information on the ASVAB visit www.military.com/asvab
- For more information on opportunities and entrance requirements, visit:
 - U.S. Airforce – www.airforce.com
 - U.S. Army – www.goarmy.com
 - U.S. Marine Corps – www.marines.com
 - U.S. Navy – www.navy.com
- Interested students can take the ASVAB at Bloomingdale several times throughout the year
- Recruiter contact info in the weekly Bulliten

Financial Aid

- First step is to complete the FAFSA
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - www.fafsa.gov
 - FAFSA is available beginning October 1st of senior year
 - Uses “prior prior year” tax information
 - Apply for financial aid for the 25-26 school year in October 2024 using taxes from 2023
- FAFSA opens the door to federal need-based financial aid
 - Grants, loans, work study, some scholarships

Scholarships

- Can be based on any criteria, including need, academic, artistic, or athletic merit
- Free online searches
 - Fastweb.com, scholarships.com, etc.
- BSHS guidance website is regularly updated with local scholarships
- Hillsborough County Schools scholarship matrix
- Scholarship apps
 - Scholly, Cappex, Unigo, etc.
- Individual college's financial aid website
- No limit to the amount of scholarship money a student can earn
 - Students can receive a refund if they have more scholarship money than the cost of attendance.

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Bright Futures Scholarships are available to seniors graduating from a Florida high school who go on to college in Florida
- Can be used at public or private, 2-year or 4-year colleges
- Three main scholarships
 - Florida Academic Scholarship
 - Florida Medallion Scholarship
 - Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Florida Academic Scholarship
 - Award covers 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College
 - Private Colleges - \$212 per credit hour at a 4-year college, \$105 per credit hour at a 2-year college
- Requirements:
 - 3.5 weighted academic GPA
 - GPA is recalculated using only academic classes (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
 - 100 hours of community service or 100 work hours
 - 1340 SAT (R+M), 29 ACT composite, 96 CLT total

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Florida Medallion Scholarship
 - Award covers 75% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College
 - Private Colleges - \$141 per credit hour at a 4-year college, \$70 per credit hour at a 2-year college
- Requirements:
 - 3.0 weighted academic GPA
 - GPA is recalculated using only academic classes (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
 - 75 hours of community service or 100 work hours
 - 1210 SAT (R+M), 25 ACT composite, or 84 CLT total

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Gold Seal Vocational
 - Award amount depends on type of program
 - Career Certificate - \$39 per credit hour
 - Applied Technology Diploma - \$39 per credit hour
 - Technical Degree (AS, AAS) - \$48 per credit hour
 - Requirements:
 - Minimum GPA is a 3.0 in non-elective courses
 - Must take three credits in a single vocational program (TV, Auto Tech, etc.) and maintain a 3.5 in those classes
 - SAT – 490 Reading, 480 Math
 - ACT – 17 English, 19 Reading, 19 Math
 - PERT – 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Weighted Academic GPA
 - The GPA Bright Futures will use to determine eligibility is different from the weighted GPA on a student's transcript.
 - Bright Futures will recalculate the GPA using only grades in academic classes
 - Bright Futures awards an extra .5 points for weighted classes

Bright Futures Scholarships


- Weighted Academic GPA
 - Bright Futures will use the grades in the following credits to calculate GPA:
 - Four best English
 - Four best math
 - Three best science
 - Three best social studies
 - Two best foreign language
 - Bright Futures can use up to two extra credits in any of the academic areas if they help a student's GPA

Bright Futures Scholarships

- Bright Futures Application
 - Students can complete the Bright Futures Application beginning October 1st of their senior year
 - Apply online at www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org
 - Students can complete the application prior to meeting all requirements

Community Service/Work Hours

- Log forms available at bloomingdaleguidance.org or in the guidance office
- Turn completed forms in to guidance secretary. Hours will be added to the transcript.
- Hours completed during the summer after 8th grade through graduation can count towards Bright Futures

 **Volunteer Service Hours Log Form**
For Bright Futures

For office use only
Hours earned by: _____ Date: _____
Total hours earned to date: _____

Student Name _____ Graduation Year _____
Student Number _____ High School _____ Total Hours _____

It is the responsibility of the student to keep an accurate record of the actual hours volunteered. A parent/guardian cannot serve as the volunteer agency contact. Please do not include any paid work hours on this form. All volunteer hour documentation MUST be submitted by your school's graduation date. Any volunteer hours submitted after graduation, even if earned prior to graduation, will not be accepted.


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Please describe below what you have learned from your volunteer service experience.

I agree that I have completed the above hours.

Student Signature _____ Date _____
Parent Signature _____ Date _____
High School Community Service Contact Signature _____ Date _____

August 18, 2023

 **Paid Work Hours Log Form**
For Bright Futures

For office use only
Hours earned by: _____ Date: _____
Total hours earned to date: _____

Student Name _____ Graduation Year _____
Student Number _____ High School _____ Total Hours _____

It is the responsibility of the student to keep an accurate record of the actual hours worked. A parent/guardian cannot serve as the work contact. Only paid work hours earned beginning June 27th, 2022 will be accepted. Please do not include any volunteer hours on this form. All work hour documentation MUST be submitted by your school's graduation date. Any work hours submitted after graduation, even if earned prior to graduation, will not be accepted.
**An attached pay stub stating the dates/times worked may be accepted in lieu of a work contact signature.*

Date	Start/End Time	Hours Worked	Work Location	Work Phase #	Signature of Work Contact*
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Please describe below what you learned from your work experience.

I agree that I have completed the above hours.

Student Signature _____ Date _____
Parent Signature _____ Date _____
High School Representative _____ Date _____

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Communication

- Bloomingdale High School Counseling Department Website
 - www.bloomingtonguidance.org
- Bloomingdale High School Resources page on Canvas
- Rolling announcements on TVs around school
- Twitter – follow us @bdaleguidance
- Weekly newsletter
- Canvas messages
- Listen to morning/afternoon announcements
- Flyers
- Very important announcements via parent link calls

2024-2025 Schedules

- Schedules will be released through Canvas prior to open house in August.

