


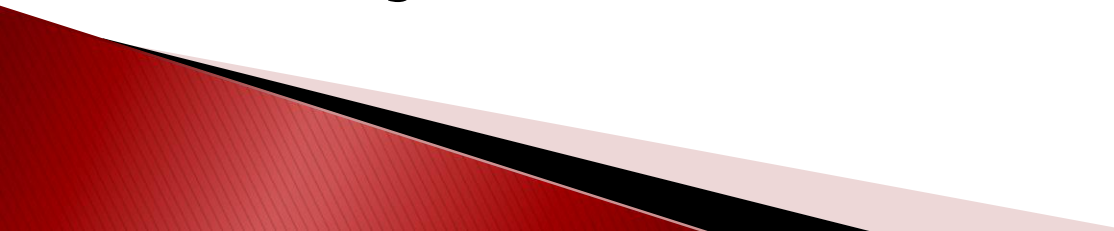
Bloomington High School

Senior Class of 2024

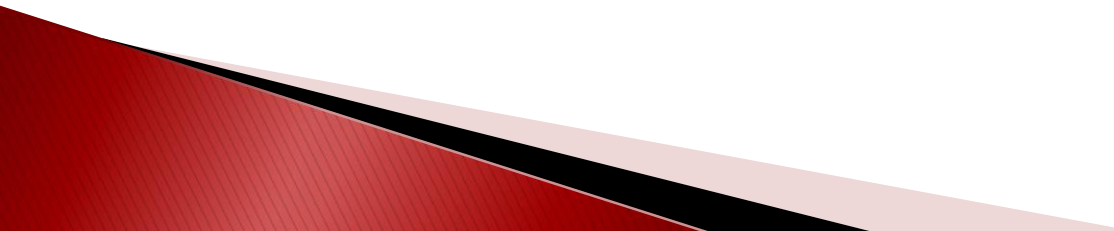
Agenda

- ▶ Info PP presentation (while your counselors call you back for your senior credit check one at a time)
 - ▶ Diploma Name Form (be sure you check it twice for accuracy/spelling)
 - ▶ Explore/highlight areas on Guidance Website & Bloomingdale high school Resources
 - ▶ Raise.Me
 - ▶ Bulletin
 - ▶ Extra time? Work on something you need to do for this class or another class if you are done with everything for this class
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Meet Your Counselor

- ▶ Mrs. Waluzak
 - Students with last names A–De
 - ▶ Mrs. Caryer
 - Students with last names Di–H
 - ▶ Mr. Martino
 - Students with last names I–Me
 - ▶ Mrs. Raschke
 - Students with last names Mi–Ros
 - ▶ Mrs. Young
 - Students with last names Rot–Z
 - ▶ Mrs. Edgeman
 - College and Career Counselor
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Graduation Requirements

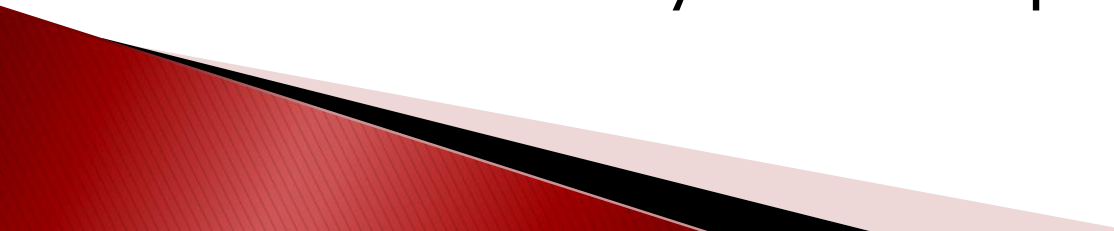
- ▶ 24 Credits
 - ▶ Passing Scores on:
 - FSA Reading
 - Algebra 1 EOC
 - ▶ GPA minimum 2.0
 - ▶ Note that you will **not** be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies if you have not met the credit and GPA requirements
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Credit Breakdown

- ▶ 4 English
- ▶ 4 Math
 - Algebra 1 and Geometry
- ▶ 3 Science
 - Biology
- ▶ 3 Social Studies
 - World History, US History, Gov/Econ
- ▶ 1 Fine Art
- ▶ 1 HOPE
- ▶ 8 Electives
 - There is NO LONGER a virtual course requirement!

***For beginning at a University & for BF requirement, you need 2 yrs of foreign language in the SAME language

Senior Interviews

- ▶ While meeting with your counselor, you should have received your student summary (a 1–page snapshot of your transcript)
 - ▶ Check your summary to make sure it is correct
 - ▶ Make sure any summer courses, online courses, high school courses taken in middle school, and dual enrollment courses are there (if they are not, get into your Canvas RIGHT NOW and send your counselor a Canvas message letting him/her know what they need to update for you)
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Senior Interviews

- ▶ At this point, you should have at least 17 credits.
 - $17 + 7 = 24 = \text{Graduation}$
- ▶ If you are behind, talk to your counselor about ways to catch up
 - HVS/FLVS
 - Credit Recovery
 - Adult School

ACT/SAT Concordant Scores

- ▶ FSA Retakes – September 2023
- ▶ Seniors who have not yet passed the FSA can use the SAT or ACT or CLT
- ▶ Concordant Scores:
 - SAT – 480 EBRW (evidence-based reading & writing)
 - ACT – average of 18 in English and Reading
 - CLT – sum of 36 in VR & GW (verbal reasoning & grammar and writing)
- ▶ Seniors who have not yet passed the Algebra 1 EOC may take the ACT, PSAT, SAT or CLT
 - ACT – 16 Math
 - PSAT (10th & 11th grade) – 430 Math
 - SAT – 420 Math
 - CLT – 11 in QR (quantitative reasoning)

SAT/ACT: How Do I Register

- ▶ ACT
 - www.actstudent.org
- ▶ SAT
 - www.collegeboard.org
- ▶ CLT
 - [The CLT – Online College Entrance Exam – Classic Learning Test \(cltexam.com\)](http://cltexam.com)
- ▶ Links to the SAT & ACT websites can be found on the Bloomingdale Guidance website
- ▶ Fee Waivers (Alternative Income Verification Form) 2 SAT waivers: should be in your collegeboard account & 4 ACT waivers)
- ▶ Request waivers via the SAT & ACT Waivers Form found in the Guidance module of your Bloomingdale high school resources class or at bloomingdaleguidance.org under the “request forms” tab


Waiver Benefits (SAT, ACT, & College App Fees) AIV Form Directions

- ▶ 1. Juniors & Seniors, if you believe you may qualify for waiver benefits (ACT, SAT & college application fee waivers), have your parent(s) or guardian(s) fill out the Alternate Income Verification Form.
- ▶ 2. Keep a copy for your records.
- ▶ 3. For fastest service, mail your completed form to: Healthy Meals Express Application Center, 9014 Brittany Way, Tampa, Florida, 33619

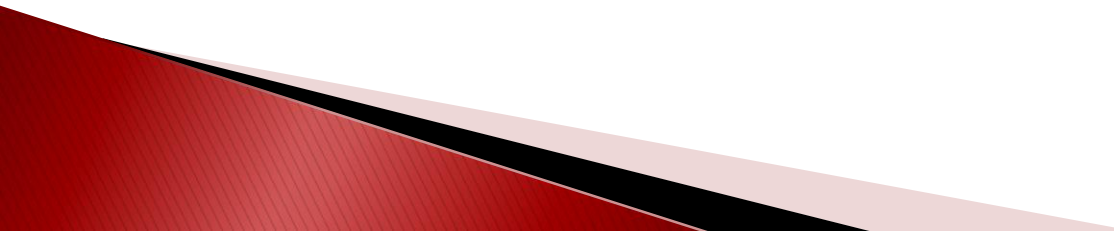
OR you can turn your completed form back into the main office and it will be mailed.

- ▶ 4. 2 weeks after your form has been mailed, please fill out the ACT/SAT Waiver Request Form, which can be found at bloomingdaleguidance.org under the Request Forms tab.

What is the CLT?

- ▶ college entrance exam launched in 2015
 - ▶ 3 main sections: Verbal Reasoning (VR), Grammar/Writing (GW), and Quantitative Reasoning (QR)
 - ▶ There is also an optional essay.
 - ▶ Each section is worth a total of 40 points (total test score possible is a 120 points).
 - ▶ CLT scores are NOT accepted at several colleges/universities.
 - ▶ Hillsborough county does NOT offer the CLT test at any of their testing sites.
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College Admissions Timeline

- ▶ If you haven't already, sign up for the SAT and/or ACT
 - ▶ Continue researching colleges and organize a list of schools to which you plan to apply
 - ▶ Begin application process as soon as possible
 - ▶ Complete career interest inventories if unsure of college major
 - ▶ Complete FAFSA as soon as possible starting in December...they still have not released an exact date of when it will open.
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Major and Career Searches

- ▶ MyCareerShines – www.floridashines.org
 - ▶ O*Net Online – www.onetonline.org
 - ▶ Collegeboard's BigFuture major and career browser – www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
 - ▶ ACT Profile – www.actstudent.org
 - ▶ MyMajors – www.mymajors.com
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College Search

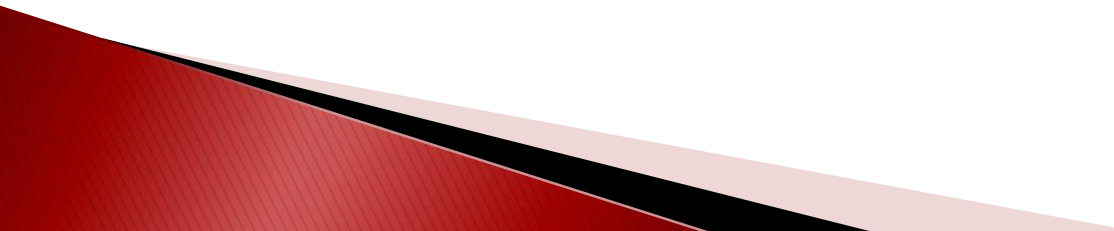
- ▶ College search websites:
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>
 - www.floridashines.org
 - www.cappex.com
 - Many others available
- ▶ College visits at BSHS (there are currently more than 10 scheduled...sign up in the pink binder in Guidance)
- ▶ On campus visits (offered virtually & in person)

College Admissions Decision Models

- ▶ Regular Decision (seats fill up...be careful)
 - Set application deadline in the Fall
 - Not happy with test scores? Should I still apply now? Test optional?
 - 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

▶ 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
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College Admissions Decision Models

- ▶ 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

▶ 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

College Degree Options

► Technical College

- Career certificate, applied technology diploma, technical degree
- Finish in 6 months – 2 years depending on the program
- HTC offers programs in:
 - Culinary
 - Welding
 - Early Child Education
 - Automotive Repair
 - Fire Fighting
 - Many others
- Fieldtrips: Erwin & Brewster field trips are being scheduled and will be available to interested juniors & seniors. Field trip sign up sheets will be on the wall in Guidance. You just write your name and ask Mrs. Fugate, the Guidance secretary, for a field trip form to get signed and returned. The Erwin field trip will be in the first semester. The Brewster field trip will be in the second semester.

College Degree Options

▶ 2-Year College

◦ A.A. Degree

- Finish in two years and then transfer to a 4-year college, where you'll earn your bachelor's degree
- Smaller classes, less expensive, live at home

◦ A.S. Degree

- Finish in two years and then go right into a job
- HCC offers A.S. degrees in:
 - Business
 - Criminal Justice
 - Health Sciences
 - Computer Science
 - Culinary
 - Many others

***HCC NOW offers a bachelor's in Nursing...WOW!!!

College Degree Options

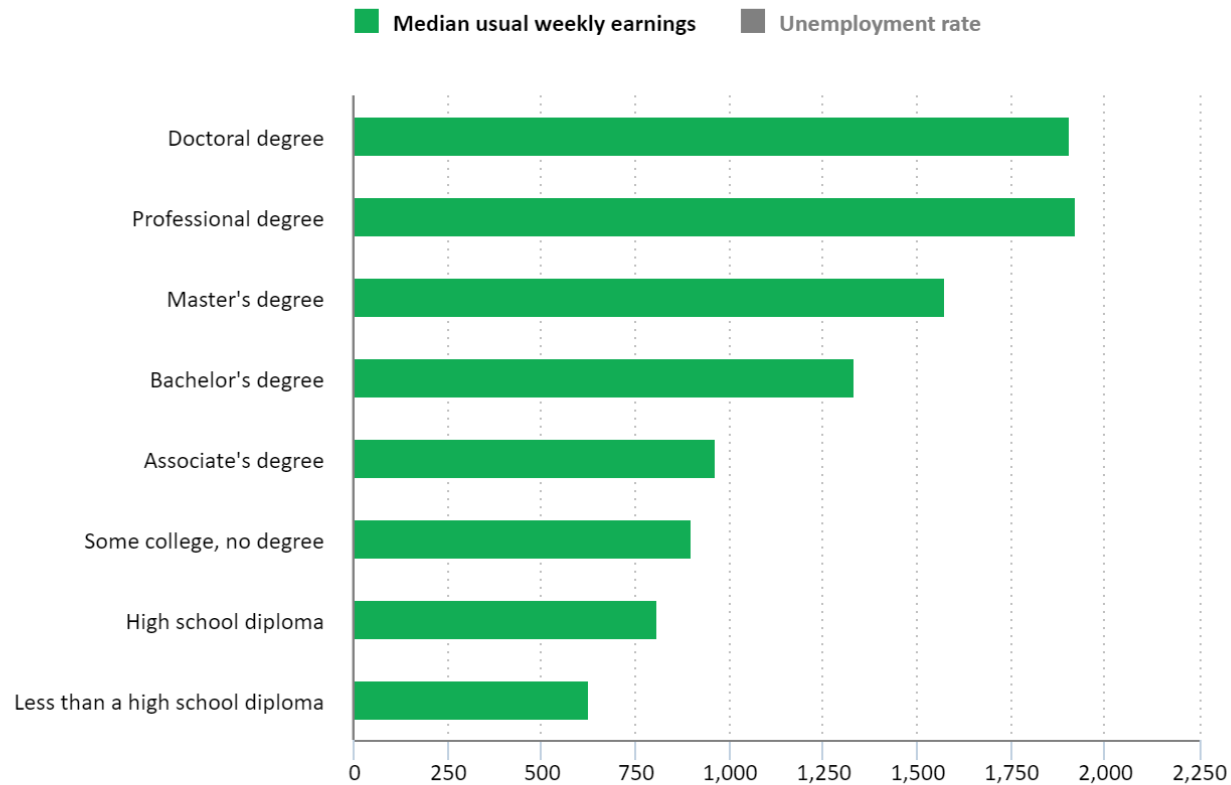
▶ 4-Year College

- Take general education classes and classes for your major
- Earn your Bachelor's Degree
- Go into a job or continue on for an advanced degree

Education Pays

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2021

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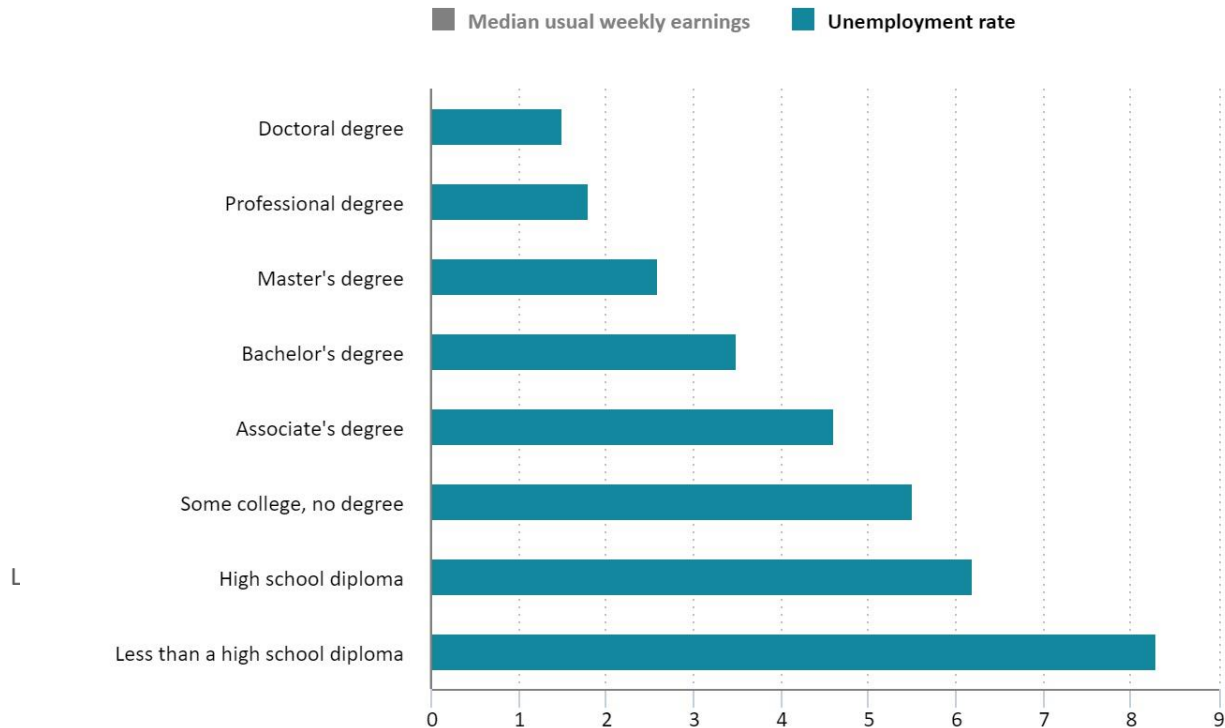
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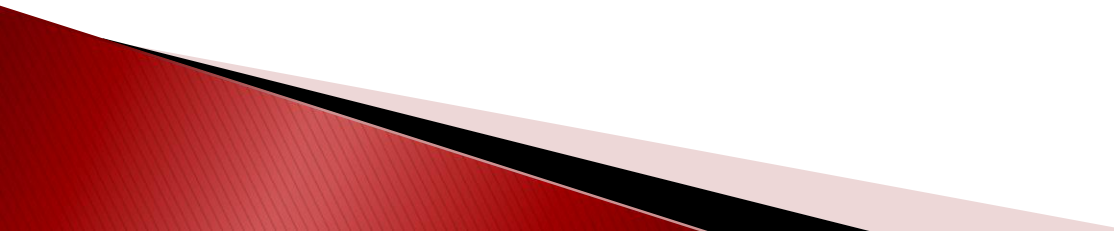
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College Applications: What to Expect

- ▶ Student data
 - ▶ Student essay
 - ▶ Supplemental forms
 - Official transcript
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - School report/counselor rec.
 - Teacher rec.
 - Mid-year school report
 - Final transcript (this won't be due as part of the application...you won't even request these until April)
 - ▶ Application fee (fee waivers–collegeboard, ACT, & NACAC)
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College Applications

▶ Letters of Recommendation

- Minimum 2 weeks notice
- Resume or info sheet
- Teacher, counselor, coach, or mentor (think about your major, ie: STEM major? Should ask a math or science teacher)

▶ Transcripts

- Sdhc.scribder.com
- Send electronically through Commonapp, Coalition App, or SendEdu

▶ Interviews

- Location, time, date
- Who will be conducting the interview?

College Admissions

▶ Getting Organized

- Compare relevant information side by side
- Look for the freshman application checklist
- Use a calendar or planner to keep track of deadlines (online calendars are an amazing tool to help keep you on track...make it a habit of putting all important dates in there as soon as you know them...include personal, work, school, extra currics, etc...)

College Admissions

- ▶ Fill out one application and send it to multiple schools
 - Common App
 - www.commonapp.com
 - Coalition Application
 - www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
 - Common Black College App
 - www.commonblackcollegeapp.com
 - HBCUs

Scholarships

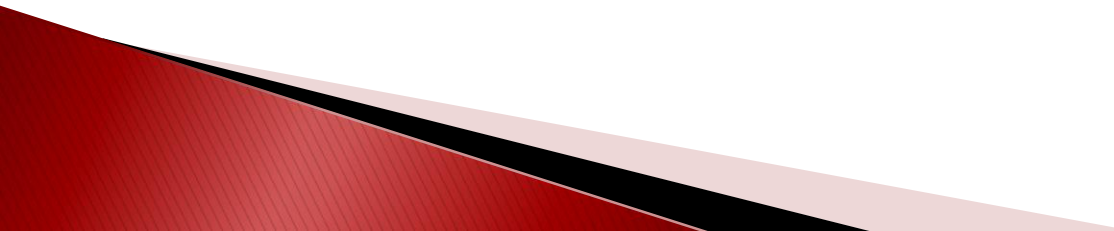
- ▶ Bloomingtonguidance.org
 - BSHS Guidance Scholarship Blog (local/national)
 - BSHS Guidance Scholarship matrix (local/national)
- ▶ Raise.me (follow & add accomplishments ASAP...due dates vary by college)
- ▶ Collegeboard Opportunity Scholarships (now...monthly opportunities)
- ▶ Hillsborough Education Foundation Scholarships (Nov. 1st)
- ▶ www.scholarships.com
- ▶ www.fastweb.com
- ▶ www.floridashines.org
- ▶ www.raise.me
- ▶ www.myscholly.com
- ▶ Many others available

Bright Futures Scholarship

- ▶ Bright Futures awards four different scholarships:
 - Academic
 - Medallion
 - Gold Seal
 - CAPE
- ▶ GPAs are recalculated using only your academic courses
 - 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 Foreign Language
- ▶ Add .5 points for weighted classes

Bright Futures Scholarship

- ▶ Academic Scholars (100% tuition paid)
 - 1340 SAT or 29 ACT or 96 CLT
 - 100 volunteer hours/paid work hours
 - 3.5 weighted GPA

 - ▶ Medallion Scholars (75% tuition paid)
 - 1210 SAT or 25 ACT or 84 CLT
 - 75 volunteer hours/paid work hours
 - 3.0 weighted GPA
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Bright Futures Scholarship

► Gold Seal

- Award amount depends on type of program
 - Career Certificate – \$39 per hour
 - Applied Technology Diploma – \$39
 - Technical Degree – \$48
- 3.0 GPA in graduation requirements
- Must take three credits in a vocational program and maintain a 3.5 in those classes
- 30 volunteer hours OR 100 volunteer hrs/paid work hours
- Test Scores:
 - ACT – 17 English, 19 Reading, 19 Math
 - SAT – 440 Reading, 440 Math
 - PERT – 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math

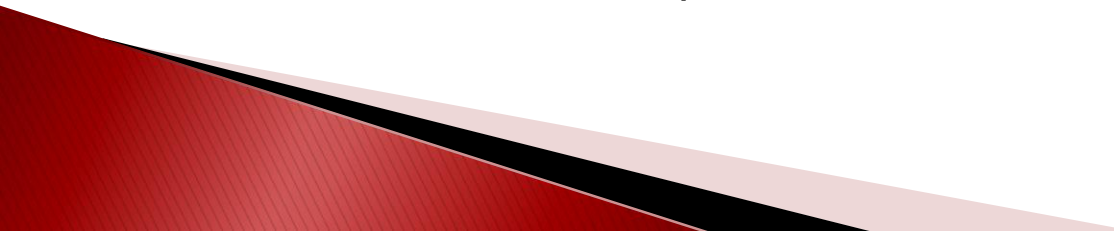
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▶ CAPE

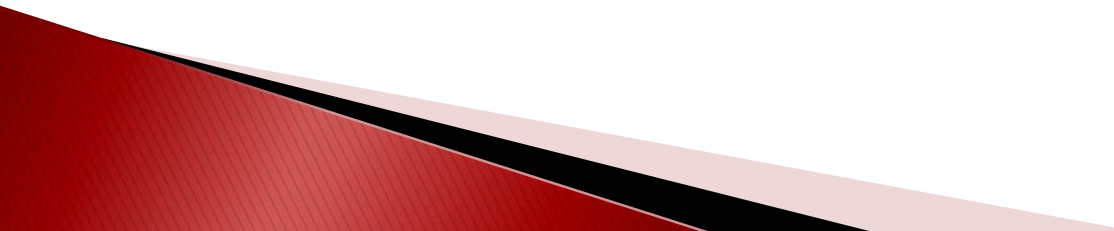
- ▶ Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Complete and turn in 30 volunteer hours OR 100 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, and computer/technology courses)

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.
 - ▶ ***BF no longer calls it community service, it is now volunteering, which means that you can volunteer at church or any other business...it does NOT have to be a non-profit!
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Bright Futures Status

- ▶ Check your Bright Futures eligibility on your BF report you will receive twice a year (Sept. & Feb.)
 - ▶ Displays your academic GPA, highest test scores, and community service once hours have been submitted
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Upcoming Events

- ▶ HCC rep is here during ALL 3 lunches EVERY Thursday in my office in Guidance...no sign ups, just show up
- ▶ Military branch reps are at the lunches everyday
- ▶ College visits...more added all the time (sometimes daily)...sign up in the pink binder in Guidance
- ▶ Oct 1st: Bright Futures app opens
- ▶ September 14th: Senior Night (during conference night)
- ▶ September 22nd: ASVAB Prep
- ▶ October 12th: ASVAB
- ▶ October 17th: Future Career Academy Business Panel
- ▶ October 26th: ASVAB Interpreter
- ▶ November 2nd: College Application Day
- ▶ 1st semester (they are scheduling): Erwin Tech College field trip
- ▶ December some time: FAFSA opens (no exact date released yet)
- ▶ December 13th & 14th: Financial Aid Lab (FSA ID & BF)
- ▶ December–February 29th: FAFSA Challenge!

Communication...pay attention!!!

- ▶ Bloomingdaleguidance.org
 - ▶ Bloomingdale high school resources
 - ▶ Morning show
 - ▶ Twitter: @bdaleguidance
 - ▶ Guidance bulletin board (to the left of lunchroom)
 - ▶ Flyers/posters/brochures/papers in Guidance Office
 - ▶ Weekly Bulletin (emailed to parents and link sent to you in Canvas)
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