



UNDERCLASSMEN NIGHT

**Graduation Requirements, College Applications,
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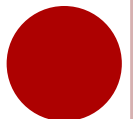
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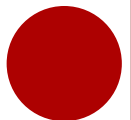
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 24 Credits
- Passing Scores on:
 - FSA Reading
 - Algebra 1 EOC
- Unweighted State GPA- minimum 2.0





CREDIT BREAKDOWN

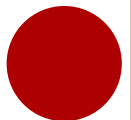
- 4 English
- 4 Math
 - Algebra 1 and Geometry
- 3 Science
 - Biology and two additional sciences
- 3 Social Studies
 - World History, US History, US Government, Economics
- 1 Practical Art/Performing Fine Art
- 1 HOPE
- 8 Electives
 - At least one course must be completed online





TESTING REQUIREMENTS

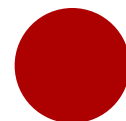
- Two tests are required for Graduation
 - 10th Grade FSA Reading
 - Freshmen – 9th grade FSA Reading will be given in early May
 - Sophomores – 10th grade FSA Reading will be given in early May
 - Juniors – FSA Retakes will be given in late September and early October
 - Algebra 1 EOC
 - Current Algebra 1 students – EOC will be given in May
 - EOC retakes begin in October for students who have taken Algebra 1 but have not passed the EOC





CONCORDANT SCORES

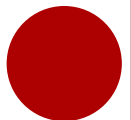
- Students who don't pass the 10th grade FSA Reading and/or the Algebra 1 EOC can earn a concordant score
- 10th grade FSA Reading Concordant Scores
 - 480 SAT Reading
 - 18 Average ACT English + Reading
- Algebra 1 EOC
 - 420 SAT Math
 - 430 PSAT Math
 - 16 ACT Math





SAT/ACT: HOW DO I REGISTER

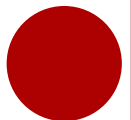
- ACT
 - www.actstudent.org
- SAT
 - www.collegeboard.org
- Links to both websites on the BSHS Guidance page
 - Bloomingtonguidance.org
- Fee Waivers
 - Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch are eligible for two fee waivers for each test beginning in their junior year
- Testing Deadline for Bright Futures – June after graduation
 - June of 2022 for Juniors, June of 2023 for Sophomores, June of 2024 for Freshmen





SCHOOL DAY SAT (JUNIORS)– 4/13/21

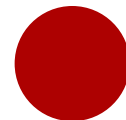
- All Juniors will take the SAT here at Bloomington during the school day on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021.
- This SAT is free for all Juniors and can be used to earn a reading concordant score, to qualify for Bright Futures, and for college admission.
- No need to register, just come to school.





SAT vs. ACT - DIFFERENCES

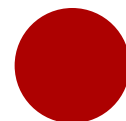
	SAT	ACT
Reading	Focus on analyzing specific points	Overall reading comprehension
Science	No specific science section	Includes science
English/Writing	Focus on writing style and evaluating arguments. Optional essay	Mechanics (structure, punctuation, etc.). Optional essay
Math	Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Trig, some Pre-Calc. A calculator is not allowed on every math section.	Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Trig. Calculator is allowed on all math problems.
	Tests reasoning skills	Achievement test





SAT/ACT TEST PREP

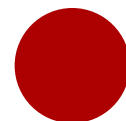
- ACTstudent.org and Collegeboard.org both offer free online test prep resources.
- Collegeboard has partnered with Khanacademy.org to offer free, personalized SAT practice.
- SAT/ACT Prep elective at BSHS.
- Taking honors and AP classes can help with higher level math, reading, and writing skills.





AP/DUAL ENROLLMENT

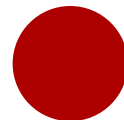
- AP and Dual Enrollment classes allow students to earn college credit in high school
 - In AP courses, colleges can award credit for passing scores on the AP exam
 - In Dual Enrollment courses, students must pass the course to earn credit
- Dual Enrollment courses start your college transcript
 - The grade you earn in a dual enrollment class will stay on your college transcript and will be factored into your college GPA
 - AP course grades count towards your high school GPA, but don't get factored into your college GPA





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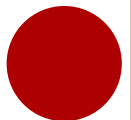
- Dual Enrollment courses require a 3.0 unweighted GPA and College Ready Test Scores
 - PERT – 106 Reading, 103 Writing, 114 Math
 - SAT – 24 Reading, 24 Math
 - ACT – 19 Reading, 17 English, 19 Math
- MAC 1105 (College Algebra) requires:
 - 123 PERT Math
 - 27 SAT Math
 - 21 ACT Math





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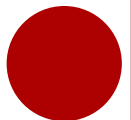
- Dual Enrollment courses offered on campus
 - Meteorology/Astronomy
 - Early American History/Modern American History
 - First Year Experience
 - No test scores required, only the 3.0 uweighted GPA





PREPARING FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

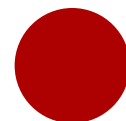
- Take the SAT/ACT – Juniors are encouraged to take both tests at least once before the end of the year.
- Begin researching colleges and organize a list of schools to which you plan to apply as early as possible.
- Athletes – Contact college’s athletic office. Register with NCAA Eligibility Center once you’re being recruited. Make sure you’re taking classes to meet eligibility requirements.
- Collect examples of work, including writing samples, audition tapes, portfolios, and other material you may need for the fall application season.
- Begin thinking about summer activities. What would look good on your academic resume? Consider a career-related job, summer courses, or community service.
- Complete career interest inventories if unsure of college major
 - www.floridashines.org – MyCareerShines





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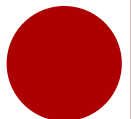
- College search websites
 - Bigfuture.org
 - Actstudent.org
 - Floridashines.org
 - Many other available
- College Visits
 - Admissions reps at BSHS
 - College fairs
 - Visiting campus
- By the end of summer after junior year, you should have a list of schools of interest





PREPARING FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

- What Do Colleges Look For?
 - Rigor of courses taken
 - Academic GPA/Class rank
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Application essays
 - Recommendations
 - Leadership Positions and Experiences
- Individual colleges will prioritize different criteria in admissions decisions
- Knowing what is most important can help you tailor your application to a particular college

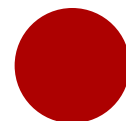




PREPARING FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: ADMISSION STRATEGY



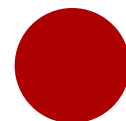
- Reach Schools
 - “I just might make the cut”. Your admissions statistics fall in the lower half or just short of the statistics for admitted freshmen. Highly selective schools (ivy league, service academies, big state schools)
- Match Schools
 - Your admissions statistics match those of the average accepted student.
- Safety Schools
 - Your admissions statistics exceed those of the average admitted freshman. Schools where you know you’ll be accepted.





PREPARING FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- Organization is key
 - Make a list of relevant information and compare schools side by side
 - Review Admissions Tour Matrix
 - Find the freshman application checklist
 - List requirements and deadlines for each school
 - Use a calendar or planner
 - For most schools, application material can be submitted piece by piece
 - You don't have to wait to finish your application before you send your transcript, etc.





CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

- Hillsborough County has four technical colleges
 - Erwin Technical College, Hillsborough Ave.
 - Aparicio-Levy Technical College, Ellicott Street
 - Brewster Technical College, N. Tampa Street
 - Leary Technical College, Hillsborough Ave.
- More info at www.sdhc.k12.fl.us
 - Search for “Technical Colleges”
- HCC also has a variety of A.S. degrees and Career Certificate programs





MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES

US Military Entrance

The U.S. Military branches offer another option for a student after high school graduation. 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, please visit <http://www.military.com/ASVAB>.

Military

Please visit the websites below for more information related to entrance requirements:

United States Air Force	http://www.airforce.com/
United States Army	http://www.goarmy.com/cl5.html
United States Coast Guard	http://www.uscg.mil/
United States Marine Corps	http://www.marines.com/-default
United States Navy	http://www.navy.com/

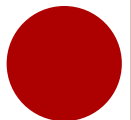
- The ASVAB will be given at Bloomington in November and March – watch for sign up info soon





APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

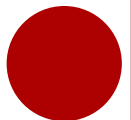
- First step is to complete the FAFSA
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - www.FAFSA.ed.gov
 - FAFSA is available October 1st of senior year
 - Looks at parent's "prior prior year" tax information
 - 2020 taxes for Juniors, 2021 taxes for Sophomores, 2022 taxes for Freshmen
- FAFSA should be filled out in October of your senior year





FAFSA4CASTER

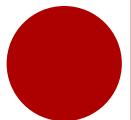
- FAFSA4caster can be used by anyone who isn't ready to submit the FAFSA yet (9th – 11th graders)
- FAFSA4caster is a planning tool that allows you to receive an estimate of your financial aid eligibility.
- [Studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate) or just google “FAFSA4caster”





TYPES OF AID

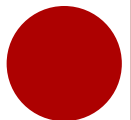
- Grants (not paid back)
 - Pell Grant (need based)
 - EASE Grant (private colleges)
 - FSAG (need based)
- Loans (paid back)
 - Stafford Subsidized (need based)
 - Stafford Unsubsidized (non-need based)
 - Perkins Loans
 - Additional parent loans available (PLUS Loan)
- Scholarships
 - Bloomington HS website
 - Free online scholarship searches
 - Florida's Office of Student Financial Assistance
 - Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- Federal Work Study
 - Working on campus to earn money towards tuition
- Can accept all, part, or none of the aid package.





SCHOLARSHIPS

- Can be based on any criteria, including need, academic, artistic, or athletic merit.
- Free online search engines
 - Fastweb.com, scholarships.com, etc.
- BSHS scholarship blog
- Raise.me
- Hillsborough County Schools scholarship matrix
- Scholarship Apps
 - Scholly, Cappex, Unigo, etc.
- Specific college's 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.



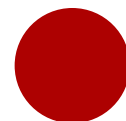


BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP



○ Academic Scholars

- Award covers 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida Public College, plus \$300 per semester for books, expenses.
- Private Colleges - \$211 per credit hour at a 4-year college, \$104 per credit hour at a 2-year college
- Requirements:
 - 3.5 weighted academic GPA is required.
 - GPA is recalculated using only academic classes (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
 - Community service requirement – 100 hours
 - 1330 SAT (R+M) or 29 ACT composite

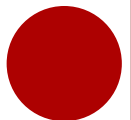




BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

○ Medallion Scholars

- Award covers 75% of tuition and fees at a Florida Public College.
- Private Colleges - \$158 per credit hour at a 4-year college, \$78 per credit hour at a 2-year college.
- Requirements:
 - 3.0 weighted academic GPA is required.
 - GPA is recalculated using only academic classes (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
 - Community service requirement – 75 hours
 - 1210 SAT (R+M) or 25 ACT composite





BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

○ Gold Seal Vocational

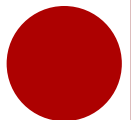
- Award amount depends on type of program
 - Career Certificate - \$39 per credit hour
 - Applied Technology Diploma - \$39 per credit hour
 - Technical Degree (AS, AAS) - \$48 per credit hour
- Requirements:
 - Minimum GPA is a 3.0 in non-elective courses
 - Must take three credits in a single vocational program (TV, Auto Tech, etc.) and maintain a 3.5 in those classes
 - SAT – 24 R, 25 W, 24 M
 - ACT – 17 E, 19 R, 19 M
 - PERT – 106 R, 103 W, 114M





WEIGHTED ACADEMIC GPA

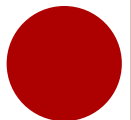
- The GPA Bright Futures will use to determine eligibility is different from the weighted GPA on a student's transcript.
- Bright Futures will recalculate a student's GPA using only the grades in their academic classes.
- Bright Futures awards an extra .5 point for weighted classes.





COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Profferfish.com
 - Online community service tracking platform
 - Replaces old paper forms
 - Create account, sign up for community service events, submit hours electronically





BLOOMINGDALE EVENTS

- College Visits – posted on Bloomingtondale Guidance website, will be done virtually
 - On Campus students – sign up in guidance
 - eLearning students – sign up on Canvas
- HCC Rep – 2nd Thurs. of every month, all 3 lunches
 - Virtual visits with HCC admissions
- ASVAB – November and March – watch for sign up info soon
- SAT school day – Juniors, Tuesday, April 13th, 2021
- AP Exams – May 3rd -14th

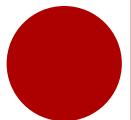
******More events may be added....keep your eyes and ears open!!!******





COMMUNICATION

- Bloomington High School Counseling Department Website
 - <http://bloomingtonguidance.org/>
- Bloomington High School Resources page on Canvas
 - Guidance Resource Module
- Rolling announcements on T.V.'s around the school
- Twitter – follow us @bdaleguidance
- Weekly newsletter
- Canvas messages
- Listen to morning show/afternoon announcements
- Flyers posted
- Very important announcements via parent link calls and/or the marquee





QUESTIONS?

- Contact your counselor or the College and Career Counselor with any questions.

