



Freshman Class Newsletter

Fall 2021

Credit Checks

You are ultimately responsible for meeting your graduation requirements. It is important that you review your transcript, look for errors and report them to us.

Required for Graduation

24 Credits (6 credits each year for 4 years)

2.0 GPA Minimum

4- English Credits

4 – Math Credits

3 – Science Credits (**Biotech is a science for graduation, but not for Bright Futures**)

3 – Social Studies Credits

1 – HOPE Credit

1 – Practical or Performing Art Credit

8- Elective Credits

Pass FSA Reading/Writing (Or Concordant Score)

- 18 ACT Reading & English Average or
- 480 SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing

Pass Algebra EOC (Or Concordant Score)

- 430 PSAT Math or
- 420 SAT Math or
- 16 ACT Math or
- Passing score on Geometry EOC

Pass an Online Class

*Foreign Language is not a graduation requirement, but it is recommended if you plan to attend college.

*******Foreign Language is required for the Bright Futures Scholarship*******

Credit Recovery:

- Edgenuity Credit Recovery
- Santa Rosa Night School (when you are 16)
- Florida Virtual School
- Students should make an appointment with their guidance counselor to sign up for credit recovery

Dual Enrollment

DE Eligibility – Earn at least 3 high school credits with a 3.0 unweighted GPA, Achieve qualifying PERT/ACT/SAT scores (come to the Guidance window to get a PERT Referral form and instructions to register)

*Registration for the spring term begins in November, summer term begins in March, fall term begins in April

*Make sure you have all qualifications met before registration begins to have the best selection of courses

Remember you are beginning your college transcript, make sure you are ready for college classes before you begin

Please see the **Dual Enrollment Contract** on Pace High's website for more detailed information

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/>

1-888-827-2004

Award Levels

Academic – 3.5 GPA, ACT 29 or SAT 1330, and 100 hours of community service

Medallion - 3.0 GPA, ACT 25 or SAT 1210, and 75 hours of community service

Be sure to have your ACT/SAT scores sent to at least one Florida public university each time you take these tests to ensure that your scores are reported to Bright Futures – your test scores are not reported on your transcript

Important Dates and Events to Remember

October

8 – Homecoming Football Game/Planning Day

19 – Underclassmen Portrait Make-Up Day

Yearbooks available to purchase at:

www.jostensyearbooks.com

November

11 – Veterans Day

22-26 Fall Break

December

15-17 First Semester Exams

Freshman Year Checklist

FALL

- Take the most challenging (and realistic) course load for which you are eligible.
- Remember, the better you do in school now, the more options you will have available to you. If there are particular classes you would like to take, make sure you meet the pre-requisites.
- Your GPA counts! Stay on track with your courses. If you're struggling, ask your teachers for help (**free morning tutoring is available**).
 - Get involved with your extracurricular and volunteer activities. Be a leader inside and outside school.
- Keep track of your community service hours to include summer volunteer hours and Beta, Anchor, ROTC, Interact, etc. hours. Please turn these hours in to Guidance – **the sponsors do not turn the hours in for you!**

SPRING

- Get involved – clubs, activities, and community involvement look great on a college application.
 - Record and keep track of your credentials (awards, volunteer hours, etc.)
- Plan a challenging sophomore year course load. Make sure to take the classes to prepare you for college and/or vocational programs.

SUMMER

- Make your summer count. Continue to build credentials (awards, volunteer hours, etc.).
- Complete all reading/summer assignments so they are ready to turn in the first week of the year. Remember, reading more than what is required is always helpful!

Guidance Counselors

Students with the last names starting with:

A thru C – Mrs. Carroll

D thru Hi – Mrs. Kelly

Ho thru Mi – Mrs. Nowell

Mo thru Sc – Mrs. Ashford

Se thru Z – Mrs. Hughes

Advice from the counselors:

- ❖ **Get your online requirement met right away, so you do not have to think about it anymore.**
- ❖ **Take freshman year seriously – so many students have to play catch up the rest of high school paying for mistakes made in 9th grade.**
- ❖ **Do not be afraid to ask your teachers for help if you do not understand something.**
- ❖ **Check FOCUS for your grades, attendance, and transcript information.**
- ❖ **Get involved in clubs and sports and class activities.**
- ❖ **Use your planner and learn what organization techniques work for you.**