



Sophomore 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

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

26 – PSAT for all sophomores

November

11 – Veterans Day

22-26 Fall Break

December

15-17 First Semester Exams

2021-2022 ACT Test Dates

www.act.org

December 11, 2021 register by November 5, 2021

February 12, 2022 register by January 7, 2022

April 2, 2022 register by February 25, 2022

June 11, 2022 register by May 6, 2022

July 16, 2022 register by June 17, 2022

2021-2022 SAT Test Dates

www.sat.collegeboard.com

November 6, 2021 register by October 8, 2021

December 4, 2021 register by November 4, 2021

March 12, 2022 register by February 11, 2022

May 7, 2022 register by April 8, 2022

June 4, 2022 register by May 5, 2022

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

<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

Additional Scholarships

Pace High School Website:

<http://www.pacehighschool.net/scholarships-financial-aid>

You might try the following web searches:

www.floridashines.org

www.bigfuture.org

www.scholarships.com

College Planning

<https://www.floridashines.org/>

Sophomore Year Checklist

FALL

- Your GPA counts! Stay on track with your courses. If you're struggling, ask your teachers for help (**free morning tutoring is available**).
- 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.
- Get involved with your extracurricular and volunteer activities. Be a leader inside and outside school.
- Update your community service log to include summer volunteer hours and Beta, Anchor, ROTC, Interact, etc. hours from last school year. Please turn these hours in to Guidance – **the sponsors do not turn the hours in for you!**
- Practice makes perfect! Take the PSAT (**October 26**) to get some practice and familiarize yourself with the SAT.
- Start preparing for the ACT also by taking practice tests and studying.

SPRING

- Begin your college search. Go to **FloridaShines** and check out the College and University Profiles tool.
- Consider taking the ACT or SAT, but definitely be ready to take it your junior year.
- Plan a challenging junior year course load. Make sure to take the classes to prepare you for college and/or vocational programs.

SUMMER

- Find a summer job! A steady summer job can offer valuable work experience, allows you to network, and will help you along your path to college and a successful career.
- Find programs and camps to attend and continue earning community service hours.