



# 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – WHY IS GPA IMPORTANT?

Bartram Trail High School Counselors

# LEARNING OBJECTIVE FOR TODAY

1. How to find information
2. Graduation Requirements
3. Community Service
4. GPA information

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\*\*\*\*Open door policy during your lunch\*\*\*\*

# STAY IN THE LOOP

- Check the BTHS website and Schoology Group
- School Counseling Information: <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>
- Daily Announcements: <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/news/>
- Schoology Group: Access Code: VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV
- Check your grades on HAC
- Monthly Guidance Newsletter

# Graduation requirements for a Standard 24 Credit Diploma

- Assessments (Algebra 1 EOC and Grade 10 ELA FAST Test)
- 2.0 Cumulative, Unweighted GPA
- 24 specific credits



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# Assessments

- Must pass two assessments to graduate with diploma (otherwise you earn a Certificate Of Completion)
  - Algebra 1 EOC (level 3 or above) Scale Score of 497 or
    - ACT Math – 16 or
    - SAT Math – 420 or
    - PSAT/NMSQT Math – 430 or
    - FSA Geometry EOC – 499 –Level 3
    - CLT Quantitative Reasoning Section - 11
  - Grade 10 FAST ELA (level 3 or above) Scale Score 350 or
    - ACT Reading and English average – 18 or
    - SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing – 480
    - CLT Verbal Reasoning and Grammar/Writing Sections Sum 36
- If you earn a COC that means you did not graduate from high school and your post-secondary options are limited



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# Credits



- 24 credits must be earned in all of the following:
  - English 1, 2, 3, and 4
  - Algebra, Geometry, and two additional Math courses
  - Biology and two additional Sciences
  - World History, US History, Government, and Economics
  - 1 Fine/Performing/Practical art or CTE
  - HOPE
  - 8 elective credits (to include .5 credit of personal financial literacy)
    - If you're planning to attend college, you will need two credits in the SAME world language

# Grade Point Average - GPA

- GPA - 2.0 cumulative unweighted or higher
  - 2.0 is a "C" average
  - Check HAC regularly to keep track of grades



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# Grade Recovery

Students who have earned a grade of D or F in a course can retake the course for grade recovery online or Edmentum. Once the new higher grade is earned the Registrar's office will zero out the failing or D grade and replace with the higher grade and re-calculate your GPA and credits. (NCAA guidelines – collegiate athletes cannot take grade recovery through Edmentum but must complete grade recovery on FLVS)

- The state allows us to grade average one semester that is failed with a semester that is passing to pass a course and earn credits. We still recommend re-taking the half credit failed course for grade recovery.
- The website for online grade recovery is [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net) Counselor approval is needed to take any course for grade recovery.
- Grade recovery labs can be scheduled on your BTHS schedule to complete during the school year. Prior to summer break Counselors will recommend grade recovery courses through Edmentum that can be completed at home over the summer months.

# Promotion Requirements

- 9th to 10th Grade
  - 5 credits
- 10th to 11th Grade
  - 11 credits
- 11th to 12th Grade
  - 17 credits



# Community Service



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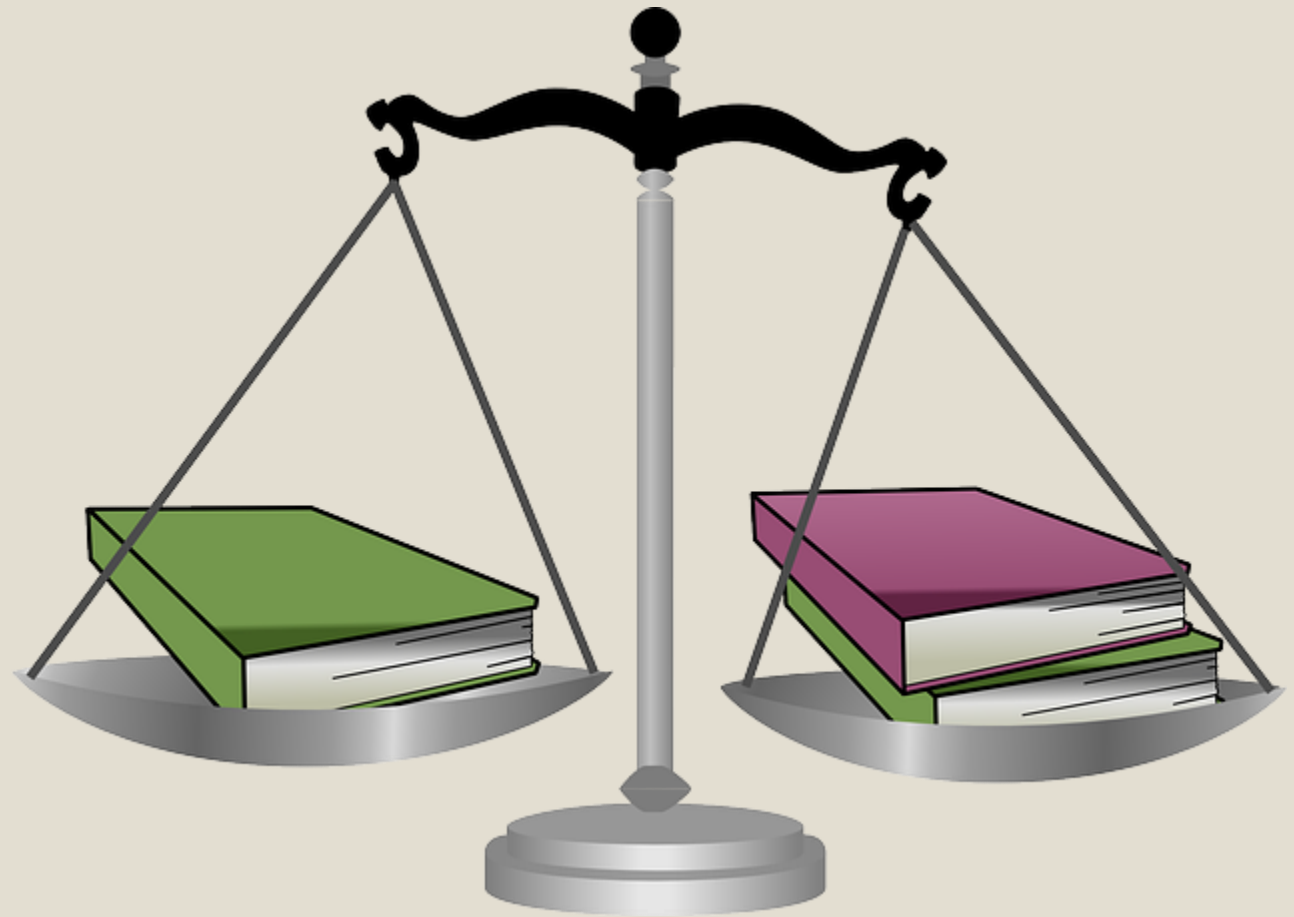
- Not needed for graduation
- Needed for \$\$ (scholarships, including Bright Futures)
- Community service verification letters can be turned into Ms. Richards in the school counseling area of the main building or emailed [Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- Copy of pay stubs for work hours performed must be turned into Mrs. Richards also. A reflection log for service activity or work can be picked up in main Guidance area. Answer all questions and parent/student sign at the bottom.
- We can combine work hours and community service hours this year.
- Your goal should be to finish 100 hours of community service by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- How to find community service opportunities -
  - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service-hours/>
- We suggest students keep a copy of the community service verification letters.

# How to Turn in Community Service Hours?

- Have the Supervisor of your community service provide a signed letter with date on the organization's letterhead describing the type of service performed, who in the community the service benefited, and a description of the service event. The amount of service hours should also be included. Student and parent should also sign this letter at the bottom.
- For paid work, student will need to submit a copy of their pay stub to Mrs. Richards in Guidance.
- Make a copy of all completed forms for your records.
- Student must provide letterhead and REFLECTION LOG to Mrs. Richards to be included with all required signatures
- Please allow 10 -14 days for hours to be updated in HAC. Students can check their hours by logging into HAC and clicking on the registration tab.

# What we need to know about GPA:

- GPA's update after every semester:
  - In January, after semester 1 grades post
  - In the summer, after semester 2 grades post
- AP, Dual Enrollment, and honors counts towards your weighted GPA
- Only unweighted GPA counts towards graduation and qualifications for Dual Enrollment



# Calculating Unweighted GPA

Course	Grade	Point Value
English 1	B	3
Algebra 1	A	4
World Cultural Geography	C	2
Env. Science	D	1
HOPE	A	4
2-D Studio Art	B	3
Digital Info Tech	C	2
	Total Points	19
	Total Classes	7
$19/7 = 2.71$	<b>Unweighted GPA</b>	<b>2.71</b>

- A – 4 points
- B - 3 points
- C - 2 points
- D – 1 point
- F – 0 points

# What do colleges look for?



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- Well rounded student
- GPA (grade point average)
- Test scores (ACT, SAT and CLT)
- Community service hours
- Rigorous courses taken (Dual Enrollment, AP, Honors)
- Extra-curricular and leadership activities – Quality, not Quantity

# COLLEGE FAIRS

- All students are encouraged to attend these upcoming College Fairs. 9<sup>th</sup> grade is the perfect time to start researching and learning about post secondary institutions and options.
- NACAC National College Fair will be held in **JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA on Saturday, October 5th 2024 from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center.**
- **BTHS will be hosting a career fair in spring 2025 during 4<sup>th</sup> period lunches. Students can meet with various reps and learn about their interested career choices.**

Please make plans to attend these events.



List some activities/things colleges care about

