



# COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION

GUIDING FUTURE PATHS THROUGH INFORMED  
EDUCATION AND CAREER CHOICES

BTHS School Counselors

# INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION



## OVERVIEW

### Purpose of Presentation

Introduce students and parents to college and career pathways after high school. Highlight the session's goal to inform and empower decision-making.

### Exploring Pathways

Discuss different options including universities, technical programs, and workforce entry. Provide clarity on requirements and opportunities.

### Supporting Student Decisions

Equip families with resources and guidance to make informed future plans. Emphasize support available throughout the journey.

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# IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING



## Goal Setting Benefits

Planning helps students set realistic academic and career goals for a successful future.



## Exploring Options

Early planning allows exploration of various career paths and educational opportunities.



## Parental Support Role

Involvement of parents provides essential support and guidance during planning.

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# ACADEMIC PATHWAYS





## COLLEGE PATHWAYS

### State Universities

State universities offer four-year degree programs with diverse academic options and research opportunities.

### State Colleges

State colleges provide two-year associate degrees, four-year bachelor degrees, pathways to transfer to four-year universities, and technical and career certifications.

### Technical Colleges

Technical colleges emphasize vocational training and certifications preparing students for specific careers.

### Private Institutions

Private colleges often offer specialized programs tailored to niche academic and career goals.

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## CAREER PATHWAYS

### Career and Technical Education

CTE programs provide hands-on training in healthcare, IT, and automotive services to prepare students for careers.

### Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships blend classroom instruction with on-the-job experience, offering practical employment routes.

### Certifications and Workforce Entry

Certifications validate skills and enhance job prospects for direct entry into the workforce.

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### Parental Support

Parents can encourage career exploration and support students' interests to help guide career decisions.

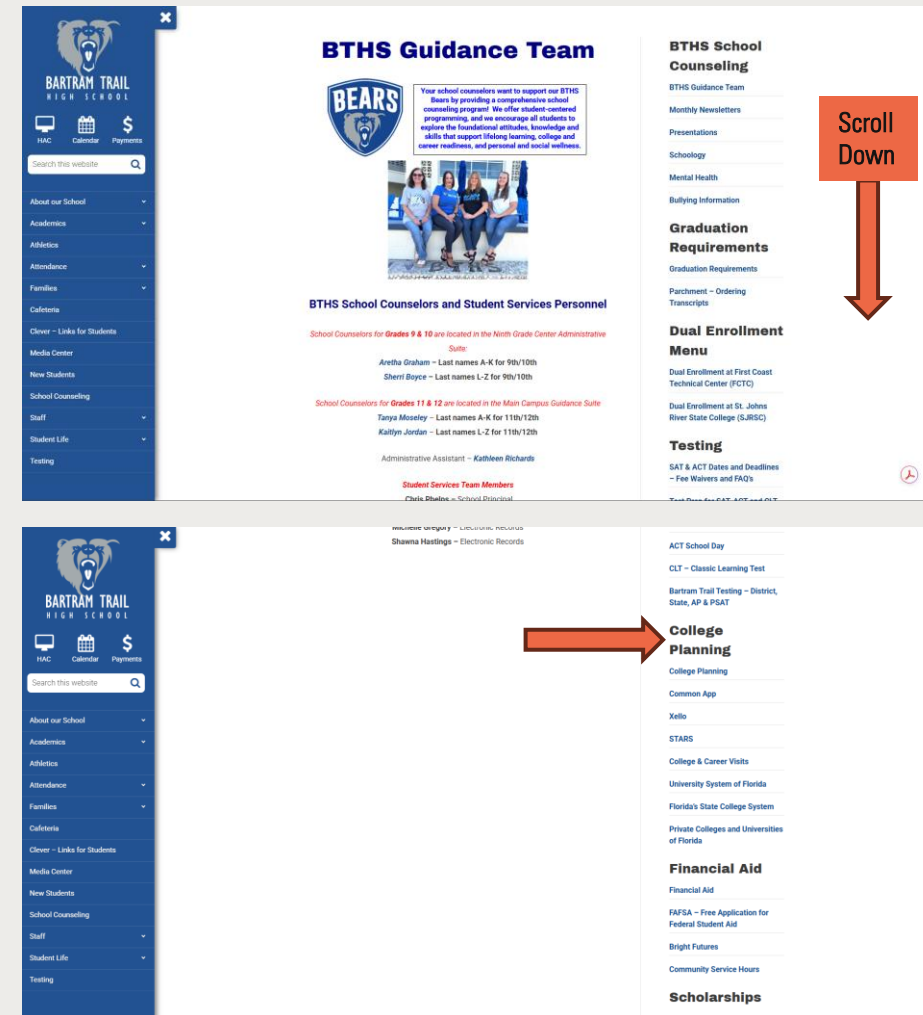
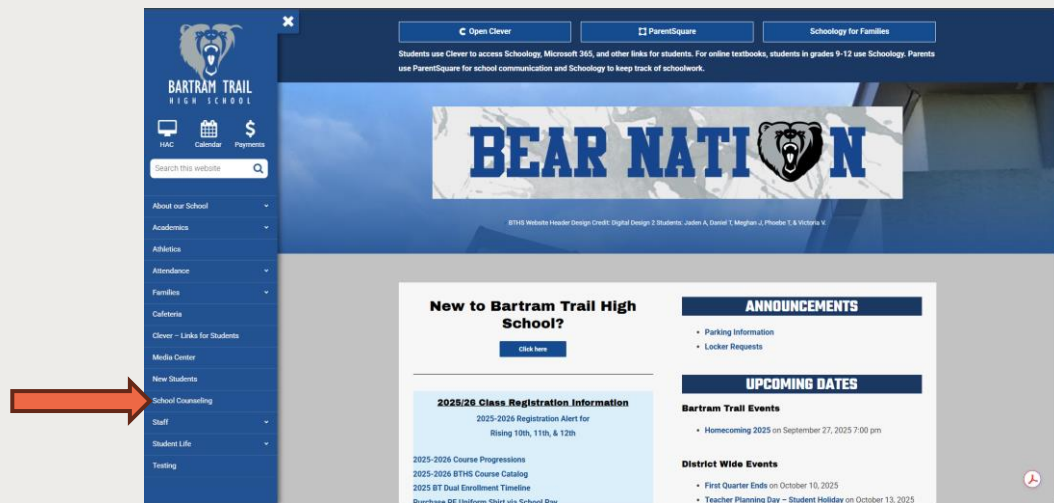
# RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS



# COLLEGE PLANNING ON THE BTHS SCHOOL COUNSELING WEBPAGE

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## EXPLORATION TOOLS

### Academic Planning Resources

Xello provides comprehensive academic planning and career exploration tools for students.

### Standardized Testing and Admissions

The College Board, ACT, and CLT offer information on standardized tests and college admissions to help students prepare effectively.

### Goal Setting and Applications

Xello supports goal setting and college application management, streamlining students' planning processes. Integrate Xello and Common App to complete college applications through The Common App.

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### Parental Involvement

Encouraging regular use of these tools and discussing results with parents enhances student planning success.



## COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Academic Performance

GPA and standardized test scores demonstrate a student's readiness for college-level work and are key admission components.

### Extracurricular Activities

Involvement in extracurriculars highlights leadership skills and commitment beyond academics.

### Personal Statements and Recommendations













Essays provide insight into a student's character while recommendation letters offer external validation of abilities.

See State University System  
of Florida's admissions  
matrix on the next slide

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### Parental Support

Parents help by organizing documents, reviewing essays, and encouraging meaningful student activities.

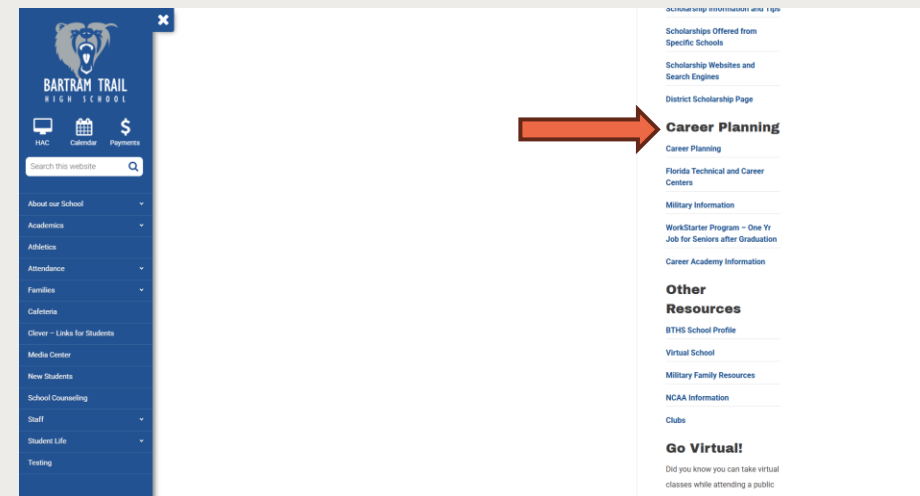
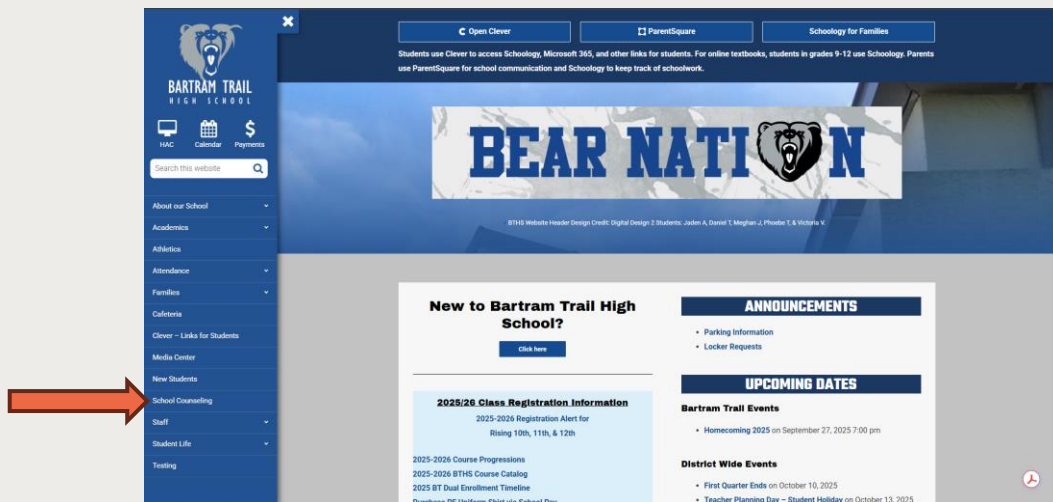
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	FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY	9,296	7,863	300	3.16 – 3.88	1030 – 1150	19 – 24	54 – 73	1500	3.69 – 4.25	1080-1230	22 – 27	61 – 73	YES	NO	IGNITE
	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	30,854	23,755	1,000	3.36 – 4.02	1010 – 1180	20 – 25	81 – 97	4,400	3.78 – 4.35	1100 – 1280	22 – 28	87 – 98	YES	YES	Link2FAU
	FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY	15,962	13,864	400	3.12 – 4.21	1020 – 1160	19 – 24	51 – 72	2,400	3.79 – 4.54	1070 – 1240	21 – 26	56 – 73	NO	NO	Destination FGCU
	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	54,037	39,470	3,900	3.9 – 4.5	1060 – 1180	22 – 25	72 – 82	2,000	4.1 – 4.6	1250 – 1390	27 – 31	86 – 93	NO	NO	Connect4Success
	FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	1,618	1,769	200	3.96	1130	23	N/A too few	330	3.48 – 3.86	1206	27	76	YES	YES	N/A
	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	43,871	32,711	2,200	4.1 – 4.5	1280 – 1370	28 – 30	N/A too few	4,000	4.3 – 4.6	1370 – 1460	30 – 33	N/A too few	YES	YES	Aspire Transfer Program through TSC (Traditional, Elite, Honors, Online Options)
	NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA	881	852	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	300	3.7 – 4.3	1060 – 1240	22 – 27	63-83	YES	YES	Guaranteed Admission Program
	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	69,316	59,644	3,400	3.98 – 4.38	1190 – 1240	24 – 27	81 – 88	4,900	4.11 – 4.57	1310 – 1430	28 – 32	92 – 100	YES	NO	Direct Connect to UCF
	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	61,936	38,246	1,600	4.5 – 4.7	1260 – 1410	28 – 32	N/A too few	5,900	4.5 – 4.7	1390 – 1510	31 – 34	N/A too few	YES	YES	Gator Engineering @ Santa Fe; Gator Design and Construction @ Santa Fe
	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA	16,575	13,869	1,500	3.23 – 3.71	960 – 1140	18 – 24	49 – 63	1,500	4.00 – 4.53	1100 – 1300	22 – 28	51 – 75	YES	YES	Transfer2UNF
	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	48,732	37,000	2,990	3.61 – 4.18	1110 – 1220	23 – 26	71 – 85	3,800	4.03 – 4.55	1260 – 1410	27 – 31	86 – 97	YES	NO	FUSE
	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	14,797	9,959	60	3.47 – 4.08	990 – 1200	19 – 25	57 – 68	1,494	3.58 – 4.22	1020 – 1230	20 – 27	48 – 69	YES	NO	2UWF



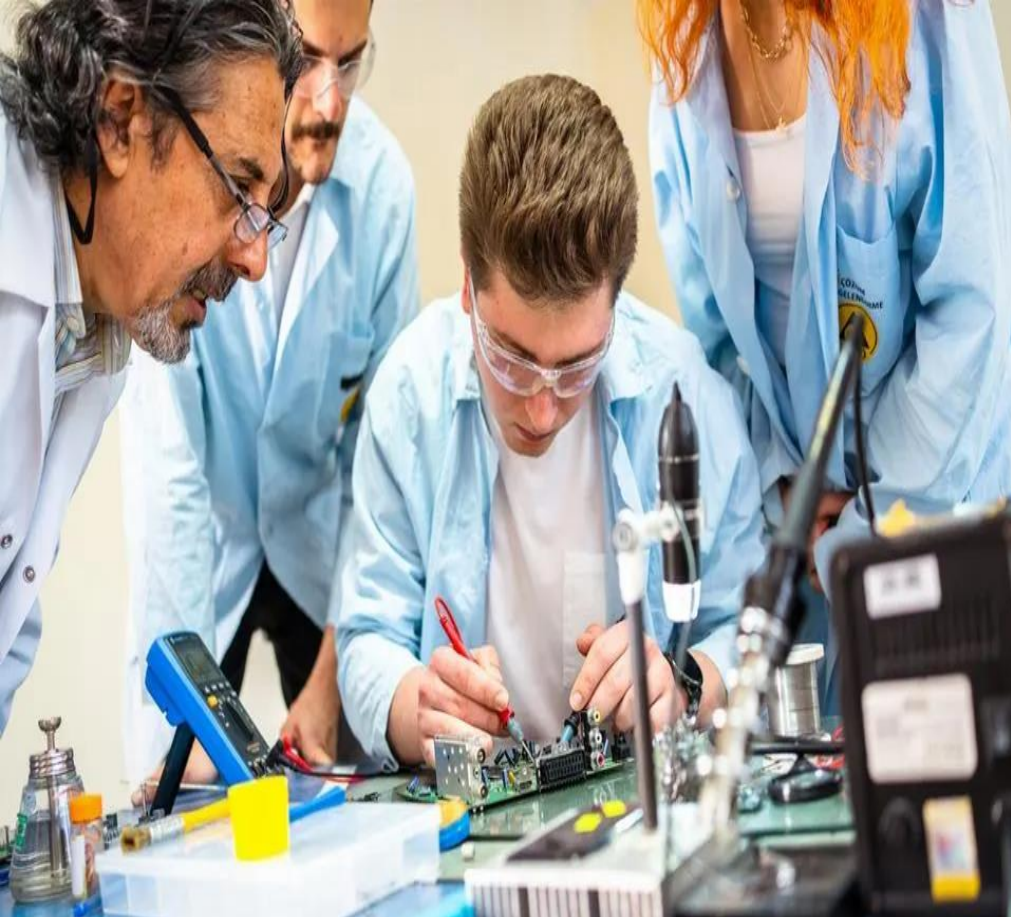
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## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

### Academic Performance

Strong academic skills can enhance success in technical fields. Some programs may have prerequisites or require entrance exams, so academic performance can affect access and readiness.

Students must earn a high school diploma or equivalent.

See next slide for links to  
local Career and Technical  
Education Programs.

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### Parental Support

Parents help by encouraging students to find a meaningful career path and organizing documents.

# CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Click each picture to visit their website



Florida State College  
at Jacksonville



# SUPPORT AND NEXT STEPS



## NEXT STEPS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

### Explore Interests and Research

Use assessments and research to identify interests and suitable college and career pathways.

### Schedule a Visit

Students and parents should visit any prospective colleges (including career & technical schools). If the student is in good standing with their attendance, these will be excused absences with evidence of your visit.

### Create Plan and Timeline

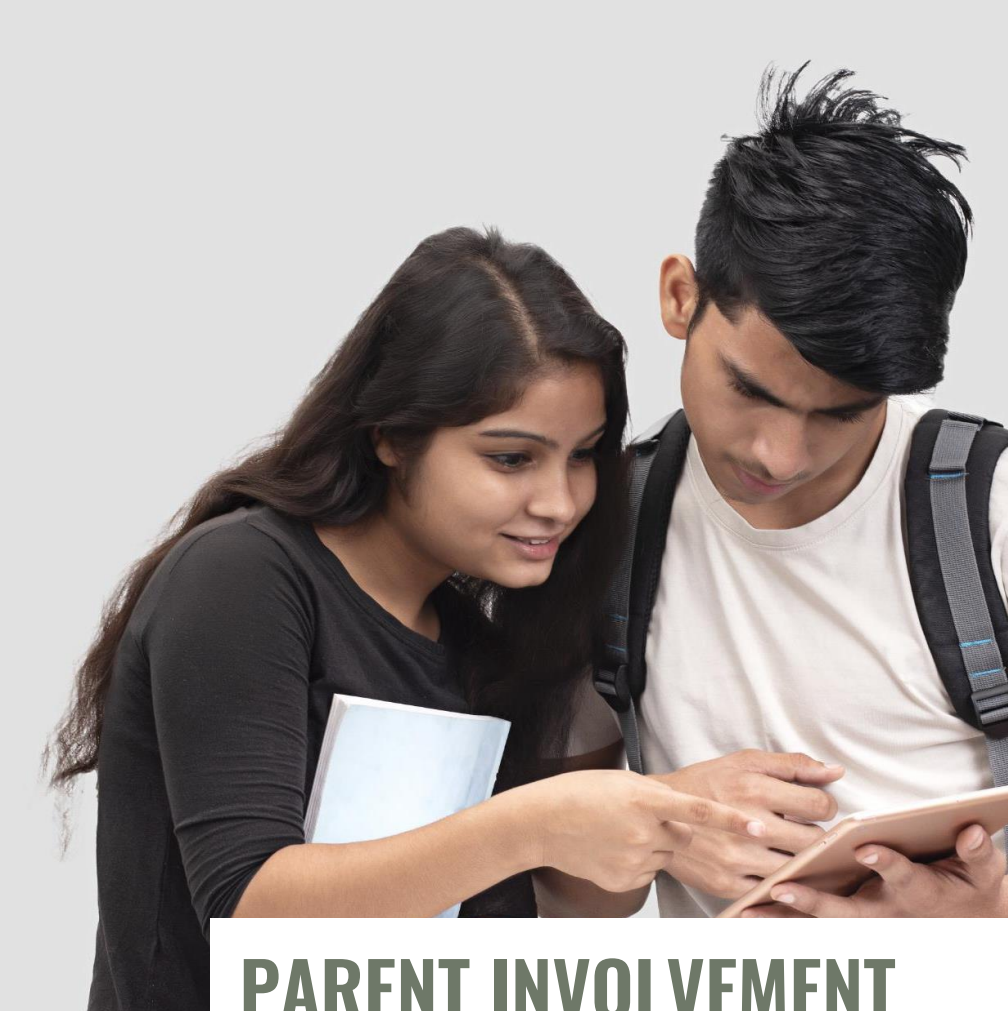
Develop a detailed plan and timeline to complete necessary tasks and stay on track for success.

### Monitor Progress Together

Parents and students should collaborate to track progress and adjust plans as needed throughout high school.

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## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

### Academic Support

Parents encourage good study habits and stay informed about academic requirements to support student success.

### Career Exploration

Parents promote exploration by discussing interests and attending college and career events with students.

### Application Assistance

Assisting with college applications and financial aid processes ensures timely and accurate submissions.

### Collaborative Engagement

Building partnerships with counselors and educators enhances the college and career planning experience.

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