

RISING SENIOR PARENT WORKSHOP

BTHS School Counseling

WELCOME
to the Rising Senior
Break Out Session!

All four of the presentations
from this evening will be
posted tomorrow on the
School Counseling website
under Presentations.

Junior/Senior School Counselors

Last Names A – K: Mrs. Moseley

Last Names L – Z: Mrs. Jordan

School Counselors have an open-door policy during all three lunches and are available to see students!

Stay in the Loop !

- * Join our School Counseling Schoology group
Access Code: VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV

- * Read the School Counseling Monthly Newsletter
<https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/monthly-newsletters/>

- * Visit our School Counseling webpage:
<https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

**REQUIREMENTS
FOR A
24 CREDIT
STANDARD
DIPLOMA**

Pass two assessments:

~ Algebra B.E.S.T.

~ Grade 10 FAST ELA

* Or earn a concordant score (SAT, ACT, CLT, PSAT, Geom EOC)

2.0 cumulative, unweighted GPA

This is a 'C' average

24 Specific Credits

24 CREDITS MUST BE EARNED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

English – 4 credits

Math – 4 credits
Algebra, Geometry,
and two additional
math courses

Science – 3 credits
Biology and two
additional sciences

Social Studies – 3 credits
World History, US History, Government (.5) and
Economics (.5)

Performing/Fine Art or Career
and Technical Education
Course

HOPE Course

- Two credits in the SAME world language are required for college/university admission

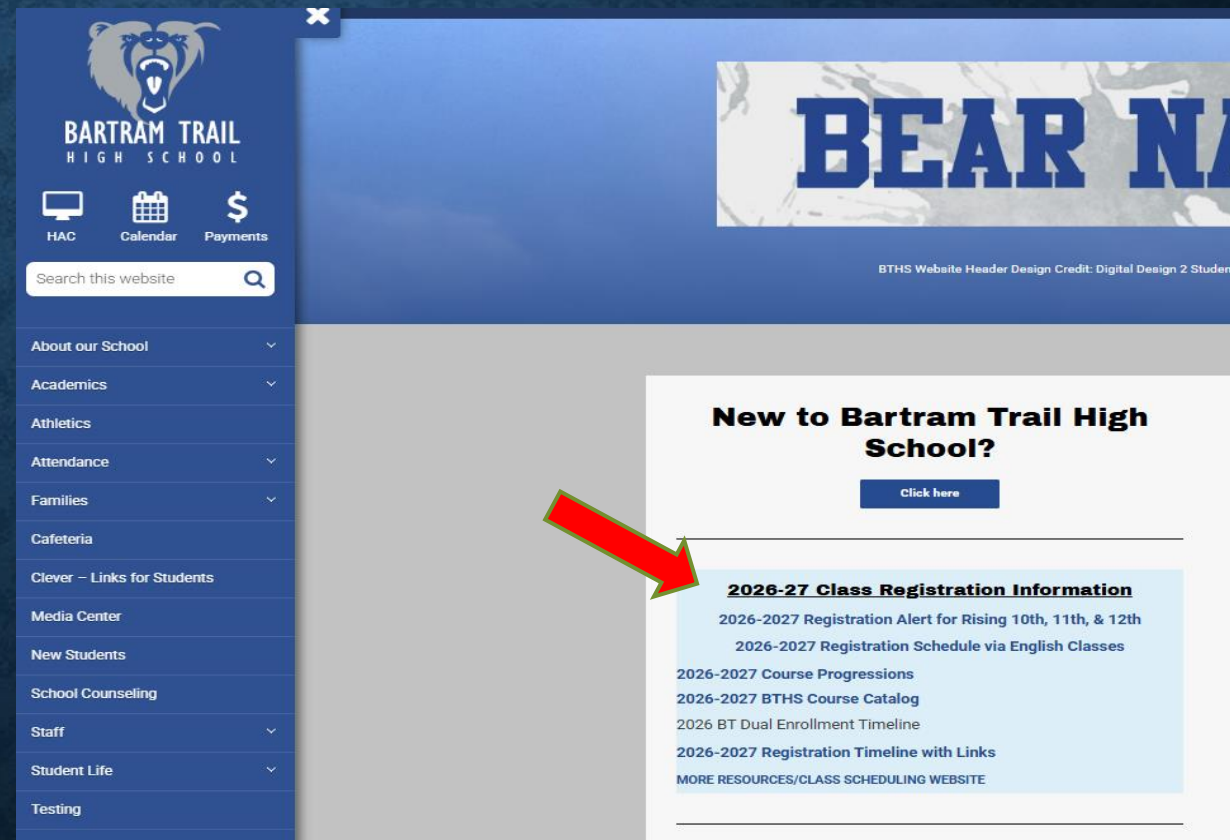
.5 credit of Personal
Finance & Money
Management

7.5 more Elective
credits

An email was sent to parents on January 9th, with a lot of information concerning Registration.

The information is also on the BTHS webpage.

- ❖ The schedule of registration appointments
- ❖ Directions for choosing electives through HAC
- ❖ Links for forms
- ❖ Important information about virtual courses, CO-OP, Modified periods, VPS (Intern)

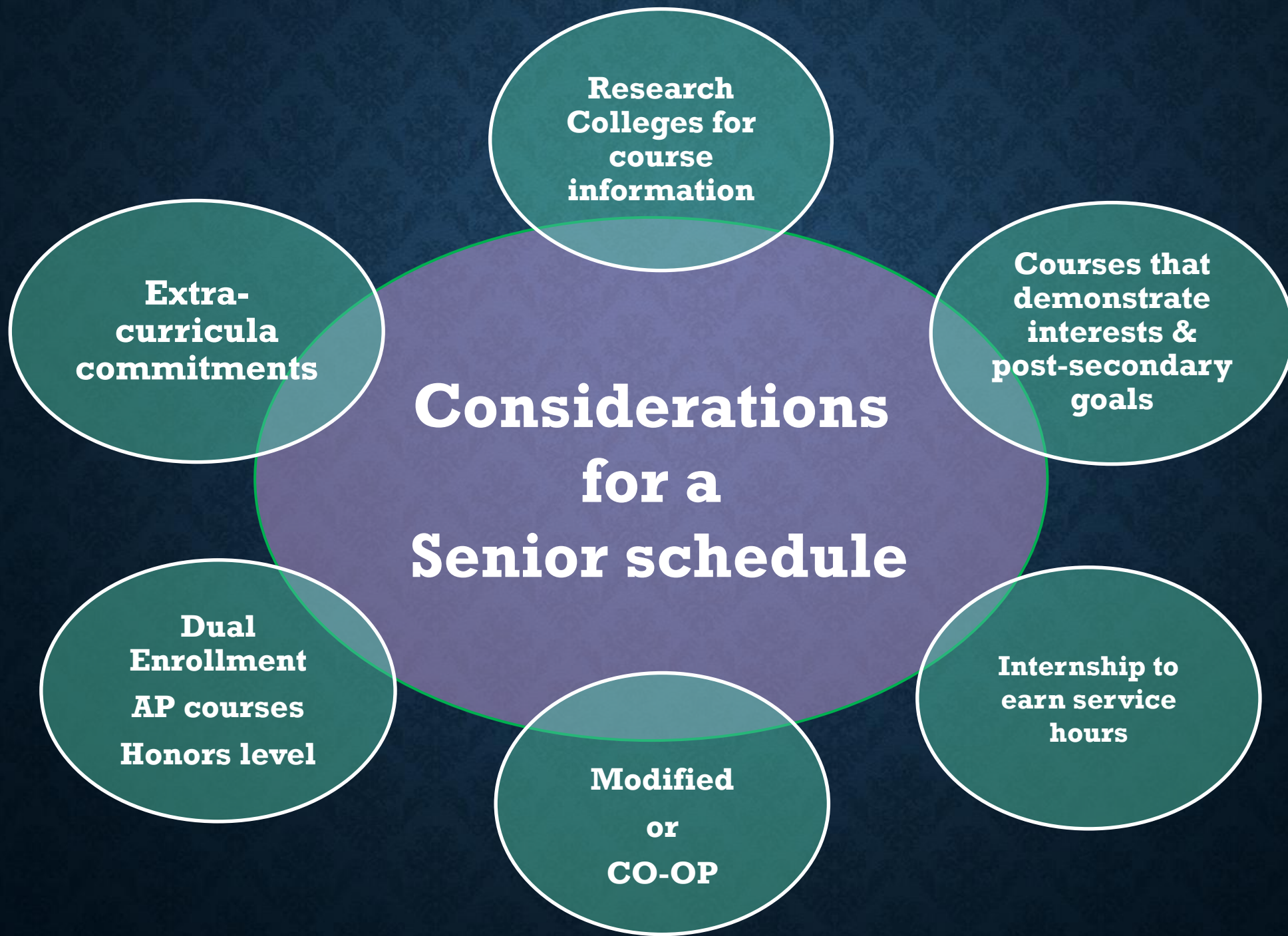




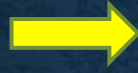
REGISTRATION

- Students will be come to their registration appointment through their English classes and sit with their school counselor to choose courses and confirm selections.
- Please have the discussion with your student about their commitment to the courses they choose for their senior year.
- Schedules cannot be changed after school starts next year, even if the course is not a graduation requirement.
- The last day to request course changes is by ...

4pm on April 15th



MODIFIED



Seniors can Modify up to 3 periods if they are **on track** for high school graduation.

- Student must provide their own transportation.
- Morning or afternoon modified periods can be requested but are not guaranteed.

VPS VOLUNTEER PUBLIC SERVICE (INTERN)



Seniors can be a Teacher or Office Intern and earn up to 75 service hours for the year.

- Students are making a full-year commitment.
- These hours qualify for 75 community service hours.

CO-OP



Seniors can have up to 3 CO-OP periods and are allowed to leave campus early.

- Students must provide their own transportation
- Students must work 5 hours per week for each period of CO-OP on their schedule.
- Assignments and pay stubs are submitted through Schoology and will earn a grade in this elective course which will affect GPA.
- Work hours above CO-OP qualify for work hours accepted by Bright Futures.

A STUDENT'S SENIOR SCHEDULE SHOULD REFLECT POST-SECONDARY PLANS

4 Year College or University

Going to a 4-year college or university? They are competitive! Students should take classes that will help prepare them for their major and classes **beyond the minimum required for graduation.** Possibly take AP or dual enrollment.

Vocational

Going to a vocational school? Students may want to take classes at FCTC (First Coast Technical College) to get a jump start on their education for free. Some courses count as high school electives and others count as dual enrollment.

2 Year State College

Going to SJRSC or another state college? Tuition is less expensive! Students should take classes that will prepare them for their major. Possibly start taking dual enrollment.

Earning College Credit in High School

Advanced Placement

- Courses at Bartram Trail HS
- Over 25 AP Courses offered at BTHS, and most subjects covered, including electives
- 1.0 value added per credit
- Take AP Test in May; Scores range 1-5
- Generally, get AP credit for score of 3 or above
- It does **not** count towards your College GPA

Dual Enrollment

- Courses are at SJRSC (must have transportation) or online
- Three campuses: St. Augustine, OP & Palatka
- 1.0 value added per credit
- ACT/SAT/CPT/PERT score required
- 3.0 unweighted GPA required
- SJR State Registration must do each semester
- Recommended that students take no more than 10 DE credits in the fall/spring and 6 - 8 DE credits in the summer
- Courses permanently go on high school and college transcript

DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

<https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-sjrsc/>

- Please read the Dual Enrollment FAQ.
- Summer Registration typically begins in March, and Fall Registration typically begins in May.
- Announcements, Counseling Newsletter, and Schoology messages will alert students about the availability of registration packets.
- Registration packets for “New” and “Returning” students will be available in the Guidance Office.
- Questions about specific courses should be directed to the SJRSC Dual Enrollment office.
- Students who plan to enroll in Dual Enrollment for the summer or fall semesters need to let their Counselors know during registration, meet the appropriate testing qualifications and complete the Registration packet when it becomes available.

DUAL ENROLLMENT AT FIRST COAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Programs Offered

- Applied Cybersecurity
- Culinary Arts & Hospitality
- Early Childhood Education
- HVAC
- Landscape & Turf Management
- Master Automotive Service Technology
- Nursery Management
- Diesel Systems Technician
- Dental Assisting
- Welding Technology

Minimum Requirements

- 11th or 12th grade
- Good attendance and discipline record
- 2.0 unweighted cumulative GPA
- On track for graduation
- Room in schedule (most 11th graders would need to complete several courses over the summer to make room on schedule)
- Transportation to/from campus

Guidelines for successful student outcomes

- Motivated
- Ability to adapt successfully to a college environment
- Accountable for their attendance
- Engaged/proactive learners
- Self-advocacy

Program information & applications:

<https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-fctc/>

SAMPLE SENIOR COURSES 7 PERIODS



ACADEMICS:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Government/Economics
(AP Gov and AP Econ are separate periods)
- Electives

ELECTIVES:

Academic Electives
Academy Courses
World Language
Performing/Fine Art
Creative Writing
Team Sports/Weightlifting
Turf
Dual Enrollment (SJRSC or FCTC)
AP Electives (Psych, Env Sci, Art History)
VPS (Intern)
CO-OP (earns credit for working)

Modified periods are NOT an elective and count for nothing!

XELLO

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

St. John's County School District has partnered with Xello, and your student can access this program through his/her Clever account.

Xello allows students to complete interest and personality inventories, explore colleges and careers, and works in conjunction with Common App for seniors completing college applications.

Common App

<https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-year-students>

Xello

<https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/xello/>

XELLO

During 2nd semester, Juniors will receive a lesson about Xello.

Along with learning how to utilize the program, students will link their Common App account with Xello during senior year they can track college applications and requests for their school report & required teacher/counselor recommendations.

BRIGHT FUTURES

The Bright Futures Scholarship is a Florida-based, lottery-funded program that rewards academic achievement in high school by funding postsecondary education at Florida colleges and universities.

The Scholarship offers three different award levels:

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)

Gold Seal CAPE/Vocational (GSC)

Eligibility is based on a student's Bright Futures GPA, super scored test scores, and community service hours.

BRIGHT FUTURES

- Seniors may apply for BF after October 1st of their senior year. Senior school counselors will be providing a Financial Aid lesson and will give seniors the opportunity to complete their online application. Students will need their SSN.
- Students should keep up with their course work and maintain a high GPA – especially in CORE classes (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language).
- Students should stay involved in school and their community.
- Students should turn in service hours/paid work hours to Ms. Richards in the Guidance office and attach the Service Plan sheet.
- Students should take the ACT, SAT, and/or CLT. They MUST send scores to one of Florida's 12 Universities when registering.
- Bright Futures (and colleges) super score these test (take the student's highest subject score from the total of times taken).



COMMUNITY SERVICE



Not needed for graduation



Needed for Bright Futures and
often for other scholarships



How to find community
service opportunities –
School Counseling website

SAT & ACT Information

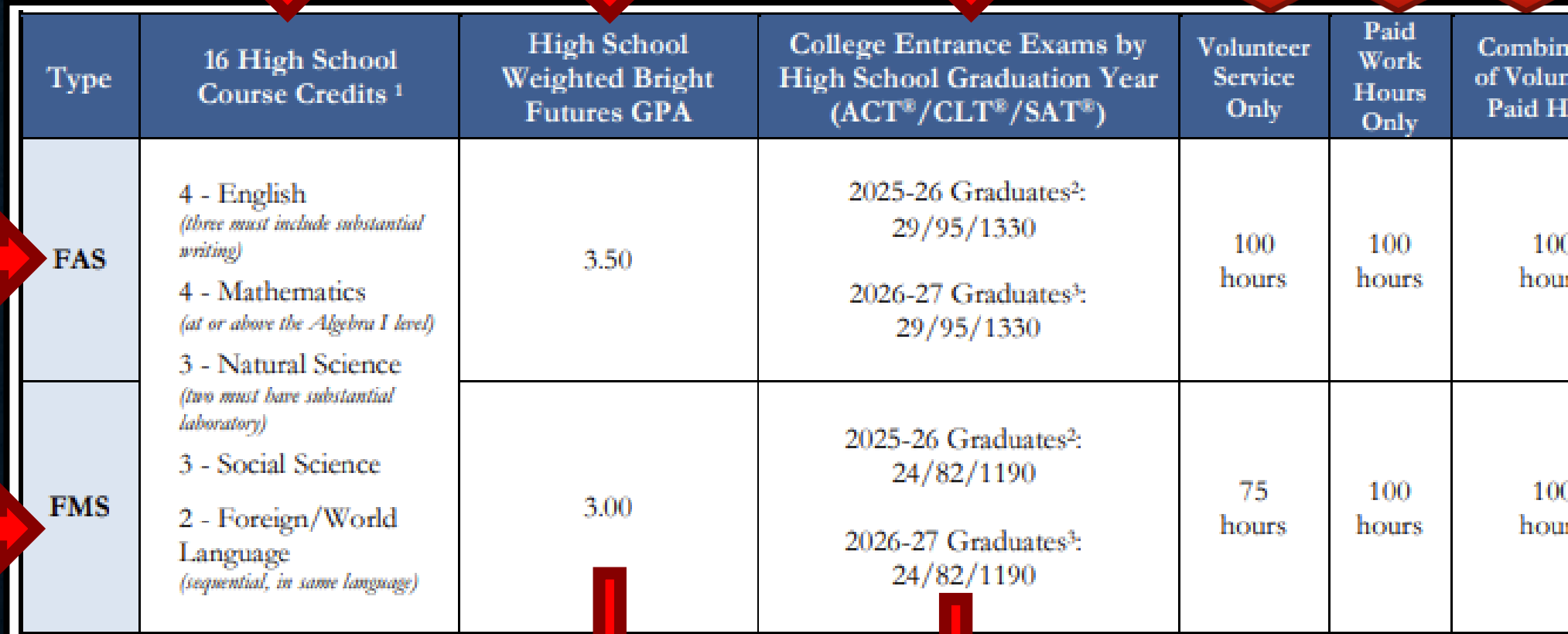
Please visit the School Counseling webpage and look under the heading for TESTING to see links for:

- SAT and ACT Dates and Deadlines
- Registration and Test Center Code
- What to bring on test day and FAQ's
- Testing Accommodations Info
- Fee Waiver Information
- Free Test Preparation Links from SAT and ACT

CLT (Classic Learning Test) Information

- Remotely-proctored online test at home
- Offered monthly
- Test scores not accepted at every college/university and Bright Futures
- Test scores are accepted for Bright Futures
- Three sections, 40 questions each, 120 minutes (+ instruction)
- Not penalized for wrong answers
- Calculators are not permitted

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) Award – 100% paid Tuition
and
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award – 75% paid Tuition



Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2025-26 Graduates ² : 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2025-26 Graduates ² : 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

**This is NOT
your Bartram
GPA!**

**You only need
one of these test
scores.**

**You must send your test
scores to a FL public
College/University.**

BRIGHT FUTURES

Please visit the Florida Student Scholarship &
Grant Programs webpage and read
Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN>

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Students can start looking now for Scholarships – there are scholarships offered for Juniors in high school.

Places to look for Scholarships:

- Bartram Trail High School Counseling Website – Listed by Monthly deadlines
- Student's Employers
- Parent Employers
- Church and Civic Organizations
- National, State and Local Organizations
- Special Interest Groups

**Please take advantage of the information
and resources provided on the
School Counseling page
of the BTHS website.**

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**Important information is also provided each
month in our **School Counseling Newsletter**
sent via school messenger and on the
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