# Bartram Trail High School



# JUNIOR YEAR

INFORMATION PARENTS & STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW AS THEY PREPARE FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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# Is it true junior year is the MOST important year of high school?

Every year of high school is important because each year contributes to a student's cumulative GPA/rank, highlights a student's interests and shapes who they are as a student and person.



Junior year is slightly different because it is often the last FULL school year completed before students begin to make post-secondary plans.



Two and four year colleges, Technical schools and military recruiters strongly consider performance in grades 9-11.



GPAs and rank are calculated twice per year — End of 1st semester and end of the school year; therefore, when a student is applying to college at the beginning of their senior year they are using their GPA/class rank from 9-11 grades.

# Important Tasks for 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students

### Review

Review
transcripts in
HAC and check
for errors.
Students are
strongly
encouraged to
order an official
transcript
through
Parchment.

### Attend

Attend college & career fairs, speak with college/career/ military reps when they are on campus.

### Visit

Visit postsecondary schools. Students should compose a list of the schools they wish to attend.

### Research

Research postsecondary institutions and programs of study to aid in senior year course selections.

### Apply

Apply to any scholarships for which students may qualify

## Important Tasks for 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students

### Submit

Community
service hours
and/or work
hours to Ms.
Richards for
Bright Futures.
Students should
strive to submit
100 hours by the
conclusion of
11<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Retake

Retake any courses on transcript with D or F to improve GPA and/or get on track to earn credits for graduation.
Speak with School Counselor.

### Confirm

Required state testing, GPA, and course requirements have and are being met for graduation.

### Identify

Teachers who you would like to write a letter of recommendation for college or scholarships.

Ask them in advance

### Maintain

Work to maintain strong grades, seek help when needed.



### IN-SCHOOL TESTING

**PSAT** 

### **ASVAB**

ACT

#### **OCTOBER**

Register and pay for PSAT/NMSQT if student wants to possibly qualify for National Merit Scholarship

#### November/December

If interested in the military, take the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).

#### **February**

ACT school day is offered in February to all Juniors. This test date is free to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders.







- -ACT, CLT, and SAT registration is completed by the student/parent
- -Administration of the ACT and SAT national tests is conducted by employees of these organizations.
- -ACT and SAT national tests are administered on Saturdays at various testing locations throughout the state.
- -Students may choose their testing dates and locations.
- -The CLT test may be taken at home
- -Keep in mind that students have the option to send scores to colleges. Bright Futures requires that students send their scores to at least one of the 12 state universities (UF, FSU, FAMU, UNF, etc.) Score reports are free to send prior to testing.

### Test Accommodations

Students with a 504 plan or an IEP may qualify for accommodations.

These accommodations must be requested and approved by College Board (AP, SAT, and PSAT), ACT, and/or CLT.

For additional information, deadlines, and consent forms, please visit: <a href="https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing/">https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing/</a>





# How to Submit Community Service/Paid Work Hours

<u>Community Service</u>: Provide a signed letter on the organization's letterhead describing the service performed, beneficiaries of the service, and a description of the service event

Paid work: Submit a copy of pay stub

Complete the reflection log- available on the School Counseling webpage and in the Main Guidance area

Make a copy of all completed forms for your records

Provide letterhead/pay stub and <u>reflection log</u> to Ms. Richards with all required signatures included.

Allow 1 month for hours to be updated.

Students may check their hours by logging in to HAC and clicking on the registration tab.



# XELLO COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

xello

- All 9th, 10th & 12th grade students received a Xello lesson in either an English or History course. Students who are not enrolled in these course have the option to attend a MY QUEST session if they need help accessing the program.
- Found in Clever
- Every parent received a registration link to create an account.
   The link expires so email Tonya Porter if a link needs to be resent.
- 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade students completed Matchmaker, which identified their top 3 career matches and hundreds more. Students were shown how to review the information and important features were highlighted (ex. College major, colleges, etc.) 12<sup>th</sup> College Applications
- Students need to be familiar with program because Xello teamed with Common App. All requests for teacher and counselor recommendations, school forms and transcripts must be requested through Xello. \*Only if application is through Common App.\*

# XELLO COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PROGRAM





# Scholarships

Start applying NOW!

https://www.raise.me/

https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships-information-and-tips/

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/

Opportunities from parent and students' current employers



**Scholarship Program** 

# What should juniors do to qualify for the Bright Futures scholarship?



Keep up with course work and maintain a good high school GPA – especially in CORE classes (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language)



Stay involved in school and community



Turn in service hours/work hours to Ms. Richards in the main guidance office



Take ACT/SAT/CLT and send scores to Florida universities

# Bright Futures Requirements

Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	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 (three must include substantial writing)  4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)  3 - Natural Science	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	(two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

Gold Seal Vocational Scholar (GVS) can only be used to fund a career education, AS, or certificate program. See the Bright Futures Handbook for more information.



# Your Junior/Senior schedule should set you up for your first year out of high school

1

Planning on going to a 4year college or university?

Take classes that will prepare you for your major. Take more classes beyond the minimum required for graduation!

2

Planning on going to a vocational school?

Take classes at FCTC to get a jump start on your education for free.

3

Planning on going to a state college like SJRSC or FSCJ?

Take SLS 1122 (Academic Pathways for College Success) to ease you into college mindset.

### Typical Junior Year Schedule



English (either standard, honors, or AP)



Math (either standard, honors, or AP)



Science (either standard, honors, or AP)



US History (either standard, honors, or AP)



3 Electives (additional academic course, academy, 1 modified period, Co-Op)

### Science & Math Classes for Next Year



### Science

All science courses after Biology should be chosen based on a student's future career and post-secondary plans. Choose a course that sounds interesting to you and will prepare you for your post-secondary plans.



### Math

All math courses after Algebra and Geometry should be chosen based on a student's future career and post-secondary plans. Choose a course that will prepare you for your post-secondary plans.

## Reduced Schedule vs. Blended vs. Co-Op?

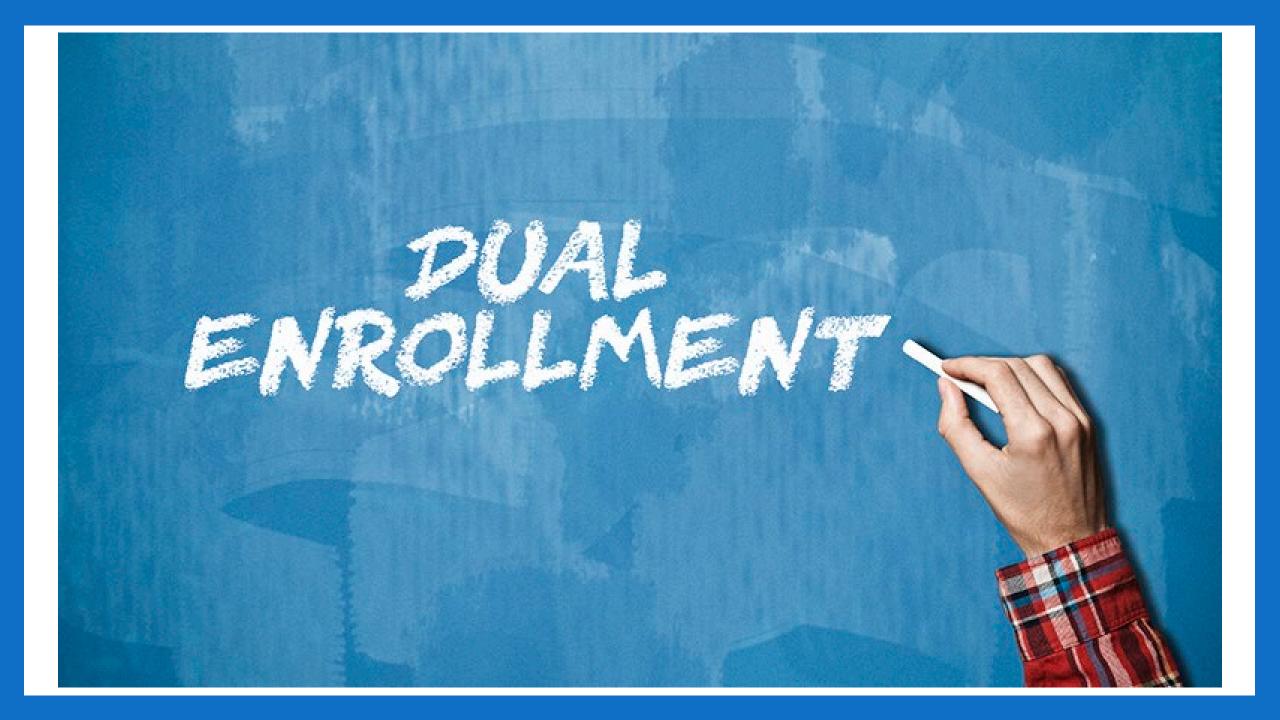
Reduced – 11th graders can have ONE modified period if they meet the requirements

Blended – Blend of classes at both Bartram Trail HS and dual enrollment at either SJRSC or FCTC

• Student should provide their own transportation.

Co-Op (must have a job) — Students can have up to 1 Co-Op period during 11<sup>th</sup> grade and will be allowed to leave campus early

- Students should work 5 hours per week for every Co-Op period on their schedule
- Assignments and pay stubs will be turned in to earn a grade in the course
- Student should provide their own transportation





# ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE

### St. Johns River State College

- Dual Enrollment through St. Johns River State College is a program that allows students to take a college level course and earn high school credit and college credit at the same time
  - These courses will count for high school graduation purposes, but students will also be building their college transcript\*\*
- Students may take a max of 10 DE credits in the fall/spring and 6 to 8 DE credits in the summer
- You must provide your own transportation!

## How do I qualify for dual enrollment at SJRSC?

- 3.0 unweighted GPA
  - This needs to be maintained every semester
- Qualifying test scores (SAT, ACT, PERT, or PSAT)
- Must be a high school student
- Approval by school counselor/administration

• For more information visit: <a href="https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-sjrsc/">https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-sjrsc/</a>

# FITC First Coast Technical College Your Future Comes First

### First Coast Technical College

- Dual Enrollment through First Coast Technical College is a program that allows students to take a career and technical education course and earn high school credit at the same time.
- These courses are designed for students that want to get a head start on their career pathway.
- Students receive industry level hands-on training in a work environment lab.

You must provide your own transportation!

# FCTC Dual Enrollment Programs

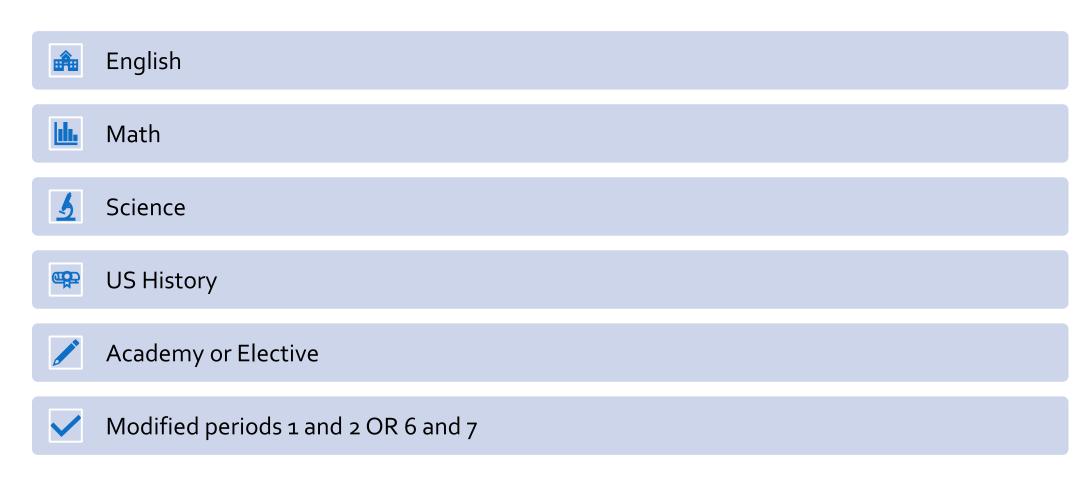


- Applied Cybersecurity
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel Systems Technician
- Early Childhood Education
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC/R)
- Landscape & Turf Management
- Master Automotive Service Technology
- Nursery Management
- Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality
- Welding Technology

# How do I qualify for dual enrollment at FCTC?

- 2.0 unweighted GPA
  - This needs to be maintained every semester
- Valid CASAS scores (comprehensive adult student assessment systems)
- Good attendance & discipline records
- Must be a high school student
- Approval by school counselor/administration
- Must have availability in their BTHS schedule
- For more information visit: <a href="https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-fctc/">https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-fctc/</a>

# Sample schedule for junior wanting dual enrollment:



# THANKYOU!

All presentations will be posted on the School Counseling webpage on the BTHS website