



## SENIOR RESOURCE GUIDE

WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

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# SENIOR CREDIT CHECK

WELCOME C/O 2018 TO YOUR SENIOR YEAR CREDIT CHECK!!!!

This is your special opportunity to meet one-on-one with your Certified School Counselor to determine if you are on track to graduate and to discuss your plans after graduation! When you meet with your counselor, it will be beneficial to both you and your counselor if you have an idea of what you'd like to do so that your Counselor can provide you with the best appropriate information to ensure your success. If you don't know yet, NO WORRIES... You and your counselor will discuss some of your interests and determine a plan of action that will best suit you.

Tonight, as you read through this informational booklet that your Counselors worked diligently to put together for you, please write down some questions that you or your parents may have and can discuss with your Counselor. The best tip we can provide to you is to stay in communication with your Counselor!

Our goal is to ensure you are on track to graduate in addition to having a plan after graduation. If you have questions after your one-on-one, please don't hesitate to email your counselor and she will be glad to provide you with assistance.

Have a great school year and we'll see on GRADUATION DAY!!!

# WSHS CERTIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELORS

COUNSELOR	LAST NAMES	RESPONSIBILITIES
Mrs. Chiu	A – Fi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign Exchange Students</li> </ul>
Mrs. McBryde	Fi-Ma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Collegiate Club</li> <li>• TAP</li> </ul>
Mrs. Kaplan	Mc-Sc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dual Enrollment</li> </ul>
Ms. Urena	Se– Z; ESOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASVAB</li> <li>• ESOL</li> </ul>
Ms. Spence	ESE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESE</li> </ul>
Mrs. Hormuth	Pre-IB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Merit</li> <li>• On-Site College/Military Visits</li> <li>• Scholarships</li> </ul>

## 2017 – 2018 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### 26 Specified Credits

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits (*all 4 years of High School career – Algebra 1 & Geometry minimum*)
- 4 Science Credits (*3 must include a lab*)
- 3 Social Studies
  - *10<sup>th</sup> Grade – World History*
  - *11<sup>th</sup> Grade – U.S. History*
  - *12<sup>th</sup> Grade – U.S. Government and Economics (.5 semester each)*
- 1 Performing Fine Art Credit
- .5 Personal Fitness (*This course cannot be waived*)
- .5 P.E. Class
- 9 General Electives

### Online Graduation Requirement

- Can be accomplished via Virtual School (*www.flvs.net*)    or  
Government/Economics class at Standard or Honors level

### State Assessments

- FSA Reading (*Must achieve a level 3 to graduate*)
- Algebra 1 EOC (*Must achieve a level 3 to graduate*)
- Geometry EOC
- Algebra 2 EOC (*if applicable*)
- Biology EOC
- U.S. History EOC

### Grade Point Average

- 2.0 (UNWEIGHTED) Minimum to graduate

# DIPLOMA OPTIONS

## STANDARD DIPLOMA

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits to include Algebra 1 **and** Geometry
- 4 Science Credits to include Biology
- 3 Social Studies Credits to include World History, U.S. History and U.S. Government & Economics
- 1 Performing Fine Art Credit
- 1 Physical Education Credit to include Personal Fitness **and** P.E. elective course
- 9 Elective courses
- Minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average
- Online Learning Requirement
- *Passing score on FCAT/FSA 10 Reading*
- *Passing score on Algebra 1 EOC*
- *Achieve 30% of Geometry, Algebra 2 (If applicable), Biology, U.S. History EOC grade*

## SCHOLARS DIPLOMA PATHWAY

- Meet ALL requirements of the Standard Diploma **and** the following requirements:
  - Earn (1) credit in Algebra 2
  - Earn (1) credit in Statistics or equally rigorous mathematics course
  - Earn (1) credit in Chemistry or Physics
  - Earn (1) credit science course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
  - Earn (2) credits in the same foreign language
  - Earn (1) credit in Advance Placement, International Baccalaureate, an Advanced International Certificate of Education, Dual Enrollment course or an approved Industry Certification
  - *Class of 2016 & 2017: Passing score on FSA 10, Algebra 1 EOC, Biology EOC, and U.S. History EOC*

- *Class of 2018 & 2019: Passing score on FSA 10, Algebra 1 EOC, Biology EOC, U.S. History EOC, ELA II, Geometry EOC and Algebra 2 EOC*

## MERIT DIPLOMA PATHWAY

- Meet ALL requirements of the Standard Diploma **and** the following requirements:
  - Attain one or more Industry Certifications from the list established under S.1003.429 F.S.
  - *Industry Certification Courses which lead to college credit may be substantiated for up to two math credits and/or one science credit excluding Algebra 1, Geometry and Biology.*
  - *Testing requirements are the same as Standard Diploma*

## SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION DIPLOMA PATHWAY

- Meet ALL requirements of the SCHOLARS DIPLOMA PATHWAY **and** the following:
  - Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average of 3.75 or higher
  - (3) Consecutive years in the same foreign language
  - (6) credits in AP or IB classes earning an "A" or "B" **or** (4) AP or IB and (2) Dual Enrollment courses
  - (1) credit in Experimental Research or equivalent with a grade of "A" or "B" **or** (1) Extended Essay, Senior Portfolio **or** 4<sup>th</sup> year of World Language or (1) extra AP, IB or DE credit.
  - *Testing requirements are the same as the SCHOLARS DIPLOMA PATHWAY*



SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS – [www.skyward.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.skyward.scps.k12.fl.us)

Family access provides an opportunity to access your student's information to include grades, attendance and graduation requirements online. It is updated in real time and allows you to contact school staff with ease via their email account. If you do not have an account, please visit the Guidance Office to complete the application and please bring a photo ID.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Visit [www.winterspringshs.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.winterspringshs.scps.k12.fl.us)
2. Click on the **GUIDANCE** tab, then **COMMUNITY SERVICE** tab
3. Read and PRINT the guidelines and application.
4. Only approved non-profit organizations on the **SCPS APPROVED LIST** will count toward community service hours.
5. It is the student's responsibility to complete all requirements and submit all documents (Application, Log hours, and 1 page reflective essay) to his/her counselor upon completion.
6. Please visit the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship website at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org) to determine all requirements for achieving one of the offered scholarships. It is the student's responsibility to ensure requirements are met.



### SEMINOLE COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL

If you need to make up a failed course or complete your online learning graduation requirement, you may do so at [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net). You will be required to set up a STUDENT and PARENT account in order to register for a course. You will then select "Seminole County Virtual" as the District Franchise. Once your parent approves, an email will be sent to your counselor for approval. Once the course(s) is complete, your counselor will receive a copy of your grade to be entered onto your transcript. It is important that you focus and do well as Virtual School courses will contribute to your overall GPA.

# AVOIDING CREDIT DENIAL

Students who acquire 9 or more unexcused absences during a class, per semester will receive credit denial. To avoid this, please submit the required excused documentation to attendance within 5 days when you return to school. You are also encouraged to speak with your teachers to acquire any missed work to avoid falling behind in the course.

## Communication



## GUIDANCE COMMUNICATIONS

### COUNSELOR REQUESTS

Students can meet with their counselor before school, during their assigned lunch, or afterschool. If your counselor is unavailable, you are requested to complete a **Student Services Form** and your counselor will call you down during your elective class period. You may also contact your counselor via their email address.

### NEED A COUNSELOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Complete the "**Counselor Letter of Recommendation**" form (attached in this packet) or located in the Guidance Office and give to Mrs. Black in Guidance to submit to your counselor. Please allow 24 – 48 hours before you return to pick up your letter. Please ensure all information requested on the form is completed so that your counselor can provide you with an appropriate letter.

## **FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**

Winter Springs High School- Auditorium

*TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017*

*6:30PM – 7:30PM*

*(A representative from Bright Futures will be presenting)*



HAVE YOU FAILED A COURSE?



DO YOU NEED TO  
MEET YOUR ONLINE LEARNING  
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT?

**DO YOU WANT TO TAKE ADDITIONAL  
CLASSES TO BOOST YOUR GPA?**



HAVE NO FEAR...HELP IS HERE!!!

WWW.FLVS.NET (SEMINOLE COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL) CAN HELP YOU  
WITH ALL 3!

DISCUSS A PLAN WITH YOUR COUNSELOR!



***THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ALL ONLINE  
COURSEWORK with GRADES IS MAY 1<sup>st</sup>.***

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS (ACT & SAT)

If you plan to attend a 4 year university, you are encouraged to take the SAT and/or ACT. Please see the link and dates below. If you receive free or reduced lunch, please see your counselor for a Fee Waiver.

ACT – [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

SAT – [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

### ACT

TEST DATE:	REGISTER BY:
9.9.17	8.4.17
10.28.17	9.22.17
12.9.17	11.3.17
2.10.18	1.12.18
4.14.18	3.9.18
6.9.18	5.4.18
7.14.18	6.15.18



### SAT

TEST DATE:	REGISTER BY:
10.7.17	9.8.17
11.4.17	10.5.17
12.2.17	11.2.17
3.10.18	2.9.18
5.5.18	4.6.18
6.2.18	5.3.18



# Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

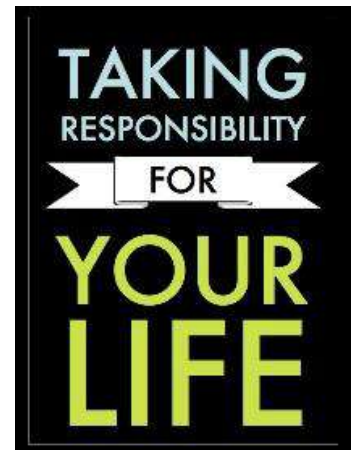


What is YOUR responsibility:

- Checking on the requirements and ensuring you have met them (community service, GPA, and ACT/SAT test scores)
- Applying when it is available on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Check the website that you are still on track to receiving the scholarship, and if not, what can you do to ensure you receive it. (retake the SAT/ACT, complete community service, retake a class to boost your GPA, etc.)

What is your GUIDANCE COUNSELORS responsibility:

- Remind you to check the website/requirements
- Harass you about community service



In essence, this is

**COMPLETELY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!**

Florida Bright Futures is a state run program that is not affiliated  
with Winter Springs High School.

# HELPFUL WEBSITES

## FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Required for all college/university financial services
- [www.collegegoalsundayusa.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org) – Financial Aid and College Forums
- [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org) – **Florida Bright Futures** scholarship
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) – Scholarship Search Engine
- [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) – Gates Millennium Scholarship
- [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org) – Ronald McDonald Scholarship
- [www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org](http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org) – Coca Cola scholarship
- [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net) – Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- <https://scholarshipamerica.org> – custom scholarship and education assistance

## ATHLETIC WEBSITES

- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) – Student must register with NCAA Eligibility Center beginning junior or senior year.
- [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org) – Students must register if they plan to participate in athletics at any NAIA college/university.
- [www.fhsaa.org](http://www.fhsaa.org) – For students to register to participate in FHSAA sports.

## MISCELLANEOUS WEBSITES

- [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) – All young men turning 18 are required by law to register with the selective services.
- [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org) – Plan 4 year high school plan, review credits, Bright Futures status and keep track of college courses towards a specific degree.
- [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net) – Online courses that will contribute to graduation credits/requirements.
- [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) – For students with an interest in joining a military service.
- [www.HFUW.org](http://www.HFUW.org) – United Way Free 24-hour information and referral hotline (Dial 211).
- [www.nationalcollegefairs.org](http://www.nationalcollegefairs.org)
- [www.myfuture.com](http://www.myfuture.com)
- [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com)

## TUTORING SERVICES

- [www.robielearningcenter.com](http://www.robielearningcenter.com)
- [www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)
- [www.sylvanlearning.com](http://www.sylvanlearning.com)
- [www.huntinghelps.com](http://www.huntinghelps.com)
- [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)
- [www.ellencostellotutoring.com](http://www.ellencostellotutoring.com)

## COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, MILITARY & TECH SCHOOLS

*Note: Majority of colleges/universities require an online admission application.*

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	LOCATION	WEBSITE
Seminole State College	Various	<a href="http://www.seminolestate.edu">www.seminolestate.edu</a>
Florida Polytechnic University	Lakeland	<a href="http://www.floridapolytechnic.org">www.floridapolytechnic.org</a>
University of Central Florida	Orlando	<a href="http://www.ucf.edu">www.ucf.edu</a>
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University	Tallahassee	<a href="http://www.famu.edu">www.famu.edu</a>
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	<a href="http://www.fau.edu">www.fau.edu</a>
Florida Gulf Coast University	Ft. Myers	<a href="http://www.fgcu.edu">www.fgcu.edu</a>
Florida International University	Miami	<a href="http://www.fiu.edu">www.fiu.edu</a>
Florida State University	Tallahassee	<a href="http://www.fsu.edu">www.fsu.edu</a>
North Central Florida	Sarasota	<a href="http://www.ncf.edu">www.ncf.edu</a>
University of Florida	Gainesville	<a href="http://www.uf.edu">www.uf.edu</a>
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	<a href="http://www.unf.edu">www.unf.edu</a>
University of South Florida – Tampa/St. Petersburg	Tampa/St. Petersburg	<a href="http://www.usf.edu">www.usf.edu</a>
University of West Florida	Pensacola	<a href="http://www.uwf.edu">www.uwf.edu</a>
Keiser University	Various	<a href="http://www.keiser-education.edu">www.keiser-education.edu</a>
UTI Automotive	Orlando	<a href="http://www.uti.edu">www.uti.edu</a>
Wyotech	Daytona Beach	<a href="http://www.wyotech.edu">www.wyotech.edu</a>
U.S. Air Force	Various	<a href="http://www.airforce.com">www.airforce.com</a>
U.S. Marines	Various	<a href="http://www.marines.com">www.marines.com</a>
U.S. Army	Various	<a href="http://www.goarmy.com">www.goarmy.com</a>
U.S. Navy	Various	<a href="http://www.navy.com">www.navy.com</a>
U.S. Coast Guard	Various	<a href="http://www.gocoastguard.com">www.gocoastguard.com</a>

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