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# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Why is GPA important?

Bartram Trail High School Counselors

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# School News ...

## Check the BTHS Website



- School Counseling Information

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

- Freshmen Class Information

- <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/students/freshmen/>

- Daily Announcements

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

# NACAC College Fair

- Saturday, October 12
- 9 am – 1 pm
- Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center  
(Downtown Jacksonville)
- Register Online: [www.nacacfairs.org](http://www.nacacfairs.org)
- Over 200 colleges will be in attendance
- Workshops for students and parents:
  - FAFSA Completion Lab
  - Bright Futures Scholarship Program
  - Cash for College: Federal Financial Aid
  - Countdown to College: A Year by Year Plan
  - NCAA Eligibility for the High School Athlete
  - Hot Jobs and Majors in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - Scholarship Search Tips: Local and National
  - Writing the College & Scholarship Essay
  - Oh the Places You'll Go: Selecting the Right College
  - Historically Black Colleges and Universities

# Requirements for Standard 24 Credit Diploma

- Assessments (Algebra 1 EOC and Grade 10 ELA FSA)
- 2.0 Cumulative, Unweighted GPA
- One full length online course credit
- 24 specific credits

# Assessments

- Must pass two assessments to graduate with diploma (otherwise you earn a Certificate Of Completion)
  - Algebra 1 EOC (level 3 or above) or
    - ACT Math – 16 or
    - SAT Math – 420 or
    - PSAT/NMSQT Math - 430
  - Grade 10 FSA ELA (level 3 or above) or
    - ACT Reading and English average – 18 or
    - SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing - 480
- If you earn a COC that means you did not graduate from high school and your post-secondary options are limited

# GPA and Online Credit

- GPA - 2.0 cumulative unweighted or higher
  - 2.0 is a “C” average
  - Check HAC regularly to keep track of grades
- Must complete one full length online course
  - Right now in St Johns, the required HOPE course will count for the online course



# 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
  - Practical/performing/fine arts
  - HOPE
  - 8 elective credits
    - If you're planning to attend college, you will need two credits in the SAME world language

# Promotion Requirements

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

# Community Service

- 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
- Your goal should be to finish 100 hours of community service by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service-hours/>

# 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?

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

# Lets Play the GPA Game

- We Need 8 Volunteers

# Do now ...

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