

9th Grade – Why is GPA important?

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****Open door policy during your lunch****

School News ...

Check the BTHS Website and Schoology Group



- School Counseling Information

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

- Daily Announcements

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

- Schoology Group

- School Counseling for BTHS Students

NACAC College Fair and BTHS College Visits

- Sunday, October 18
- 12 pm –8 pm
- Register Online:
<https://virtualcollegefairs.org/>
- Over 200 colleges will be holding virtual sessions
- Virtual College Visits for BTHS Students
- Visit website regularly to see schedule
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/visits/>
- Visits will also be announced via Schoology

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 or
 - FSA Geometry EOC - 499
 - 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
 - 1 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 or emailed Kathleen.Richards@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Your goal should be to finish 100 hours of community service by the end of 11th grade
- How to find community service opportunities -
 - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service-hours/>
- We suggest students keep a copy of the community service verification letters.

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
$19/7 = 2.71$	Unweighted GPA	2.71

○ 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

Packet of Materials

- Schoology > School Counseling for BTHS Students > Resources > Classroom Lessons > 9th Grade Lessons > 9thGradeFallPacketfor Students
 - Post-Secondary Readiness Milestones
 - NACAC Virtual College Fair
 - Official SAT/PSAT Practice
 - Dual Enrollment FAQ
 - Dual Enrollment Timeline
 - Where Can Your Scores Take You?

Lets Play the GPA Game

○ We Need 8 Volunteers with Masks On 😊