



9TH GRADE – WHY IS GPA IMPORTANT?

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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



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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



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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



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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
- For students submitting hours from a non-profit organization outside of the school, students must also submit a letter on the non-profit organization's letterhead which details the student's service hours, activities, dates and supervisor signature. Students should staple together this organization letter to the Community Service Form before submitting to Ms. Richards in Guidance.



Activities That Count	Activities That Do Not Count
Volunteering at a food pantry	Donating non-perishable foods
Activities on behalf of a candidate for public office, supervised by a non-relative with the campaign	Walking around in a neighborhood posting political signs <u>with a family member</u>
Teaching English skills to a foreign exchange student under the supervision of a non-relative, non-profit staff member	Hosting a foreign exchange student
Volunteering at an animal shelter under the supervision of a non-relative shelter staff member	Fostering an animal at home
Helping at a church carnival open to the public and free of charge, supervised by church staff	Helping at an event that is not fully open to the community, where people must pay to participate
Completing an internship at a non-profit organization	Doing non-paid work at a for-profit business
Required training prior to a service activity (ex: Training on building a well prior to a mission trip where that will be done.)	Claiming hours for an activity that is required for academic credit or licensure (ex: First Aid/CPR, school course, school drama production where course credit is earned)
Volunteering at a hospital or nursing home	Being paid to work at a hospital or nursing home

Link to form to turn in with hours

- <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2021/08/Bright-Futures-Community-Service-Hours-Form.pdf>

Steps for Students to Complete During Volunteering

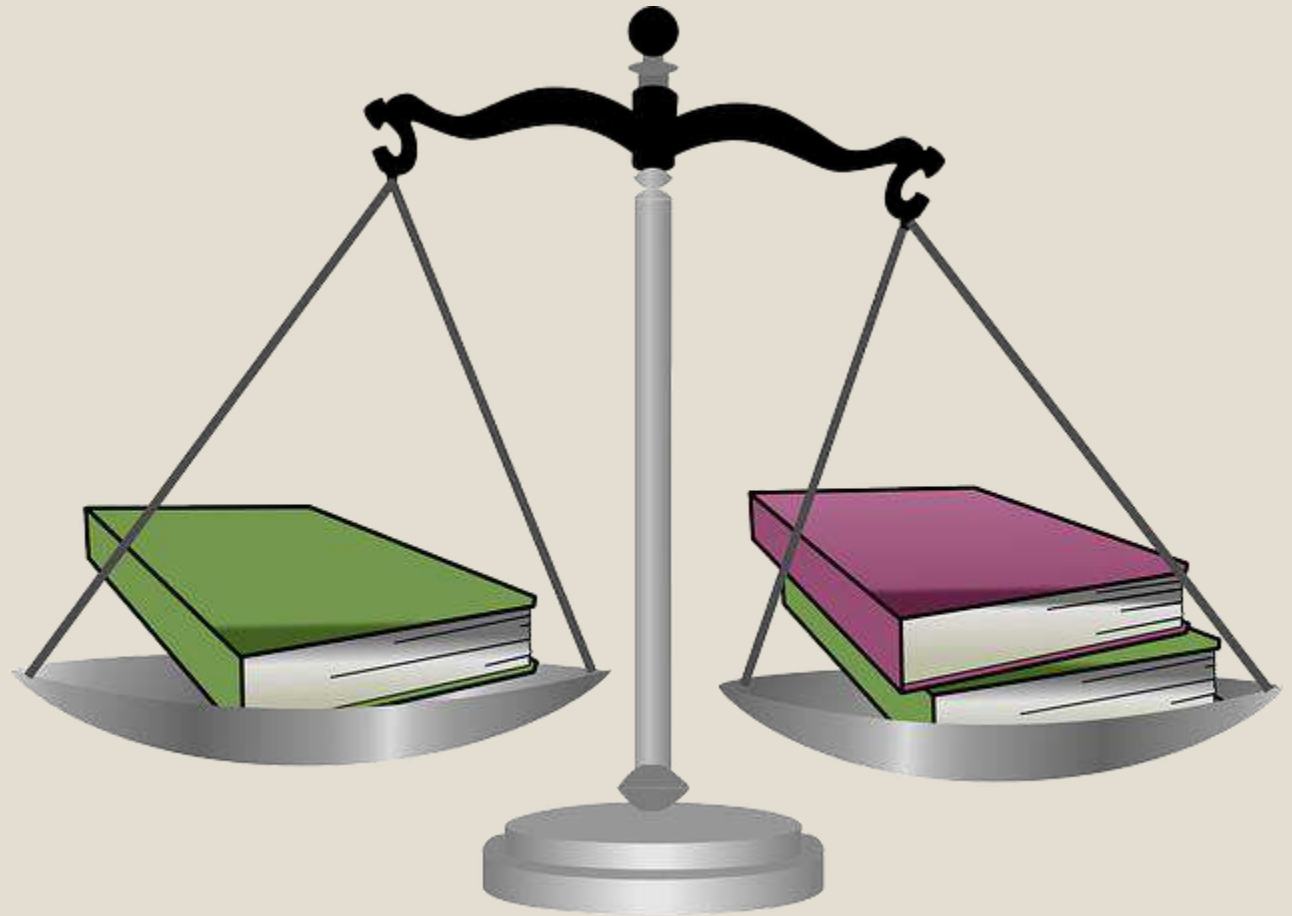
- Keep track of hours, dates, & activities completed during service to verify with whoever supervises you during your community service.

Steps for Students to Complete After Volunteering

- Have the supervisor of your service provide a signed letter on the organization's letterhead describing the type of service performed, who in the community the service benefited, and a description of the service event.
- Make a copy of all completed forms for your records.
- **Student provides letterhead and reflection log (attached) to the school counselor or designee with all required signatures included.**

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?



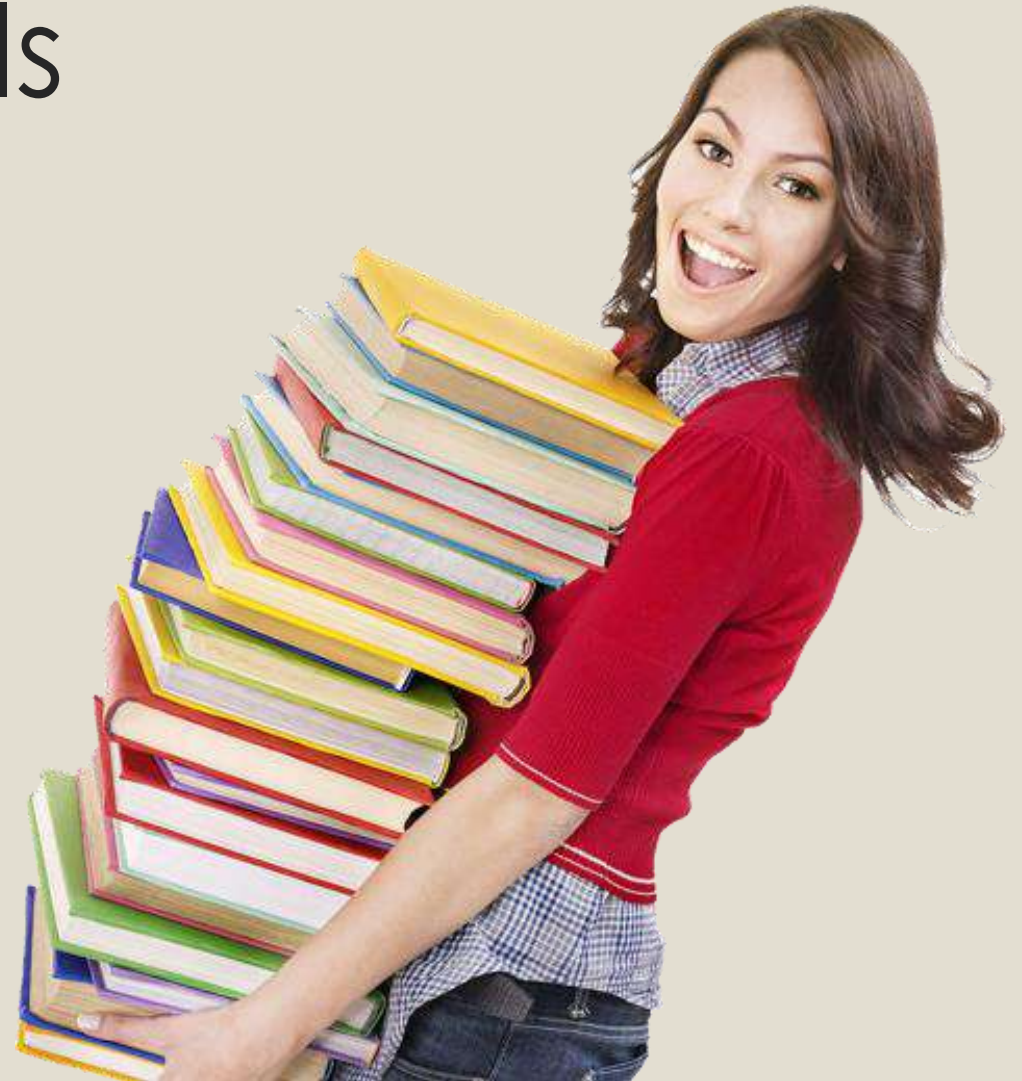
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- Well rounded student
- GPA (grade point average)
- Test scores (ACT and SAT)
- Community service hours
- Rigorous courses taken (Dual Enrollment, AP, Honors)
- Extra-curricular and leadership activities – Quality, not Quantity



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?



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List some activities/things colleges care about



