



## JUNIOR RESOURCE GUIDE

WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

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## 2021 – 2022 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 (*to include Biology, 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
- .5 P.E. Class
- 9 General Electives

### Online Graduation Requirement- Must be completed by May 1

- Can be accomplished via Virtual School ([www.flvs.net](http://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
- 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 FSA 10 Reading*
- *Passing score on Algebra 1 EOC*
- *Achieve 30% of Geometry, 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

- *Passing score on FSA 10, Algebra 1 EOC, Biology EOC, U.S. History EOC, ELA II, and Geometry 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*

## STUDENT SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS

### COUNSELOR REQUESTS

You can create an appointment with your counselor through the following links. You may also contact your counselor via their email address.

Mrs. Hormuth:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/WinterSpringsHighSchool2@seminoleschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Ms. Spence:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/JozettSpence@seminoleschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Mrs. Chiu:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/WinterSpringsHighSchool3@seminoleschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Mrs. McBryde:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/WinterSpringsHighSchool1@seminoleschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Ms. Nieves:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/Jesenia@seminoleschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Ms. Urena:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/WinterSpringsHighSchool4@seminoleschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

### NEED A COUNSELOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Complete the "Counselor Letter of Recommendation" form located in the Student Services Office or on our school website. You may email this directly to your counselor or give it to Ms. Montevechi in Student Services to submit to your counselor. Please allow 2 weeks 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.

**\*\*IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNIORS\*\***

**WSHS PSAT/NMSQT SCHOOL DAY**

Winter Springs High School-

FREE!!

*TUESDAY, January 26*

**WSHS SAT SCHOOL DAY**

Winter Springs High School-

FREE!!

*TUESDAY, April 13*

**ASVAB Dates**

Winter Springs High School-

Auditorium

*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29*

*THURSDAY, APRIL 1*

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Any date is a good date to start working on volunteer service hours!

Remember to get your location approved by your counselor before you begin.

A copy of the initial application page is attached.

## 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. If you have already used a College Board fee waiver, you can access additional waivers through your CollegeBoard account.

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

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

### ACT

TEST DATE:	REGISTER BY:
9/12/20, 9/13/20, 9/19/20	8/31/20
10/10/20, 10/17/20, 10/24/20, 10/25/20	9/25/20
12/12/20	11/6/20
2/6/21	1/8/21
4/17/21	3/12/21
6/12/21	5/7/21
7/17/21	6/18/21



### SAT

TEST DATE:	REGISTER BY:
9/26/20	8/26/20
10/3/20	9/4/20
11/7/20	10/7/20
12/5/20	11/5/20
3/13/21	2/12/21
5/8/21	4/8/21
6/5/21	5/6/21



# SAT<sup>®</sup>



# HELPFUL WEBSITES

## Please remember to check our website for updates:

<http://www.winterspringshs.scps.k12.fl.us/student-services>

### FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

- <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/epathways/scholarships/> – Seminole County Public Schools district scholarship page
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Required for all college/university financial services
- [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
- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/florida-scholarships/>
- <https://www.college-scholarships.com/>

### 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.

### COLLEGE PLANNING

- [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.
- <https://floridanext.com/>
- <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/colleges/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- <https://www.petersons.com/>
- <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- <https://sendedu.org/>
- <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

### 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.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)



For Counselor Use Only:

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommendation Letter Request

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Requested for Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Minimum of two weeks notice is required.** Submit this form at least two weeks (10 school days) in advance of any required submission date to allow sufficient time to write a recommendation letter.

**\*\*It is the Student's Responsibility** to request a transcript, if needed.

A. Is this letter for a college, scholarship, or both? (please circle)

1. **If for a scholarship, attach a copy of the scholarship guidelines for reference.**

B. Identify the College (s) that you are applying to: Early Decision?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or No

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or No

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or No

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or No

C. Interest in Entering the Armed Services? (circle those of interest)

Army Navy Air Force Marine Corps Coast Guard

D. Future Goals:

1. Educational/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

E. Activities and Experiences:

1. **List any Clubs, Organizations, or Student Activities**

School Organization	Grade	Position Held/Honors Received

2. **Sports**

Athletic Team	Grade	Position/Recognition

3. **Community Involvement**

Organization	Responsibilities	Grade	# Hours

**4. Awards/Honors/Recognition**

Honors or Awards	Grade

F. List 4 adjectives that you feel accurately describe you.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

G. Describe yourself as an individual. Include your strengths, weaknesses, personal and academic attributes. Also include what you consider to be your greatest accomplishment in life, thus far.

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H. What makes you unique? How are you different from your peers?

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I. Is there anything about your life that you would like the person writing your letter to be aware of? For example, any academic aspirations, learning issues, family issues, work experiences, illness within the family, divorce, etc.

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J. Do you have any financial or personal circumstances that affect your ability to attend college? If so, please explain.

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# May 2021

## AP/IB TESTING DATES

AP-Bold  
AM-8:00  
PM-12:00

Sun day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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2	<b>AP US Gov &amp; Politics AM</b> <b>AP Physics C M &amp; EM PM</b>  IB Physics SL & HL PM	<b>AP Calc AB &amp; BC AM</b> <b>AP Human Geography PM</b>  IB Physics SL & HL AM IB History HL PM	<b>AP English Lit AM</b> <b>AP Japanese PM</b> <b>AP Physics 1 PM</b>  IB History HL AM	<b>AP US History AM</b> <b>AP Art History PM</b> <b>AP Computer Sc A PM</b>  IB Music SL AM IB Math AA & AI SL & HL PM	<b>AP Chemistry AM</b> <b>AP Spanish Lit AM</b> <b>AP Euro History PM</b> <b>AP Physics 2 PM</b> <b>AP 2D/3D Art submission DL</b>  IB Math AA & AI SL & HL AM	8
9	<b>AP French Lang AM</b> <b>AP World History AM</b> <b>AP Macroecon PM</b>  IB English Lit HL PM	<b>AP Seminar AM</b> <b>AP Spanish Lang AM</b> <b>AP Latin PM</b> <b>AP Psychology PM</b>  IB Chemistry HL PM	<b>AP English Lang AM</b> <b>AP Microecon PM</b> <b>AP Music Theory PM</b>  IB Spanish SL & ab initio PM	<b>AP Comp Gov AM</b> <b>AP Computer Sc Prin AM</b> <b>AP Statistics PM</b>  IB Spanish SL & ab initio PM	<b>AP Biology AM</b> <b>AP Italian Lang AM</b> <b>AP Chinese Lang PM</b> <b>AP Environmental Sc PM</b>  IB Spanish SL & ab initio AM IB Env Systems SL PM	15
16	IB Env Systems SL AM	IB Latin SL & HL AM IB Math AA HL AM IB Biology HL PM	IB Psychology SL PM			22

# College Readiness Checklist

*Discover • Explore • Select • Achieve*

FloridaShines.org

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Fall

- ☐ Know the dates and locations of the SAT, ACT, and other tests you plan to take. Sign up for the tests and don't forget to add them to your calendar.
- ☐ Use your test scores and current GPA to evaluate your college options. Start building a list of your top five colleges. [FloridaShines](#) lists the admissions requirements, deadlines, and other important information about each public college and university in Florida.
- ☐ Continue to stay on track in your classes and build up that GPA.
- ☐ Update your resume to include your summer work and other experience.
- ☐ Find out if representatives from the colleges you are interested in are visiting your area. Consider attending those sessions.

### Spring

- ☐ Search for scholarships.
- ☐ Organize financial aid information.
- ☐ Start college application essays.
- ☐ Build service hours needed for Bright Futures Scholarships. (Florida students)
- ☐ Contact the individuals from whom you plan to request letters of recommendation.
- ☐ Plan college visits.
- ☐ Create a filing system to help you keep your college materials organized.

### Summer

- ☐ Stay involved in extracurricular activities, and seek out leadership roles in your community that will look good on your college application.
- ☐ Start communicating with admissions officers and recruiters at colleges on your list.





## **Seminole County Public Schools, Florida**

### **Student Volunteer Service Program Guidelines & Service Plan**

#### **Program Purpose & Benefits**

The SCPS volunteer service program empowers students to develop a sense of responsibility for others within their community as well as an understanding of the value of volunteerism and helping others.

Participation in the SCPS Volunteer Service Program includes the following additional benefits:

- Meet the volunteer service requirement in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program. The current requirement is 100 hours for Florida Academic Scholars (FAS), 75 hours for Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS), 30 hours for Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV), and 30 hours for Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC). See below for more information.
- Earn one-half (0.5) credit for successful completion of 75 approved hours of volunteer service.
- Demonstrate commitment to colleges, universities, and future employers.

#### **Bright Futures Eligibility**

Florida law identifies the requirements for completion of a program of volunteer service work for the purpose of qualifying for Bright Futures scholarships:

**"The student must complete a program of volunteer service work... The student must identify a social or civic issue or a professional area that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area, and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience. Except for credit earned through service-learning courses adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed. Such work may include, but is not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service must be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the organization for which the student performed the volunteer service work".**

#### **Important Requirements**

These guidelines must be followed to ensure that service hours will be approved:

1. The SCPS Student Volunteer Service Plan should be completed by the student and approved by the student's school prior to volunteering. This is the only way to guarantee that volunteer service hours will be accepted.
2. Volunteer service hours will not be accepted for any of the following circumstances:
  - Service for which a student benefits financially or materially for the volunteer service worked
  - Service completed by the student during school hours
  - Service completed by the student prior to promotion to 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Court-directed community service
  - Service that is a prerequisite for employment
  - Fundraising for a school-sponsored activity
  - Attendance at religious services, retreats, self-improvement courses, conferences or workshops
  - Service for family-related activities or service to family members
  - Unsupervised service
  - Service for which a student receives academic credit (except for credit earned through an approved service learning course)
3. Current seniors must submit the Volunteer Service Work Log prior to May 1 to be considered for the Florida Bright Futures award in the evaluation conducted following graduation.
4. Students may complete volunteer service at their own high school, but hours must be earned outside regular school hours.

## **Volunteer Service Process**

Students must follow these steps to earn service hours:

1. Identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest.
2. Contact an organization related to this topic and discuss options for volunteer service. Review the above limitations related to hours that will not be accepted.
3. Complete the SCPS Student Volunteer Service Plan below. Remember to include student, parent and supervising agency signatures.
4. Submit the application to the school's service coordinator for review and approval. Upon approval, the student will receive the SCPS Volunteer Service Work Log. It is the student's responsibility to maintain copies of all documents, including the signed community service application.
5. Begin volunteering and record hours on the SCPS Volunteer Service Work Log. It is the student's responsibility to record service hours.
6. At the conclusion of the required volunteer hours, the student must submit the original Volunteer Service Application, the Volunteer Service Log, and a one page reflective essay that includes why the topic and service site(s) were chosen, the duties performed, and what was learned/gained from the experience. One essay may address experiences at multiple sites.

## **Volunteer Service Examples**

The school district does not recommend or endorse any outside agency/organization/opportunity for volunteer service purposes. It is the responsibility of parents and students to identify, investigate, and select service opportunities. These types of groups have provided opportunities in the past for SCPS students:

Animal shelters  
Charities  
Community centers  
Elder care facilities  
Environmental cleanup  
Faith-based organizations  
Food banks  
Hospice  
Hospitals  
Libraries  
Mentoring organizations  
Museums  
Parks/recreation facilities  
Youth sports organizations  
Zoos



SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FLORIDA  
SCPS STUDENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE PLAN

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships are based on specific academic requirements and volunteer service work hours earned in grades 9-12. The volunteer service work hours are as follows:

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|--|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)             | 100 hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)            | 75 hours  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award (GSV) | 30 hours  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars Award (GSC)       | 30 hours  |

**Students must submit this plan, and gain approval, prior to beginning volunteer service work hours.** The Volunteer Service Work Log will be given to the student once the plan has been approved. If at any time the volunteer service work changes, a new Plan MUST be submitted for review. The completed Volunteer Service Work Log must match the Plan.

Current seniors who would like to be considered for any of the Florida Bright Futures award levels at the seventh semester eligibility review should submit the Volunteer Service Work Log no later than the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Seniors who complete their volunteer service work hours during the eighth semester must submit the Volunteer Service Work Log by May 1 to be considered for the Florida Bright Futures award in the reevaluation conducted following graduation.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student's selected social or civic issue or professional area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Organization(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the duties the student will perform: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person agreeing to supervise student: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

We agree to the program requirements as explained on the SCPS Volunteer Service Program Guidelines & Applications document:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Contact Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Principal or designee signature below indicates that this plan is approved:*

Principal's (or Designee) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_