# Class of 2027

What's next?

# Who is my counselor?

# How can I contact a counselor?

# **Third Floor Office**

**ECP students & Last Names A-Bo: Angel Sletto** 

**Last Name Br-El: Artina Coma** 

Last Name En-J: D'Erica Gibbs

# **First Floor Office**

Last Name K-Mul: Laura Kuhel

**Last Name Mun-Sc: Rachel Blount** 

**Last Name Se-Z: Heather Ketterer** 

- 1. Make an appointment:
  - Through a scan code around campus.
  - The link on the TCHS website.
  - Visit the counselor office for help or if you do not have an electronic device.
- 2. Send a message through Schoology.
- 3. Send an email

# Graduation Requirements

## Additional Requirements:

- 1. 2.0 Unweighted GPA
- 2. Pass ELA FAST with 3 or through a concordant on ACT, PSAT, SAT, or CLT
- 3. Pass ALG EOC with 3 or through a concordant on ACT, PSAT, SAT, CLT, or Geometry EOC

### **ENGLISH**

4 years

### MATH

- Algebra
- Geometry
- •2+ Math (it is recommended to take Math every year for the strongest college application)

### **SCIENCE**

- Biology
- •+2 others (Chemistry is required for most colleges)
- (4 years of science is recommended for competitive colleges)

### **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- World History
- American Government (.5)
- US History
- Personal Finance/Economics (.5/.5)

### **PERFORMING or PRACTICAL ART**

•One FULL CREDIT worth

### **HOPE**

•One FULL CREDIT

### **ELECTIVES**

•7.5 FULL credits

### **WORLD LANGUAGE**

•2 years required of same language for BRIGHT FUTURES and 4- year University admit

# SJCSD Grade Calculation

Review your classroom syllabus or discuss with your teacher the rules for retaking a summative in that course.

# **Summatives:**

- Consist of big tests or assignments
- Are weighted 70% of your grade
- You cannot have a zero on a summative.
- You can retake a summative if you earn less an 85%.

## Formatives:

- Consist of quizzes, activities, homework, etc...
- Are weighted 30% of your grade.
- You will get a zero if not turned in.
- You cannot retake a formative

# **GPA**

You can estimate your GPA for colleges using <u>GPA calculator</u> (HAC provides a cumulative high school unweighted and weighted GPA for you.)

# **Unweighted Rules**

- ☐ The grade for each course is assigned a number (A=4,B=3,C=2,D=1,F=0)(4.0 scale)
- ☐ Total up the number of points earned for each course on your transcript
- ☐ Divide total by number of grades you enter
- ☐ Used for graduation requirement purposes
- $\Box$  ie: 4.0 + 4.0 + 4.0 + 3.0 + 3.0 = 18

Unweighted GPA = 18/5 = 3.6 out of 4.0

Course	Grade	Point Value
English 1	В	3
Algebra 1	Α	4
World Cultural Geography	С	2
Env. Science	D	1
HOPE	Α	4
2-D Studio Art	В	3
Digital Info Tech	С	2
	Total Points	19
	Total Classes	7
19/7 = 2.71	Unweighted GPA	2.71

# Weighted Rules

- ☐ Honors classes are on a 4.5 scale(get a .5 boost)
- ☐ AP & Dual Enrollment are on a 5.0 scale (get a 1.0 boost)
- ☐ GPA's get recalculated in January and June based on previous semester grades
- ☐ Used for class rank Senior Year

Unweighted
GPA Points
A:4
B:3
C:2
D:1
F:0

Weighted
GPA Points
A:5
B:4
C:3
D:2
F: 0

## AP VERSUS DUAL ENROLLMENT

### Advanced Placement Courses

- AP courses follow the College Board curriculum taught by teachers at St. Johns School District.
- College credit is earned only by achieving required score on AP exam taken at the end of the course. Collegeboard.org provides required AP score and corresponding credit earned for each university nationwide.
- AP credit is nationally recognized due to standard of rigor and standardized assessment.
- There is no application process or GPA/test scores requirements to take AP course.
- Approval to take an AP course is dependent on academic record and teacher recommendation.
- AP Courses follow the St. Johns School District calendar.
- AP courses are on-campus during the school day. AP courses not offered on campus may are available for FLVS at home.
- AP Course assignments and grades are visible in Schoology and HAC to students, parents, and school counselors.
- · Most AP courses are year-long.

# Both AP and DE Courses

- Students may earn college and high school credit simultaneously.
- Both DE and AP are both 5.0 on a weighted school.
- Both DE and AP enrollment, materials, and exams are free to SJSD students.
- Students are exposed to rigorous college-level academic curriculum.
- Selective universities expect to see transcripts with high rigor that AP and DE courses provide.
- Premature participation can hurt students who are unprepared for the level of difficulty by damaging their GPA.

### **Dual Enrollment Courses**

- DE courses are through St. Johns River State College (SJR), separate from the high school.
- College credit is earned through course completion. Credit and grades are awarded by SJR.
- · SJR courses are one semester in length.
- DE courses follow the SJR calendar, which is different from SJSD calendar.
- Grades contribute to your high school and college GPA.
- DE Course assignments and grades are not visible to parents or TCHS faculty. Only students have access to assignments and grades through SJR Canvas.
- Must maintain 3.0 unweighted TCHS GPA to be eligible to apply for SJR dual enrollment.
- Student must apply to SJR and take a qualifying entrance exam. Placement score required for math and English courses.
- Students may take no more than 3 DE courses if also taking courses TCHS courses.
- DE courses are taken online from home or at the SJR campus, with exception for student in the Early College Program.
- If a student earns a "D," "F," or withdrawal, student must petition to remain in DE.
- Student is ineligible if earned two "D," "F," or withdrawal DE grades.
- Collegiate degree-seeking students must work with SJR for advisement of course sequence toward post-secondary or AA degree.



# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

# SJR Dual Enrollment

Are you eligible?

- 3.0 GPA Unweighted
- Must have a test score (ACT, SAT, PSAT, CLT, or PERT)
- Approved by School Counselor and Administration
- English and Math courses require an eligible test score

New students must attend a TOROTIME Dual Enrollment session! Sessions will be held on 1/7 and 1/14 after break!

Join TCHS Schoology DE page- RCGS-QGPH-RZCG6

## **Academic** Eligible Test Scores

Test & Course Placement	ACT	CLT	PERT	Digital SAT	SAT
ENC1101	19 Reading & 17 Writing	38 Sum of Verbal Reasoning & Grammar/Writing	106 Reading & 103 Writing	490 EBRW	24 Reading & 25 Writing
MAT1033	19-20 Math	16-18 Math	114 Math	480 Math	24 Math
MAC1105, STA2023	21-26 Math	19-40 Math	123-150 Math	490-560 Math	25-28 Math
MAC1147, MAC2233	27+ Math			570-600 Math	29-30 Math
MAC2311	30+ Math			610+ Math	31+ Math

# **Dual Enrollment at First Coast Technical College**

### What is it?

- Students attend school at FCTC in St. Augustine for 1-3 periods per school day in program
- Students may earn certifications and possible job placement after graduation.

### **Program Application Requirements:**

- You must have a 2.0 GPA unweighted
- Good attendance and discipline record
- Have transportation to FCTC campus







Fall 2026 application opens in January and closes in February. Ask for an application in the counseling in January!

Want to see what FCTC in person? Join us for the fieldtrip on November 6<sup>th</sup> to see two programs! Scan the QR or talk to us after the presentation to sign up! Space is limited! Sign up deadline is 10/24!



# FCTC Programs

- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration
- Landscape & Turf Management
- Nursery Management
- Automotive Service Technology
- · Diesel Systems Technician
- Dental Assisting
- Medical Assisting
- Welding Technology
- Horticulture Science and Services
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology
- Facials Specialty
- Nails Specialty
- Early Childhood Education

# Junior Year Checklist



Prepare and test for university admissions on CLT/SAT/ACT



Focus on your grades. These are the last grades on your transcript sent to universities



Research schools and visit your top choices



Think about teacher recommendations



Explore careers, schools, majors, and more



Plan a rigorous senior schedule. Collegebound need 5 courses or more!



Start applying for scholarships

PATHWAYS
AFTER
HIGH
SCHOOL

University

State College/Community College

Trade/Technical school

Military

Workforce

# Your Pathways After High School

Explore Technical, Career, and University Options

### **Technical or Career College**

- Degree: Technical Certification or A.S.
- Admissions: Open (some limited access)
- Examples: Culinary, Automotive, Welding, Medical, Cosmetology
- 🏫 Schools: First Coast Technical College, SJR State

## 4-Year University

- Degree: Bachelor's (Arts or Sciences)
- Admissions: Competitive requiring test scores
- Examples: Education, Engineering,
- 🕋 Schools: University of North Florida

## **Community College (2-Year)**

- Degree: Associate Degree Certifications
- 🔽 Admissions: Open (some limited access)
- Examples: Radiography, Forensics
- 📤 Schools: St. Johns River State College

## Which is right for you?

Do you want to start working quickly? → Technical
Do you want flexibility and transfer options? → Community College
Does your career require a Bachelor Degree? → 4-Year

How do your career interests drive your schooling choices?

# Testing for University Admissions and Bright Futures

SAT: Collegeboard.org

**ACT: ACT.org** 

**CLT: CLTEXAM.org** 

All TCHS Juniors will take this in school during the school day in February.

Why should I test?

- Most colleges/programs require test scores.
- Higher test scores may earn more merit money for colleges.

When to test?

- The spring of your junior year or early fall of senior year.
- The last test to qualify for early action at most Florida schools is September.

How many times should I test?

- You may try different tests to see which is best for you.
- Florida schools take superscore. This is the best score from each section from any sitting.
- There is no limit on how many times you can test

Do I have accommodations?

 If you have a 504/IEP, you must apply for those accommodations with the testing companies.
 TCHS TESTING PAGE

# STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

# SAT

- Tests in Math and Verbal Reasoning
- Accepted by most schools nationwide.
- Digital exam at a test location
- You can superscore for Florida Universities and Bright Futures.
- Register at collegeboard.org

#### Late Registration **Test Date** Registration Deadline **Deadline** November 8 October 24 October 28 December 6 November 21 November 25 March 14, 2026 Feb. 27, 2026 March 3, 2026 April 17, 2026 April 21, 2026 May 2, 2026 May 22, 2026 May 26, 2026 June 6, 2026

# **ACT**

- Tests in math, reading, English, and science (optional).
- Bright Futures does not require the science section if it is not sent.
- Accepted by most schools nationwide.
- Digital with paper option for limited exams
- You can superscore for Florida Universities and Bright Futures.
- Register at ACT.org

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	December 5, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026	February 6, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	April 3, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	June 5, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	July 3, 2026

# CLT

- Tests in math, reading, and English.
- Accepted by Florida Public Universities but may not be accepted at private universities or out of Florida.
- Digital exam at a testing location or at home.
- You can superscore for Florida Universities and Bright futures.
- Register at CLTexam.com

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 22, 2025	September 25, 2025
November 8, 2025	October 30, 2025 ( <u>CLT</u> )
December 3, 2025	November 25, 2025 ( <u>CLT</u> )
January 24, 2026	January 15, 2026 ( <u>CLT</u> )
February 19, 2026	February 12, 2026 ( <u>CLT</u> )
March 12, 2026	February 11, 2026 ( <u>CLT</u> )
March 21, 2026	March 12, 2026 ( <u>CLT</u> )
April 16, 2026	April 9, 2026 ( <u>CLT</u> )
May 16, 2026	May 7, 2026 ( <u>CLT</u> )

# Test-Prep and Study Resources

**Schoolhouse by KHAN Academy** 

**ACT TEST PREP** 

**SAT TEST PREP** 

**CLT SITE** 

**PERT PREP** 





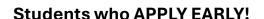






# Colleges Want...





- Consider UNF's "apply in July"
- Early Action deadlines are in October/November of senior year.

### Well-rounded students

- Extra-curricular and leadership activities
- Quality, not Quantity

### **Strong GPA**

Test scores (ACT, CLT, and SAT)

### **Rigorous of Courses**

- Dual Enrollment, AP, Honors
- 2-3 years of a World Language (2 yrs required)

Your Essay. Your story.

**Teacher recommendations for some schools** 









# **Bright Futures**

# Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) 2024-25

#### Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

- 1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
- 2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
- 3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
- 4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
- Achieve the required composite ACT\* score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT), or combined SAT\* score. Tests are accepted through August 31 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
- 6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

### Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

- 1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
- 2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- 3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

### Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by the postsecondary institution)

- 1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
- 2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
Minimum Cumulative GPA	2.0	2.75
(unrounded and unweighted)	3.0	2.73

For detailed information, including other ways to qualify, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.

### Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

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Туре	16 High School College- Preparatory Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT*/CLT*/SAT*) <sup>2</sup>	Volunteer Service Hours <sup>2</sup>	Paid Work Hours <sup>2</sup>
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	(two must have substantial laboratory)  3 - Social Science  2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours

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# Points to Remember

85% of what you show colleges on your application is currently completed.

# Transcripts post with letter, not numerical grades.

The Colleges will not see you earned an 89. Remediate and retest to get the A.

### **Rigor Matters!**

Taking Honors, AP, AICE, Dual Enrollment shows colleges you want to push yourself academically.

### **Eligible for Dual Enrollment?**

Check TCHS webpage/School
Counseling/Dual Enrollment/Test Scores
to see what you need for eligibility.

# Revise summer plans not to enhance your resume for college

Take an extra class, internships/shadowing, volunteer-work-something to set you apart

# Time to talk about what's next with family

-college

-trade school

-military

-financial aid

-workforce

-apprenticeship

# Use the TCHS School Counseling Website for Resources

- College and Career Exploration:
  - https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/collegeandcareer/
- Bright Futures Information
  - https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/bright-futures/
- Standardized testing for College
  - <a href="https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/standardized-testing-for-college/">https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/standardized-testing-for-college/</a>
- All School Counseling Resources
  - https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/

- ✓ Establish Successful Study Skills
- ✓ Develop Organization Skills Calendar, phone, planner
- ✓ Check emails daily (Still the main means of business communication)
- ✓ Work to Self-Advocate and communicate needs effectively
- ✓ Work on being adaptable/flexible
- ✓ Question, rethink, evaluate for better understanding
- ✓ Set Goals -5 year and short term
- ✓ Resilience- ability to bounce back without giving up



# WHAT'S MISSING?

Think about your course progression based on your plan for next steps

Colleges and military academies expect 5 academic courses every year of high school

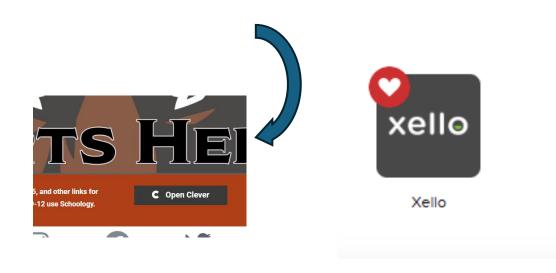
Extracurricular involvement should be a few with deep rooting and advancement

Some programs require an audition or portfolio -prepare it now

Start thinking about your essay topics

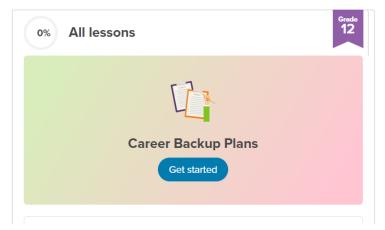
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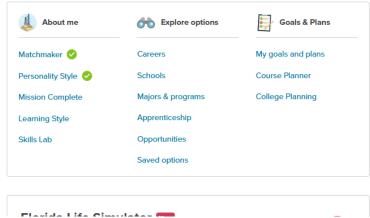
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