

SENIOR NIGHT FAQ

Q: Where can I access my student's academic record?

A: You can access all student courses, grades, weighted and unweighted GPAs on focus. This does not include Bright Futures GPAs.

Q: Where can I access my student's percentile rank?

A: Students and parents/guardians may obtain their percentile ranking by emailing their counselor

Q: Where can I access my student's Bright Futures GPAs?

A: Counselors will give seniors a copy of their Bright Futures Early Evaluation Report that includes their current Bright Futures GPA in early November. For a copy of this report before then, please contact your school counselor.

Q: When should the FAFSA be completed?

A: The 2022–23 FAFSA form open on October 1. Parents/guardians/seniors should be working on gathering documents now to prepare for the opening of the application.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out#gathering-the-documents-needed-to-apply>

Q: Where can I get help for FAFSA completion?

A: See below for the help section of the FAFSA.

<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/landing>

You may also call 1-800-433-3243

Q: When should the Bright Futures application (FFAA) be completed?

A: The Bright Futures application opens on October 1. Counselors will assist seniors in completing the FFAA in November. Students do not have to meet the gpa/test score/community service requirement at the time they that they complete the application. They will have until the last day of school to earn the GPA and submit the hours requirement. The last SAT/ACT test they can take to use for eligibility are the June 2023 tests. Transcripts are sent to Bright Futures 3 times during senior year. So the Bright Futures evaluation happens three times this year.

Q: When and What is the Bright Futures Lock In?

A: January 31, 2023. During the Early Evaluation process the Florida Department of Education (FL DOE) will award Bright Futures (BF) Scholarships to any senior who qualified for any level of BF Award by the end of the 7th semester (through semester 1 of senior year). To qualify, students must meet all scholarship

requirements to include qualifying GPA, test scores, and community service hours (indicated on student's transcript) by the end of the 7th semester.

Please submit all community service hours by Friday January 20th to be considered for Early Evaluation.

Online Postings on the students account on the FloridaFinanacialAid website, may begin in March. All students who have sent their qualifying SAT and/or ACT scores to one of the public Florida colleges and whose transcripts are submitted electronically by the DCPS school district to Florida Department Of Education for an official early evaluation will receive an eligibility or ineligibility determination, with the award status notification posted to their online account.

Students who are determined eligible during the Early Evaluation period will not lose an award unless they fail to earn a standard Florida high school diploma.

Seniors have until the end of the 8th semester to qualify or become eligible for a higher award amount. The 8th semester awards are not updated by FL DOE until summer

Q: How to I get my Test Scores to Bright Futures for Evaluation?

A: Official qualifying SAT/ACT scores need to be sent by the student to at least one of Florida's State Public College/Universities (4-year University)

<https://www.flbog.edu/universities/>

Students can log in to their Collegeboard and/or ACT accounts to make the request for their scores to be sent.

Q: How do students get a test application waiver for the SAT or ACT test?

A: Students can check with Ms. Silsby in the School Counseling Office to see if they are on the state's eligibility list. If they are, they can receive test application waivers. If they received a collegeboard application waiver for the SAT last year, then they can find their 2nd waiver in their collegeboard account.

If they are not on the state's eligibility list, then they can get a SAT/ACT application waiver request form from Ms. Silsby to complete and return to our office to determine eligibility.

District will let us know of any hosted FAFSA labs and we will share that information with students and families.

Q: What is the deadline to submit community service hours or work hours for Bright Futures eligibility?

A: Hours for bright futures are due by the last day of school. More information on the work hours will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Students can only use community service hours OR work hours for bright futures eligibility, not both.

Further information regarding House Bill 461 will be forthcoming.

Q: Where can we find information on other scholarships and financial aid?

A: Please visit our school counseling website at:

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/22145>

and our Counselor Corners Blog at:

<http://douglasandersonguidance.blogspot.com/>

We also post scholarship information in our Tuition Tuesday teams channel and on our Instagram @daschoolcounseling

Other: the College's financial aid page, workplace, bank, community organizations, civic clubs.

Q: What is the Senior Recommendation Request Form (Letter of Rec Brag Sheet)?

A: Counselors use this information to complete College Application School Report rating scales and write recommendations if required by the college. The form can be found here:

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/22145>

Q: What are the requirements to receive a Post-Secondary Readiness (PSR) cord at graduation and how do seniors get the cord?

A: Qualifying seniors will pick up cords prior to graduation. Super scoring (highest test score in a section from across multiple sittings and tests) is permitted.

- SAT (Math: 24/480, Reading: 24/480)
- ACT (Math: 19, Reading: 19)
- PERT (Math: 114, Reading: 106)

Q: Where can I get more information on the Florida State College System (Community Colleges, Vocational and Technical Education schools)?

A: You may visit this below websites:

<https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/colleges/>

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-trade-schools/s/florida/>

Jacksonville is home to many reputable trade schools that offer courses designed to prepare students for employment in high-demand industries, such as allied health, technology, beauty industry, skilled trades, and much more.

Here is a list of 10 of the best trade schools in the region along with their website.

- LeaderQuest Jacksonville
 - <https://www.leaderquestonline.com>
- Concorde Career Institute – Jacksonville
 - <https://www.concorde.edu>
- Tulsa Welding School – Jacksonville
 - <https://www.weldingschool.com>
- Florida Coast Career Tech
 - <https://www.fscj.edu/>
- Alpha School of Massage
 - <https://www.alphaschoolofmassage.com>
- Shear Finesse Hairstyling Academy
 - <http://www.shearfinessehairacademy.com>
- Foundation Academy
 - <http://www.foundationacademy.com>
- Florida School of Advanced Bodywork – Clinical / Medical Massage Therapy
 - <https://www.floridasab.com>
- North Florida School of Special Education
 - <https://www.northfloridaschool.org>

Q: Where do students get a College Visit form? When and where do they turn it in?

A: Mrs. Thompson in the principal's office. Students should complete and submit the form to Mrs. Thompson at least two weeks before the planned college visit.