



The Next Step: High School What to Expect



Considerations as you progress to High School

Academic

- Small Classes
- AP classes- AP exams scores are rising
- Dual-Enrollment classes on campus and at college site if desired
- Boys State/Girls State/ Oratorical Contests
- Access to teachers and guidance counselor
- Success Rate of College Matriculation

Social-Emotional

- Moral Values and Character Development
- Personal Attention to each child
- Chapel
- Teachers involvement
- Opportunity for variety of sports
- Performing Arts
- Missions trips
- Honor Societies
- Biblical World View

Starting High School Means beginning the road to college

Graduation Requirements: 24 credits required, 20 credits are in core areas as follows:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Math must include Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- 4 years of science – at least 2 years of lab science (must have Biology)
- 3 years of social studies- World History, American History, American Government (1/2 year) and Economics (1/2 year)
- 2 -3 consecutive years of a foreign language
- one online class
- PE- ½ year and Health ½ year
- Performing Arts – 1 year

Students in 8th grade have high school classes and are working on a GPA that will be on transcript sent to college

- **Access to personal help with steps to college begins in spring of 8th grade year.**

College Admissions Factors

Academics

- Grades: Academic Record (transcript) is most important factor
- Landscape
- Rigorous Classes: AP, Dual Enrollment
- Algebra II grade, Calculus, Physics, 3-4 years of a foreign language. Core classes are most important.
- Test Scores: Begin to lay the foundation with knowledge gained in small classes with engaged teachers and students. Best preparation for testing is challenging coursework and reading.
- Attendance
- Current Debate over test scores- Score optional is here for one more year. Colleges will gather data to see if they have chosen successful students based on transcript. Scores still needed for Florida public universities and scholarships.

Extracurricular Activities

- Community Service: Missions trips, projects in community or with clubs
- Sports
- Work
- Performing Arts presentations
- Summer programs
- Leadership opportunities
- A passion for a subject or activity
- Evidence of a love for learning, overcoming an adversity, character

8th Grade: Moving on

- Focus on high school classes, and getting good grades
- Pay attention to PSAT testing – look at trends
- Begin to explore interests: Many opportunities at BCS
- Visit a college sporting event or performing arts presentation.
Create interest and excitement about college.

9th Grade : Transition

- Adjust to more classes
- Focus on time management skills
- Grades are important
- Get involved
- Testing – PSAT – evaluate progress
- Begin accumulating community service hours

10th Grade: Add Rigor

- Continue involvement in activities – begin leadership roles
- Visit colleges
- PSAT scores
- Scholarship searches
- Go to college fairs
- Community Service hours- keep a record
- Take college entrance exam if you have a 3.0 GPA – HCC

11th Grade: Grades and Rigor

- PSAT- Counts as NMSQT
- Last year colleges see grades and coursework before making admissions decision
- Community Service
- Begin Dual-Enrollment Classes
- Develop list of colleges
- Work at obtaining the best possible ACT/SAT score

12th Grade: Decision Time

- Apply to colleges in fall of senior year
- Take SAT/ACT final time
- Finalize college financial plans

How has COVID affected college admissions?

1. More emphasis on transcript and academic record.
2. Activity List on Common Application is important
3. Essay is an important part of application for out of state or more selective colleges
4. Community Colleges have seen a 35% decline in admissions. Some small private colleges have closed. Other private schools are less selective. Elite schools have seen a rise in applications due to score-optional policies.
5. Still controversy about in-person learning and online learning. Students prefer in-person. Hybrid classes are popular.

Our Graduates:

Graduation Rates- 100%

Graduate from college in 3 or 4 years

Go on to get graduate degrees

Have a variety of experiences from Bayshore to develop in college

Scholarships- Class of 2021- \$1,302,000

Scholarships Class of 2020- 1,285,000

Scholarships – Class of 2019- \$3,226,180

Successful Graduates!

