

# High School

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The Keys to High School Success



COLEGIATE PREPARATORY

MATER ACADEMY VIRTUAL

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES VIRTUAL



# Student Services

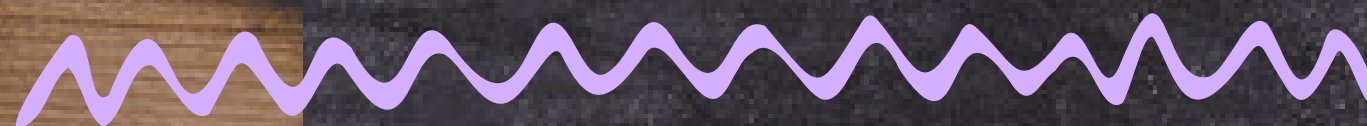
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# Objectives

1

**Graduation, Testing &  
Community Service  
Requirements**

2

**Dual Enrollment  
&  
AP Courses**

3

**College Planning &  
Scholarship  
Resources**



# State of Florida Graduation Requirements

**24 credits**  
**2.0 Unweighted GPA**  
**Take/Pass required**  
**assessments**  
**Community Service Project:**  
**25 Hours**

**Assessments:**  
**Pass 10th grade FAST**  
**ELA**  
**Pass one math EOC**  
**(Algebra or Geometry)**  
**OR**  
**Meet concordant**  
**score on**  
**SAT/ACT/CLT**

## 24-Credit Standard Diploma Requirements

Available To All Students, Including Students With Disabilities

### 4 Credits ELA

- ELA 1, 2, 3, 4
- ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, IB and dual enrollment may satisfy this requirement

### 4 Credits Mathematics\*

- One of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be Geometry
- Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry) \*\*
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### 3 Credits Science\*

- One of which must be Biology, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses
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### 3 Credits Social Studies

- 1 credit in World History
- 1 credit in U.S. History
- 0.5 credit in U.S. Government
- 0.5 credit in Economics

1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, Career and Technical Education, or Practical Arts\*

### 1 Credit Physical Education\*

- To include the integration of health

### 8 Elective Credits

Students must earn a 2.0 unweighted grade-point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments.

← Current 10th-12th graders

9th Grade →

\***Foreign Language:** A minimum of **2 years** of the same language is required for **Bright Futures Scholarship** and FL SUS **college admissions**

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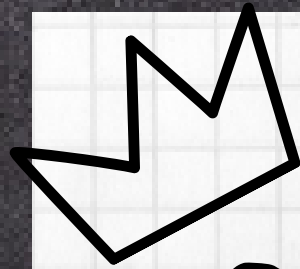
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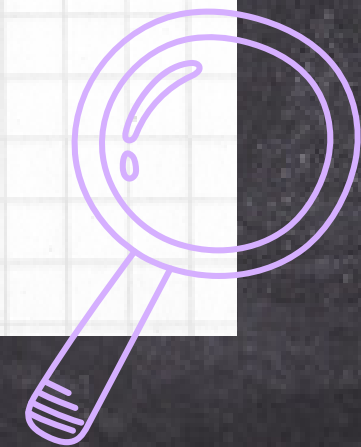
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## Grade Forgiveness & Credit Recovery

- If you fail a class you **MUST** enroll in summer school
  - You must earn a C or higher for the F to be “forgiven”. Therefore, it will not get calculated in your final GPA.
- The original F will always appear in your transcript.





# Grade Point Average (GPA)

## Unweighted

Cumulative average of grades not including quality points used for graduation

A = 4  
B = 3  
C = 2  
D = 1  
F = 0

## Weighted

Cumulative average of grades including quality points used for rank

Honors	AP
A = 5	A = 6
B = 4	B = 5
C = 3	C = 4

## Application GPA

Colleges recalculate GPA using core grades only  
And assign their own quality points

# Community Service Project

- Graduation requirement for all students
- Minimum of 25 TOTAL hours before graduation
- Non-profit organization (PRE-APPROVED LOCATIONS ON SCHOOL WEBSITE)
- Should be done in person
- SEARCH ENGINES:  
WWW.HANDSONMIAMI.ORG  
WWW.VOLUNTEERMATCH.ORG

**Paid Work Hours accepted for Bright Futures Scholarship ONLY:** Proof of official paystub with hours worked must be provided.

All documentation to be emailed to: [anagonzalez@virtualcharteracademy.org](mailto:anagonzalez@virtualcharteracademy.org)





## Dual Enrollment

- Allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credits through post-secondary institution.

- Cost of Tuition and Books are FREE
- Courses can be taken virtual or in person
- Deadlines are hard and at the discretion of the professor
- Dual Enrollment courses carry two bonus points on your GPA
- CREDITS and Degree are fully transferrable to ALL state of Florida colleges/universities and many out of state post-secondary institutions.



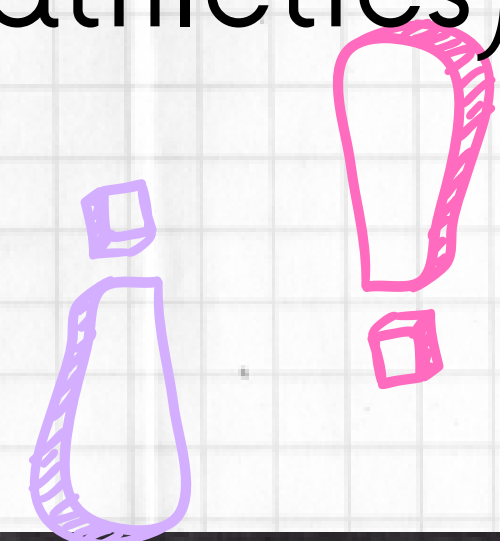
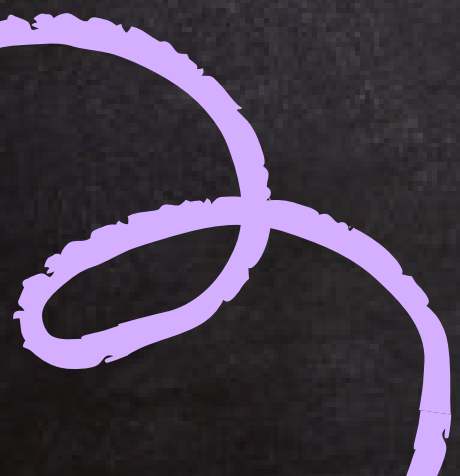
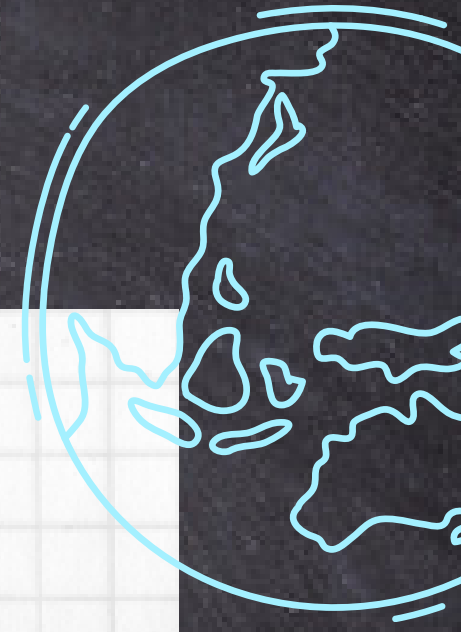
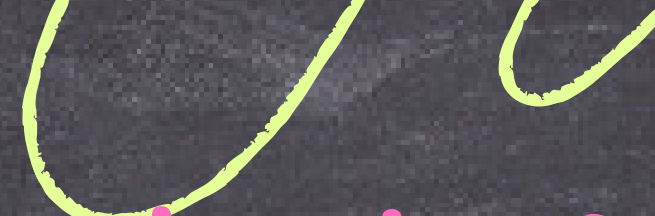
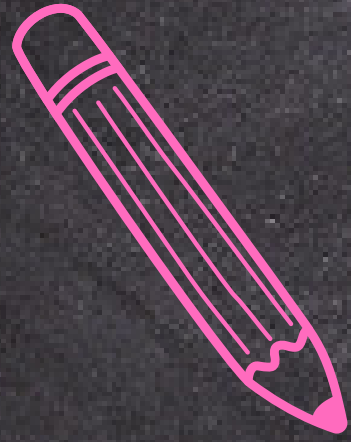
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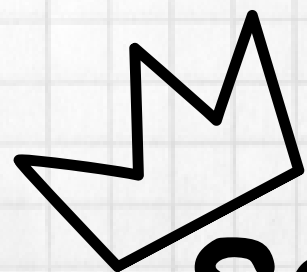
- Advanced Placement classes are taught in the high school setting with curriculum and exams created by the College Board.

- Taught by High School teacher
- Will count for high school credit, but will only count for college credit if the exam is passed with 3, 4, 5
- Standardized Exam - Rigor is Known
- Carries two bonus points on your GPA
- Credits are nationally recognized, but credit transfer dependent on college

# What do colleges look for?

- G.P.A.
- Academic Rigor
- Test Scores (SAT/ACT/CLT)
- Personal Essay
- Extracurricular Activities
  - (clubs, community service, athletics)
- Leadership Positions

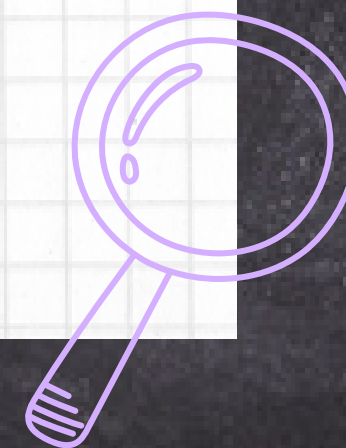
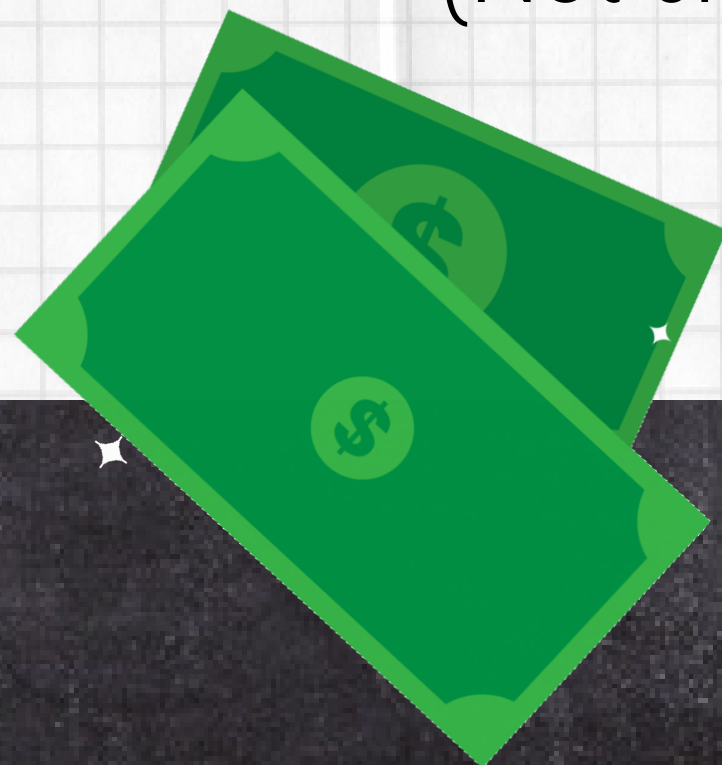




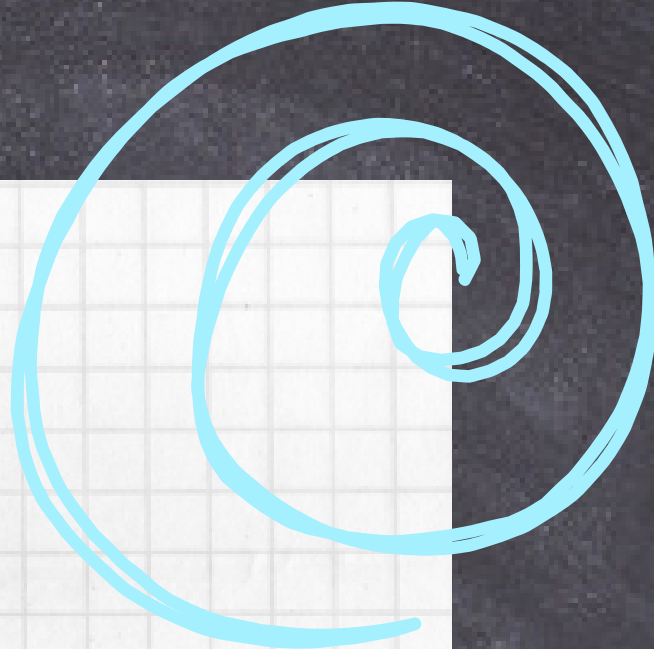
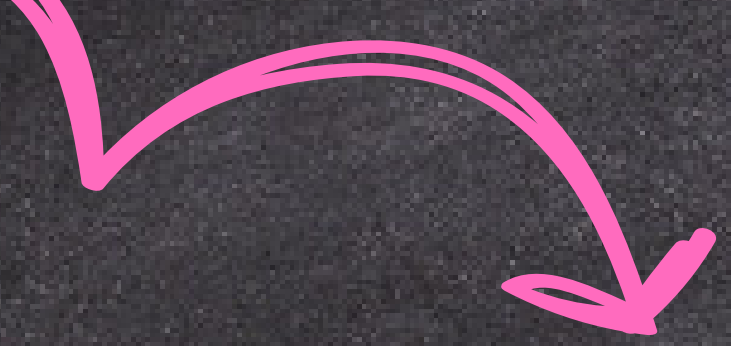
# Scholarships & Financial Aid

- [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)


- State Aid
- Federal Student Aid
- Institutional Aid  
(Not until 12th grade)







# Things to Do Now

1. Plan meaningful summers (Internships/Work Experience/Community Service/College Courses)
  2. Do your research - Colleges/University Requirements
  3. Explore your interests - start narrowing down possible post-secondary plans/options
  4. Set Goals and work towards them!
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THANK

YOU

