



Throughout the year you may consider doing the following things:

- Challenge yourself in your course selections and grade achievement.
Take as many AP or Dual Enrollment classes as you can handle. If you take any in the summer they will go on your transcript in the fall.
- Review your resume to make sure you have included all your recent information. Be sure to include sports inside and outside of school. If you held an officer position in a club, make sure to note that officer position.
- Get involved at school! Run for office, join a club, volunteer or tutor, or be on an athletic team. Strive to show leadership!
- Get involved in your community or your church. Volunteer to help others. College admission officers and scholarship committees look for leadership and commitment to helping others when they review your applications.
- Continue working on your community service hours. You will need **30** for the Gold Seal scholarship level, **75** for the Medallion level, and **100** for the Academic Scholar level. **Service hours earned to date:** _____
- You can review all Bright Futures requirements at <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>
- Plan to take the ACT or SAT as early as possible, in the spring at the latest. You will want to be able to take it more than once; (you may have fee waivers, check with your guidance counselor to attain the highest possible scores for Bright Futures, other scholarships, and college applications. Your best scores from each exam will be compiled and will determine your overall composite score.
- Make a list of colleges that you are interested in attending and go to their websites. Be sure to list these colleges on your SAT/ACT exams. Visit these schools to get a good feel for them.
- Use the Take Stock website (takestockinchildren.org), and other internet sites to help you research scholarships and grants.
- Begin collecting information to fill out the FAFSA toward the end of your junior year or during the summer. Applications for FAFSA opens on October 1 of your senior year! <https://fafsa.ed.gov>



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My College Success Coach is _____

Contact Phone: (_____) - _____ Email: _____

The dates meeting with your College Success Coach are at the beginning of each quarter. (Suggested practice for 11th grade)

1st Quarter (local program district dates)

- Maintain "Active" status according to the Take Stock requirements for the 1st Quarter.

Circle your current Status. ACTIVE WARNING PROBATION 1 PROBATION 2

- What date did/will you meet with your College Success Coach in Q1? Date: _____

Remember your community service hours; **100** hours are needed for the current Bright Futures Academic Scholarship & **75** needed for the Medallion Scholarship. **Service hours earned to date:** _____

- Stay involved in at least **one** school club this year. **What Club?** _____

- Create a GPA goal to reach for each semester and review your 4-year final cumulative.

11th Grade GPA Goal Semester 1: _____ **11th Grade GPA Goal Semester 2:** _____ **4 Year Cum Goal:** _____

- Tip: Your GPA should be based off scholarship guidelines and college admission expectations.*

- Attend the **Exploring Your College Choices Workshop**. (This may be one type of several workshops for college readiness during the junior year offered by the local program named, for example, "March to College Madness" etc.)

Date: _____ **Location:** _____

- Research the **National Merit Scholarship**, if you want to try for it, begin preparing for the PSAT in October. www.nationalmerit.org

Remember: You will need to register and pay for the PSAT in order to take it this year; some schools offer it free. Ask your high school guidance counselor! Register for Free & Reduced lunch; fee waivers for tests are received from guidance counselors!

- Take the **PSAT**. (If you are trying for a National Merit Scholarship.) **Date:** _____

- When is the College Fair?** **Date:** _____ **Where?** _____

- Look at schedules for the ACT/SAT exams. Be sure to register by the deadline, and plan to STUDY. Visit www.Act.org or www.collegeboard.org for test dates, deadlines, practice tests, and questions of the day (can be emailed to you daily). Spending a few minutes each day in preparation will improve your performance and reduce your anxiety when taking the exams. You should qualify for two free fee waivers for each of these exams.

- Attend an SAT/ACT workshop; look for SAT/ACT prep classes at your school and take them when offered.

- Remember to save copies of important papers, applications, projects you have worked on, etc., to a flash drive or online. Print copies of any application materials you fill out. Get in the habit now because it will save you time later on.



2nd Quarter (local program district dates)

- Maintain "Active" status according to the Take Stock requirements for the 2nd Quarter.
Circle your current Status. ACTIVE WARNING PROBATION 1 PROBATION 2
- What date did/will you meet with your College Success Coach in Q2? Date:** _____
- Complete a "Scholarship Planner" (local program OPTIONAL)
- Schedule a time to see your guidance counselor to review local scholarships. Identify at least 2 local scholarships to add to your Scholarship Planner. **When will you go?** _____ **Date:** _____
- Complete a "Completing My College Search" (local program OPTIONAL) This website can help you:
bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
- Where can you volunteer and earn service hours during the winter holiday?
Where? _____
- Update your high school resume and include your awards/achievements, paid or volunteer work, extracurricular activities, classes taken, fluent language(s), and technical skills from last semester.

3rd Quarter (local program district dates)

- Maintain "Active" status according to the Take Stock requirements for the 3rd Quarter.
Circle your current Status. ACTIVE WARNING PROBATION 1 PROBATION 2
- What date did/will you meet with your College Success Coach in Q3? Date:** _____
- Did you reach your 1st semester GPA goal? ____ Yes ____ No
- Attend an SAT/ACT Basic Prep Workshop.** (local program OPTIONAL; some high schools and local colleges may offer this workshop)
Date: _____ **Location:** _____
- Register for the SAT & ACT. Take both the SAT & ACT at least **once** in the spring of your junior year.
sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-dates www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html
What dates will you take the test: SAT: _____ **ACT:** _____
Remember: receive your fee waivers from your guidance counselor or advisor!
- Visit: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>
& sat.collegeboard.org/practice/ for free practice questions, tips, study guides, and tests for the ACT and SAT.



- Take the **Online Practice SAT** on the College Board website: sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-practice-test
- Register for the TSIC College Tour (*local program OPTIONAL*)
- Attend the **College Tour Information Session** with your parents. (*for students attending the College Tour; this may be one type of several workshops for college readiness during the junior year*)

Date: _____ **Location:** _____

- Attend the TSIC College Tour (*local program OPTIONAL and named for example, "Road to Success Tour", etc.*)
- Spring break is another great opportunity to earn more service hours!
Where? _____
- Stay academically competitive; take **at least 2 Honors and 2 AP** courses in 11th Grade.

What courses? _____

4th Quarter (*local program district dates*)

- Maintain "Active" status according to the Take Stock requirements for the 4th Quarter.
Circle your current Status. ACTIVE WARNING PROBATION 1 PROBATION 2
- What date did/will you meet with your College Success Coach in Q4?** **Date:** _____
- Are you on track to reach your 2nd semester GPA goal? ____ Yes ____ No
- Make a copy of each Service-Learning Form used during spring break and turn in all hours gained. How many did you earn? _____
- Attend FAFSA, Financial Aid workshop** Begin your **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). All students entering college in 2022-2023 www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa
All students need to complete the FAFSA. You can prepare to fill out the FAFSA at the end of your junior year in high school or over the summer.
- Complete the "**My College Requirements**" (*local program OPTIONAL*)
- Find 2 more scholarships to add to you Scholarship Planner. Find scholarships using your guidance counselor & this website: bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarships-grants, most colleges and universities list their local scholarships on their Foundation websites
- Did you take or are you scheduled to take both the SAT & ACT yet?
- Complete a "**Short Term Study Plan**" (*local program OPTIONAL*)
- Update your high school resume with awards/achievements, paid or volunteer work, extracurricular activities, classes taken, fluent language(s), and technical skills from your 11th grade school year.



- Work on your community service hours over the summer. **Service hours earned to date:** _____
Where? _____
- Look for summer programs on local college campuses. Earning college credits in the summer is a great way to get ahead! **Summer program dates:** _____ - _____ **Registration deadline:** _____ **Cost:** _____
- Use a **"My College Requirements"** worksheet to complete university applications over the summer. (local program OPTIONAL)
What schools are you applying to: _____

Remember: Many schools will waive their application fee if you qualify for the fee waiver for the SAT and ACT! Talk to your high school guidance counselor and register for Free & Reduced lunch!

- Find out what standardized tests they prefer.
- If you already took your ACT/SAT, have you reviewed the scores with your College Success Coach?
- Attend TSIC Educational Modules offered by your College Success Coach.

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- Visit colleges and universities to take tours, if possible.
- Begin filling out your college applications. Note the differences between who has rolling admissions, early admissions, and regular admissions decisions. Also note that you can obtain a fee waiver for the application fees if you qualified for the SAT/ACT fee waivers. See your guidance counselor or advisor for all waivers.
- Consider who you will ask for letters of recommendation and give them plenty of time to respond to your request.
- Note the type of essays you need to write and begin working on them.
- Continue practicing for the SAT/ACT and retake it early in fall. The colleges and universities will take the highest scores from all of your test scores.
- Add important volunteer hours to your portfolio for Bright Futures!
- Create a list of scholarships you will and have applied for with the corresponding deadlines.

If you have any questions throughout the year, contact your Take Stock in Children College Success Coach!