



FRANKLIN ACADEMY
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FRANKLIN ACADEMY PPHS SENIOR PARENT ACADEMY

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



Students Entering Grade Nine in 2014-2015 or After

English	4 Credits
Mathematics	1 Credit Algebra (EOC=30% of final grade) 1 Credit Geometry (EOC=30% of final grade) 2 Credits Additional Math
Science	1 Credit Biology (EOC=30% of final grade) 2 Credits Additional Science identified as Equally Rigorous
Social Studies	1 Credit World History 1 Credit United States History (EOC =30% of final grade) .5 Credit United States Gov't .5 Credit Economics w/Fin. Literacy
World Languages	Not required for graduation. Minimum 2 years of the same language required for admission into most universities and some Bright Futures Scholarships.
Fine and Performing Arts, Speech/Debate, or Practical Arts	1 Credit in Fine or Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or eligible Practical Arts
Physical Education	Option 1: 1 Credit in Physical Education to include the integration of Health (HOPE) Option 2: .5 Credit Personal Fitness and .5 Credit PE Elective
Electives	8 Credits
TOTAL	24 Credits
State Assessments	Students must earn a passing score on the Grade 10 FSA ELA statewide standardized assessment Students must earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 EOC
On-Line Course	Requires a full course to be completed
Grade Point Average	Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)
Service Hours	40 hours required

BROWARD VIRTUAL COUNSELOR



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**IMPORTANT -- THIS APPLICATION IS ONLY SUPPORTED IN FIREFOX OR GOOGLE CHROME ON A PC AND FIREFOX ON THE MAC.
PLEASE ONLY USE THESE WEB BROWSERS FOR THIS APPLICATION.**

STUDENT'S LOGIN SCREEN

By signing onto the Broward School's Virtual Counselor System, you agree to abide by Broward County Public School [Policy 5306](#), local, state and federal laws pertaining to the appropriate use of technology. Users who knowingly violate any of the Acceptable Use Provisions or Code of Ethics for Computer Network and Online Telecommunications Users found in Policy 5306 will receive disciplinary action and/or may even be denied future access.

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ALERT: Students are now able to change and manage their passwords to Virtual Counselor. To ensure the security of your account we encourage you to use the "Change Password" link on the Options Menu once you login. If you forget your password please contact your school's guidance counselor to have it reset.

USER ID <u>OR</u> STUDENT NUMBER:	<input type="text"/>
PASSWORD :	<input type="password"/>
<input type="button" value="SUBMIT"/>	

Password = Date of Birth

Example: 01/01/2000

DON'T REMEMBER YOUR PASSWORD, THEN [CLICK HERE](#) TO RESET IT.

SENIOR YEAR AT A GLANCE

- Your senior year will be jam-packed with activities and deadlines for high school *and* college. It can get overwhelming, so ask for help from parents, your BRACE Advisor, and college admission representatives.
- Here's a summary of how to plan for college during your senior year.
- **Year-round**
 - Combat senioritis. Many colleges request copies of your final grades at the end of your senior year, so resist the urge to slack off.
 - Stay involved in extracurricular activities, and update your resume.
 - Search for scholarships. Resources include your prospective colleges, your BRACE Advisor, local organizations, and free online search sites.

August / September

- ▶ Start applications. It is never too soon to start loading the applications with the background information (address, parents, etc.).
 - ▶ **UF:** First week of September
 - ▶ **FSU, UCF, USF, FAMU:** Early August
 - ▶ **FGCU:** June 1 for summer, Sept 1 for fall
 - ▶ **FAU, UNF, FIU, FL Poly:** Early July
 - ▶ **Common App:** opens Aug. 1
- ▶ Make sure you have your list of colleges. Students should apply to a minimum of 5 colleges/universities. One reach school, several match schools, and one safety school.
- ▶ Check college admission websites for applications, deadlines, financial aid, separate scholarship applications, and housing information.

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- Sign up for any last minute SAT's or ACT's or subject tests.
- If you are done testing, make sure your scores are sent to the colleges. Colleges need applications, scores and transcripts (or SSAR) for a complete file to make decisions.
- Make sure all communication with a college comes from you...never a parent.
- Make sure your senior year schedule shows rigor.
- Make sure everything that is self reported is accurate.
- When you have completed your standardized testing, send your scores to the colleges where you have applied.

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- Finalize your resume. The applications will be much easier if you have everything in front of you.
- Keep a running list of any passwords or user ids you set up for applications, scholarships or websites.
- Have an appropriate email address.
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation. Give them plenty of notice!!! (2 weeks) Make sure you ask a teacher of a core subject from junior or senior year. Ask someone who will write about your work ethic, integrity and character.
- Make sure applications have been sent out to Florida schools on rolling admission.
- Finalize college essay, and have it proofread. The essays and letters of recommendation are an important part of the application and your only opportunity to show how you are different than everyone else. Make sure you love every word, it is authentic and your voice, and it addresses the prompt!
- When the application is complete, the student must bring proof of application payment to the BRACE Advisor so transcripts can be sent.

BRIGHT FUTURES

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted GPA	College Entrance Exams (ACT [®] /SAT [®]) ²	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English/Language Arts <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	29/1290	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	26/1170	75 hours

October

- ▶ FAFSA opens October 1st. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete financial aid information.
- ▶ Bright futures starts October 1st. Go to www.floridastudentfinancial.org to register.
- ▶ Attend college fairs, school visits, and college tours. This is an invaluable time to make a personal connection with the person reading your application.
- ▶ Register on www.cappex.com and www.fastweb.com to receive and review valuable scholarship information.
- ▶ Anything in an application that is optional/recommended means DO IT!

November

- ▶ Check your application status to be sure the college has received all necessary documents, and check your email regularly.
- ▶ Utilize the net price calculator on every college website. That will help you figure out if that college is a viable option for you financially.
- ▶ Students need to be aware of application, FAFSA, and document deadlines for each college.
- ▶ It is **RECOMMENDED** that students have all applications, FAFSA, and Bright Futures completed by November 1st.

December

- SSAR (Student Self-Reported Academic Report) due for UF Dec. 1st. UF and FSU share one SSAR.
- FAFSA is due for most schools at the beginning of this month (please confirm with the individual schools).

January

- Continue to take SAT/ACT tests if needed.
- Continue looking for scholarship opportunities.

February

- If you are wait listed or deferred, the colleges will want you to continue testing, and maintain high grades.
- Make sure you are continuing to stay strong in your clubs and activities and of course, your grades are strong.
- Resubmit updated test scores.

March

- ▶ Second decision for FSU comes out March 28th.

April

- ▶ Regular decisions are revealed this month.

May

- ▶ May 1st is decision day. Must have decided where you are attending by then. Make sure you inform the schools you will not be attending, as well.
- ▶ Senior Survey must be completed.
- ▶ Try and do as well on your AP exams as possible.
- ▶ Submit all scholarship information to the BRACE Advisor.

June





Q & A

