

Twelfth Grade Guidance



Checklist for guidance:

- Study hard! Continue earning top grades.
- Retake SAT to improve scores.
- Read for pleasure, however, read challenging material that can help build your vocabulary skills for the SAT & ACT.
- Prepare for early decision/early action or rolling admission – November 1-15.
- Ask teachers and counselors for recommendations. Give them a copy of your academic resume.
- Write drafts of entrance essays. Have a teacher proofread before submitting.
- Request transcripts be sent to the colleges to which you are applying.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on October 1. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

- Register for the Bright Futures Scholarship, if you meet the criteria.
 - http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/PDF/FAS-FMS_011018.pdf - criteria
 - <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/> - Application link
- Estimate financial needs. Use the College Board's *Getting Financial Aid* and the aid calculator at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/?excmpid=VT-00061>
- Create an academic resume. <https://www.resume.com/builder#Step1>
- Finish community service hours.

Graduation Requirements: 28 Credits

- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits: must include Algebra I, Geometry I, Algebra II
- 3 Science credits: must include Biology I, Chemistry, and one equally rigorous science with labs
- 4 Social Science credits: Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government/Economics
- 1 Physical Education credit – HOPE
- 1 online class
- 1 Performing Arts or Practical Arts credit
- 8 Elective credits
- Bible classes do count for elective credits
- Community Service Hours