

Freshman

Get to know your School Counselor and BRACE Advisor.

My counselor's name is: _____

My BRACE Advisor is: _____

- Log in to Family Connection to get information on colleges, scholarships, career searches, goal setting, and much more.
- Listen to announcements, log on to your school website and stay informed.
- Log on to Pinnacle and Virtual Counselor to review grades, graduation information, and test scores.
- Develop good study habits and time management skills. Use a student planner to keep track of assignments, tests, projects and your school schedule.
- Get started on the right foot by making the best grades you can!
- Become involved in extracurricular activities. Leadership experience is an important component for some scholarships and special programs.
- Start working on your community service hours. 40 hours are needed to graduate and 250 hours are need for a Silver Cord at graduation. In addition, your involvement in community service activities may be given consideration in your admission to colleges and for some scholarship programs.
- Encourage you parents to attend Open House to meet your teachers,
- Attend the annual College Fair. It is a great way to get information on colleges and universities.
- Discover your interests. Begin thinking about colleges and careers that fit well with your interests.
- Consider future plans when selecting courses. Check with appropriate individuals regarding requirements for high school graduation, college admissions, Bright Futures scholarships, NCAA Clearinghouse, National Honor Society or technical colleges.
- Begin thinking about an internship experience (what, when, where).
- Began working on a work resume.
- Take the PSAT in October as a practice for the SAT, which is used in college admissions decisions.
- Keep track of your graduation requirements. Each graduating class may have different graduation requirements.
- Go to <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf> to find out what it takes to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.