

# **Guidance/School Counseling Frequently Asked Questions**

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## **1) Bright Futures Scholarship:**

- Students can still qualify for Bright Futures scholarships.
- Students can view Bright Futures requirements at the Office of Student Financial Assistance website.
- Students can check their progress towards earning a Bright Futures Scholarship by visiting [floridashines.org](http://floridashines.org).
- Currently, there have been no announced changes to the requirements for earning a Bright Futures Scholarship. *You must still have the service hour requirement!*

## **2)College Board Advanced Placement Examinations:**

Advanced Placement examinations will occur under modified test administration conditions and modified test design. Students will take the examination at home and the examination will be completely free response. That means only essays and problem-solving prompts, with no multiple-choice questions. Students have been preregistered by the College Board and will be contacted by the College Board and their classroom teacher with further directions. **There is information posted on our website;** however, more information can be found [apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update](http://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update). \*\*\*Please let your AP teacher know if you are not able to have access to technology to complete your AP Exam\*\*\* **AP Exams will be from May 11-22.**

## **3)Courses for Next Year:**

Your student's counselor is in the process of finalizing your student's course request for next year.

## **4)Counselor Support:**

Students have been invited to a guidance Canvas page. There will be announcements posted on the Canvas page. Also, updated information will be on MSD's school website on Guidance's page. Your student's counselor will be available via email. You or your student can schedule a time to talk or "meet" with your student's school counselor, if needed. The school counselors will have office hours to talk or "meet" from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. You will need to contact your (or your student's) counselor to arrange for a time/date to talk or "meet". Contact information is below:

9th - 11th graders - A – D: Michelle Chirichella ([michelle.chirichella@browardschools.com](mailto:michelle.chirichella@browardschools.com))

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9th - 11th graders - S - Z: Sharon Dearen ([sharon.dearen@browardschools.com](mailto:sharon.dearen@browardschools.com))

9th- 12th graders - 504 Plans - A - Z: Amy Richmond ([amy.richmond2@browardschools.com](mailto:amy.richmond2@browardschools.com))

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Deanna Greist – ([Deanna.greist@browardschools.com](mailto:Deanna.greist@browardschools.com)): District Support 9<sup>th</sup> PASL M-Z

## **5)Credits to Graduation:**

Class of 2020: All credits are required for graduation. The state is not waiving any required credits for graduation.

## **6)Dual Enrollment:**

***\*FAU or UF Dual Enrollment – Please look on their website regarding any requirements and the process for signing up.***

***\*Below is all for Broward College – This information, below, is for students who either just want to dual enroll OR be an Early Admission Student for their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year:***

**Update Summer Dual Enrollment:** Students planning on taking Summer Dual Enrollment, Summer Session 1 and 2 are being moved to remote online instruction.

*Just a reminder, if you are planning on taking a Dual Enrollment course at MSD next school year (2020-2021), you must meet the eligibility requirements for Dual Enrollment and complete and turn in the required paperwork. Just selecting the course on your course card does not allow you to be in the class.*

### **Phase I – Continuing DE Students (You must turn in a Recommendation Form for EACH term)**

*(Continuing meaning you have taken a Broward College Dual Enrollment course already, have the unweighted GPA 3.0+, AND have already given your test scores to Broward College.)*

Step 1: Continuing Students, please email your counselor that you are a RETURNER

Step 2: Counselors will email DE Form to continuing dual enrollment students.

Step 3: Students, you will need to do ALL OF THE following:

- a. Download the form to your desktop (*please make sure it is downloading with Adobe Reader*)

- b. Open the form to your desktop
- c. Complete the Student Identification Information and Other Required Fields (Leave the grey box blank – this is for your counselor to fill out!)
- d. Save the PDF as “Save As” with **LAST NAME, FIRST NAME**
- e. Email the completed form as an attachment to your counselor. \*\*\*\*In the email ALSO include 8 courses you want to take **AND** where you plan on taking your course(s): whether at MSD or Broward College

Step 4: Counselor and student can discuss Broward College course selection via phone, email, etc.

Step 5: Counselor completes the **Dual Enrollment Recommendation Form**, verifying GPA and placing recommended courses and number of approved credits on the form for each student who still meets the unweighted high school GPA minimum of 3.0 and who already has qualifying test scores.

Step 5: Counselor emails completed forms to Ms. Ziccardi

These forms are **DUE APRIL 24, 2020.**

## **Phase II – New Students with test scores**

*(New Students = you have the 3.0+ GPA and the test scores already completed and available)*

Step 1: NEW Students, please email your counselor that you are NEW to Dual Enrollment and have the required Test Scores (Please email your counselor your SAT/ACT/ or PERT scores. You can find your PERT scores in your Broward College account, underneath Transcripts)

Step 2: Counselors confirm students have qualifying GPA and test scores. Counselor will send DE Form to qualifying students.

Step 3: Students, you will need to do ALL OF THE following:

- a. Apply to BC online (if you have not already; keep record of your BC Student ID number and your BC Email Address)
- b. Download the form to your desktop *(please make sure it is downloading with Adobe Reader)*
- c. Open the form to your desktop

- d. Complete the Student Identification Information and Other Required Fields (Leave the grey box blank – this is for your counselor to fill out!)
- e. Save the PDF as “Save As” with **LAST NAME, FIRST NAME**
- f. Email the completed form as an attachment to your counselor. \*\*\*\*In the email ALSO include 8 courses you want to take **AND** where you plan on taking your course(s): whether at MSD or Broward College

Step 4: Counselor and student can discuss Broward College course selection via phone, email, etc.

Step 5: Counselor completes the **Dual Enrollment Recommendation Form**, verifying GPA and placing the recommended courses and number of approved credits. Also, please attach student’s qualifying test scores (PDF or A21 screen).

Step 6: Counselor emails completed forms and test scores to Ms. Ziccardi

These forms are **DUE MAY 15, 2020.**

### **Phase III – New Students with no test scores**

TBD – At this time, Broward College is working on a solution to remote placement testing. Please try not to worry at this time. Broward College will update schools and counselors as information becomes available. Once we hear of information, we will share this information with you!

These forms are due by: **TBD**

**\*\*The date to begin signing up for your Fall Term class (es) is June 12, 2020.**

**You will only be able to sign up for the classes you list on your Recommendation Form.**

## **7)Eligible to Graduate:**

Student eligibility for graduation in Spring 2020 is dependent only on credits earned and minimum GPA. All state testing and concordance requirements have been waived. Also, community service hour requirements will be waived for the Class of 2020. Service Hours are not waived for Bright Futures – please turn in any hours to Mr. Turmaine.

## **8)Edmentum:**

Students that are enrolled in Edmentum will continue in the program. If you need tests unlocked, please email Mr. Turmaine @ [jerry.turmaine@browardschools.com](mailto:jerry.turmaine@browardschools.com). Please be patient. When you finish a class, please let Mr. Turmaine know which class and which semester. As long as the 30 hour requirement is met, we will get the credit added to your transcript.

## **9)FLVS/BVS:**

Seniors: those of you who are completing classes online, please get them done.  
Underclassman: if you are planning on doing a class online, then please reach out to your counselor to discuss a plan on the class you are wanting to take.

## **10)Overrides:**

Please contact your student's counselor regarding overrides. All overrides must be completed with a conversation with your student's counselor.

## **11)Registration Appointments:**

*If you have already made an appointment with Guidance for the 2020-2021 school year, Guidance is in the process of rescheduling those appointments. You will receive a phone call or email in regards to your new date/time. If you have any questions you may contact Ms. Ziccardi @ [veronica.ziccardi@browardschools.com](mailto:veronica.ziccardi@browardschools.com).*

## **12)Service Hours:**

Due to the circumstances, you can email the necessary forms to Mr. Turmaine (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade) or Ms. Ziccardi (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade). You can either scan and upload or take a picture. We will record your hours.

\*Seniors: The 40 service hour requirement for graduation has been waived. However, the state has not waived the Service Hour requirement for the Bright Futures Scholarship. If you qualify for Bright Futures, you still need to get the required service hours.

## **13)Testing:**

All FSA and EOC exams for Spring 2020 have been canceled. The state has waived the state mandated testing requirements for the Class of 2020. Seniors, if you have not yet passed the FSA or Algebra EOC, then you no longer need to worry about that requirement.

## **14)Transcript Requests:**

High School students can request their transcript through Naviance. You may also contact Mrs. Farrand or Mrs. Pena @ [ana.farrand@browardschools.com](mailto:ana.farrand@browardschools.com) and [ameila.pena@browardschools.com](mailto:ameila.pena@browardschools.com).

**Hoping you and your family stays safe and healthy!**