

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will seniors graduate this spring?

A: Seniors should complete all course requirements by the end of spring term (May 1, 2020) for both the high school diploma and the Associate of Arts degree. All students can monitor their high school diploma requirements through Virtual Counselor https://bcps.browardschools.com/virtualcounselor/ and their AA degree requirements through MyBC – Click on advising tab and then choose Interactive Degree Audit. School Counselors are available to students and parents/guardians who have questions about their graduation statuses.

Q: Will there be a high school graduation ceremony this year?

A: At this point, it is impossible to know whether having a large gathering like a graduation ceremony will be feasible this year. Please know that this is a priority for us, and we are still moving forward with all typical preparations for graduation in case it is possible to have an event. We will communicate back with you as soon as we know more.

Q: Will there be a college graduation ceremony this spring?

Broward College has made the difficult decision to cancel the Spring 2020 Commencement Ceremony on May 5, based on guidance from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). BC appreciates your support and understanding in helping Broward College do its part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protecting vulnerable members of our community and ultimately save lives. They are exploring alternatives in which BC can celebrate your academic milestone and will update you once this information is available.

Q: Will there be prom and other senior activities?

A: We know how important these events are to our seniors. At this point, it is impossible to know whether large scale events can proceed as scheduled. We are in discussions with the Gradbash vendor and seeking a refund. We will keep you posted on details as they are available.

Q: If schools are closed, how do I get a transcript?

A: For official transcripts, please email your school counselor or BRACE advisor. For unofficial transcript requests – please use your Virtual Counselor Graduation page.

Q: Will we still have final exams?

A: Broward College has changed Final Exam Week into an instructional week. You may still have course exams. Please consult your syllabus or instructor for information on course exams.

Q: What is happening with SAT School Day for Juniors and other standardized testing dates?

A: We are waiting for direction from the College Board and Broward County Public Schools regarding the SAT School Day test scheduled for April 14, 2020. Once we have that information, we will share it with you.

For updates on SAT testing – <u>www.collegeboard.com</u>

For updates on ACT testing – www.actstudent.org

Q: Any updates on the Bright Futures Scholarship Program?

A: Not at this time. You may monitor the Bright Futures website as we are at CA - https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

Q: I am still waiting to hear back on my acceptance to certain colleges / universities. How will this closure impact that process?

A: Please be patient and once you get your decisions, please update NAVIANCE! This is critical information – we need to know where you were accepted, waitlisted or denied.

You can always contact the specific university or college admissions office with admission questions.

Q: I need for my counselor / administrator to complete a form that is due to my college, university, recruiter, etc. How do I get that completed?

A: Please communicate with your school counselor to make arrangements for signature.

Q: How do I submit service hours logs?

A: You can email service hours paperwork to your school counselor by scanning the papers or take a photo with your phone and email it.

Q: Will grades for the spring semester courses be traditional grades (A, B, C ...) or Pass / Fail?

A: Broward College is issuing grades for the spring term classes.

Q: How will we return textbooks for this term and pick up the new materials for summer term (if applicable)?

A: We do not have that information for you at this time. For Seniors – there will be a senior exit process for returning materials and completing the REQUIRED senior survey.

Q: What is summer term going to be like? Remote learning or face to face?

A: Broward College will continue remote learning for its summer courses for session 1 & 2 beginning May 11. The decision was made in consideration of protecting the health and safety of students and employees while maintaining academic continuity.

The College continues to monitor developments of the COVID-19 outbreak and has not ruled out the possibility of resuming face-to-face instruction during the summer term. If that becomes an option, it will be considered for summer session 3, which starts on June 25.

Q: Are we scheduling for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 on April 9, 2020 as planned.

A: Yes. We have not heard anything different from the college. Please be ready! Your guidance staff will be providing scheduling tips and information next week in advance of April 9th. Please stay informed by checking your email!

Q: How do I manage my physical and mental health during this time of remote learning?

A: Your guidance staff sent out a tip sheet via email. Broward College Student Life is hosting weekly events including Motivational Monday and Wellness Wednesday workouts! You can find Broward College Student Life on all social media platforms by searching for Broward College Student Life! We are here for you! Contact your guidance counselor if you need assistance.

KEY POINTS – set a routine, get dressed for school, take frequent breaks from sitting, stay connected with family and friends while practicing social distancing.