



Freshman 101

Boca Raton High School

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Welcome Parents and Students!

- The next four years are going to be very exciting.



Boca Raton High Administration

- Principal: Dr. Susie King



Assistant Principal/Dean's

- Dr. Melvin Bustamante: F, H, L, R-Ri
- Mr. Marc Drautz: S, W
- Ms. Stephanie Lent:
- Ms. Elsa Lubin: D, N, P
- Mr. John Michaels: A, B, K, Q, X
- Ms. Kala Sloan: C, E, I, J, Y
- Mr. Evan Wasserman: G, O, T, U, Z
- Dr. Tom Welter: M, Ro-Ry, V

Boca Raton High School Counselors



School Counselors

- Ms. Anderson: A, E, G, O, T, U
- Ms. Carlo: H, I, M, Z
- Mr. Gonzalez: B, K, Q, V, X
- Ms. Ourives: ESOL students
- Ms. Silversmith: C, D, J
- Ms. Smith: F, L, P, W, Y
- Ms. Wasserman: N, R, S

Boca Raton High School

- 3,000 students
- “A” rated school 16 years in a row
- Ranked Top 5% by the US News Best High Schools in the United States
- Highest graduation rate of all time SY20: 98%
- 88% graduates continue to post-secondary
- One of the Largest AICE Programs in the World
- One of the Largest AP Capstone Programs in the World
- NJROTC Distinguished Unit
- State Champion Bobcat Athletic Department
- AP Courses = 30
- AICE courses = 30
- Scholarships > 13 million dollars
- Green School of Excellence
- AP Scholars and National Merit Scholars
- School of Excellence

Middle School vs. High School

- Six class periods per day
- GPA does not carry over year to year
- Points for promotion
- Size of school
- 11-14 year olds
- School uniform
- Seven class periods
- GPA/HPA is cumulative
- College level classes as a freshman
- Credits for graduation
- Size of school
- No Summer School
- Semester Exams & EOCs
- 14-20 year olds

Class of 2024 Graduation Requirements

- English – 4 credits
- Math – 4 credits (Algebra 1 and Geometry is a must)
- Social Studies – 3 credits (World History, US History, Econ/Gov is a must)
- Science – 3 credits (Biology, Physical Science is a must)
- Physical Education – Personal Fitness/Team Sports
- Fine Art – 1 credit
- Elective – 8 credits

Class of 2024 Graduation Requirements

- Students need to uphold a 2.0 GPA or higher in order to graduate.
- Passing Score
 - 10th grade FSA Reading
 - Algebra 1 EOC
- 20 community service hours
 - 100 for AICE Diploma/Bright Futures Scholarship
- Online class
- EOC's
 - Algebra 1 – Must Pass and counts 30% of course grade
 - Geometry – 30% of course grade
 - Biology – 30% of course grade
 - US History – 30% of course grade

Freshman year schedule

- English – AICE General Paper or Pre- AICE English
- Math – Algebra 1 Reg/Honors or Algebra 1A
- Social Studies – Start sophomore year
- Science – AP Environmental/AICE Marine block, Environmental Science R/H.
- Team Sports/Personal Fitness – Unless you are on track for AICE Diploma
- Elective/Academy
- Elective
 - <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/Page/4525>

Daily Bell Schedule

- Bell Schedule for Blue Lunch
 - Period 4: Gym, Building 2 or 8

<u>REGULAR BELL</u>	
Per 0	7:34 – 8:24
Per 1	8:30 – 9:20
Per 2	9:25 – 10:15
Per 3	10:20 – 11:10
Blue Lunch	11:10 – 11:46
Per 4 Blue	11:46 – 12:36
Per 5	12:41 – 1:31
Per 6	1:36 – 2:26
Per 7	2:31 – 3:20

- Bell Schedule for Gold Lunch
 - Period 4: Building 4 or 5

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Per 4 Gold	11:15 – 12:05
Gold Lunch	12:05 – 12:41
Per 5	12:41 – 1:31
Per 6	1:36 – 2:26
Per 7	2:31 – 3:20

Grades: Non EOC vs. EOC

- For Non-EOC (End of Course Exam) Courses

- Each Semester is divided into 2 nine week grading periods with a semester exam
- Semester average
 - 1st 9 weeks (40%) + 2nd 9 weeks (40%) + Semester exam (20%)
- ½ credit towards graduation is earned per class per semester
- Cumulative GPA's are recalculated at the end of each semester

- For EOC Courses

- Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology and US History are yearlong courses that are only given a final grade and not a semester grade
- Year Average =
 - 1st 9 weeks (15.4%) + 2nd 9 weeks (15.4%) + 1st semester exam (8.4%) + 3rd 9 weeks (15.4%) + 4th 9 weeks (15.4%) + EOC (30%)

How to calculate GPA and/or HPA

- ALL LETTER GRADES ARE AWARDED POINTS
- Regular Classes
 - A = 4.0
 - B = 3.0
 - C = 2.0
 - D = 1.0
 - F = 0
- Honor Classes
 - A = 4.5
 - B = 3.375
 - C = 2.25
 - D = 1.125
 - F = 0
- AP/AICE/Dual Enrollment
 - A = 6.0
 - B = 4.5
 - C = 3.0
 - D = 1.5
 - F = 0
- Freshman grades matter!!!
 - Beginning of your High School Transcript
- Seniors say:
 - “I wish I would have done better my freshman year.”

Importance of Grades

- Handing in classwork/homework correlates to good grades
- Colleges look at grades from freshman year to junior year as well as the rigor of the senior year.
- Student athletes and club members must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA to participate
- Students have to repeat a required course if they fail on our Edgenuity program.
- Time Management is the key to success.
- Grade point averages are CUMULATIVE and begin with the first high school course taken even if its in middle school.
 - **FRESHMAN YEAR IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!**

CLUBS at Boca High School

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/Page/4479>

Athletics at Boca High School

[https://sites.google.com/palmbeachschools.org/
bocahighathletics/home](https://sites.google.com/palmbeachschools.org/bocahighathletics/home)

BOBCAT ATHLETICS

- Fall

- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Swim and Dive
- Volleyball (Girls)



- Winter

- Boys/Girls Basketball
- Boys/Girls Soccer
- Weightlifting
- Wrestling



- Spring

- Baseball
- Flag Football
- Boys/Girls Lax
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball (Boys)
- Water Polo

In House Programs @ Boca High

- **In House Programs**

- STEM
- AICE Diploma
- AP Capstone
- Medical Academy
- Leadership
- Culinary
- Latinos In Action
- Early Childhood
- Computer Science
- NJROTC
- Early Childhood
- Technical Design
- Fine Arts – Band, Chorus and Drama



SIS Gateway

- Where can I find a history of my Grades:
 - Click on my information (blue backpack icon), demographics/address info and then course history
- Where can I find my GPA/Class Rank:
 - Click on my information, Graduation requirement report
- Where can I find my community service hours
 - Click on My Information, Demographics/Address Info, Graduation
- Where can I find my report card:
 - Gateway – Main Page/Center-Click on Report Card
- Where can I find my absences:
 - Click on my information, absences

Academic Questions/Concerns

- STEP 1: Student should personally contact their teacher at an appropriate time to discuss their question/concern.
- STEP 2 (if not resolved): Parent should contact teacher through email to discuss question/concern
- STEP 3 (if not resolved): Student should make appointment with their Dean to discuss question/concern.
- STEP 4 (if not resolved): Parent should contact Dean to discuss question/concern.

Recommendations for a Successful Freshman Year

- Attend School Every Day
- Be Organized
- Turn in all your assignments
- Study/Time Management
- Earn/Maintain good grades
- Follow progress on SIS
- Get involved in clubs or sports
- Set short and long term goals

State University System Matrix

	FAMU Tallahassee	FAU Boca Raton	FGCU Ft. Myers	FIU Miami	FLPOLY Lakeland	FSU Tallahassee	NCF Sarasota	UCF Orlando	UF Gainesville	UNF Jacksonville	USF Tampa	UWF Pensacola
Middle Range GPA	S: 3.27 F: 3.67	S: 3.18-3.76 F: 3.62-4.24	S: 3.4-4.07 F: 3.51-4.26	S: 3.6-4.2 F: 4.0-4.6	F: 3.9-4.6	S: 3.8-4.3 F: 4.1-4.5	F: 3.73-4.33	S: 3.77-4.29 F: 3.96-4.46	S: 4.4-4.6 F: 4.4-4.6	S: 3.3-3.8 F: 4.0-4.5	S: 3.7-4.0 F: 4.1-4.4	S: 3.75 F: 3.9
Middle Range SAT	S: 1060 F: 1100	S: 1030-1160 F: 1110-1260	S: 1020-1180 F: 1080-1230	S: 1100-1190 F: 1240-1360	F: 1280-1400	S: 1190-1310 F: 1290-1410	F: 1150-1340	S: 1170-1280 F: 1250-1370	S: 1270-1400 F: 1340-1480	S: 1070-1190 F: 1200-1320	S: 1160-1190 F: 1270-1340	S: 1140 F: 1173
Middle Range ACT	S: 20.2 F: 22.3	S: 21-25 F: 23-29	S: 21 F: 23	S: 22-25 F: 26-31	F: 28-32	S: 26-30 F: 29-32	F: 24-30	S: 23-28 F: 26-30	S: 28-32 F: 30-33	S: 21-24 F: 25-28	S: 24-25 F: 28-30	S: 23 F: 25
Type of Application	On-line	On-line Common	On-line	On-line	On – line Common	On-line Common Coalition	on-line Common	On-line Common	Common Coalition	On-line Common	On-line Common Coalition	On-line Common
Deadline to Apply	Nov 1 March 1	Feb 15 April 15	Nov 1 March 1	April 1	Nov 1 April 1	Dec 1 March 1	Dec 1	May 1	Nov 1 March 1	Rolling	Nov 1 March 1	Dec 1
Admission Notification	Jan 15	Rolling	February	Rolling		Feb 18 Rolling	Weekly beginning Oct 1	Rolling	Feb 26 March 26	Rolling	Nov 15	Rolling
Super Score ACT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Super Score SAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SSAR	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	SPARK	Yes	Yes		
On Campus Room/Board	\$6012 \$4826	\$8020 \$3710	\$5808 \$3864	\$7536 \$3600	\$6120 \$4264	\$6680 \$4396	\$7000 \$2662	\$6120 \$4180	\$5990 \$4600	\$6020 \$3700	\$8156 \$4100	\$5800 \$3940
Books/Supplies	\$1138	\$1232	\$1200	\$1350	\$1200	\$1000	\$1200	\$1200	\$850	\$1200	\$1200	\$1600
Tuition	\$5645	\$6098	\$6118	\$6168	\$4939	\$6516	\$5763	\$6368	\$6380	\$6394	\$6410	\$6360
Transfer: 2+2 Programs	Ignite Program	Link	Destination FGCU	Connect-4Success	Polk State College & South Florida State College (EE)	TCC2FSU	Guaranteed Admission Program	DirectConnect to USF	Gator Engineering: Gator Design and Construction	SF2UNF: FSCJ/UNF Connect: UNF/SJR State Gateway	FUSE	2UWF

Cambridge AICE

Advanced International Certificate of Education

- What is AICE? an innovative and accelerated college prep program offered through Cambridge Assessment.
- Why should students enroll in AICE courses?
 - High School course weighting (HPA)
 - earn college credits
 - qualify for AICE Diploma (Bright Futures)




AICE Diploma Requirements

To obtain an AICE Diploma, you must accumulate **7** credits by passing AS Global Perspectives and at least one exam from three different subject groups (*within 25 months*).

Group 1: Math and Sciences	Group 2: Languages	Group 3: Arts & Humanities	Group 4: <i>(optional)</i> Interdisciplinary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Biology * Chemistry * Environmental Management * Information Tech * Marine Science * Mathematics * Psychology * Sport & PE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * English Language * French * Portuguese * Spanish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Art & Design * Accounting * Business * Digital Media * Drama * English Literature * Geography * International History * US History * Media Studies * Psychology * Sociology * Travel & Tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A level Global Perspectives (Research project) *Thinking Skills *General Paper <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Note: Maximum of 2 credits for group 4</i></p>
AS Global Perspectives ~ Required			

Advantages of AICE Diploma: Students who earn an AICE Diploma, complete 100 hours community service, and submit their Florida Financial Aid Application will earn the **Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholars award**. Also, they are exempt from the State of Florida's Virtual Class requirement and the Personal Fitness requirement.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program 2023-2024

 <p>Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program</p>	Florida Academic Scholars (100%)
GPA	3.5
TEST Scores	SAT: 1340 ACT:29
Community Service	100 Hours

*** AICE Diploma students just need the Community Service Hours.**

Who should we speak with...

- School Counselor:
 - Personal issues, Social/Emotional issues, Fellow student concerns, Clubs, Activities on campus
- Assistant Principal/Dean:
 - Academic issues, Volunteer hours, Schedule issues, Discipline issues, Tardy's, Absences, Electronic device issue, Lockers
- College and Career Office:
 - College/Career planning, Scholarship Opportunities, SAT/ACT testing,
- Athletic Director:
 - Sports, Volunteering, NCAA

Schedule Questions

- You will be able to view your schedule using your SIS portal beginning:
 - Wednesday: August 2nd, 2023
 - Please understand that this is a TENTATIVE schedule. The first day of school is Thursday, August 10th. All schedules are subject to change.
- If you have any questions about your elective classes, please email your Dean.

Schedule Change Questions

- FRESHMAN requiring a schedule change can begin contacting their Dean via email on August 2nd. Please be patient.
- Changes will be considered for the following reasons:
 - Student is in the wrong level
 - Student has already taken and the passed the class
 - Student is currently has the class online
- Changes will NOT be considered for the following reasons:
 - Student wishes to change teachers or periods for the same course
 - Student wants to be in a class or lunch period with a friend

What do we do for lunch?

- The District has a policy in place to assist.
 - School lunch is free.
- Due to safety concerns, food and beverage drop-offs by parents/family members and vendors are NOT permitted.
- Students can also bring their own lunch.

Dress Code

- **Acceptable clothing**

- Skirts, dresses and shorts must touch the knees.
- Blouses, shirts, and tops must have sleeves and must be long enough to be tucked into your pants, shorts, and skirts.
- Necklines must be high enough to prevent the exposure of cleavage.
- Appropriate facemask. Facemasks must fully cover the nose and mouth, must be secure underneath the chin and fit snugly (but comfortably) against the side of the face, and be secured with ear loops or ties so guests can remain hands-free.



- **Prohibited clothing**

- Transparent or see through fabric.
- Clothing, jewelry, buttons, etc. with words, phrases, symbols, pictures or insignia that are disruptive, obscene, profane, racist, suggestive, offensive, or related to drug or alcohol use.
- Clothing that deface, alter or improperly display the national emblem.
- Sunglasses, hats, hoods, bandannas, picks, combs, wave caps, or any type of head covering. If you must wear sunglasses during outside physical education activities, please clear this with the appropriate coach.
- Pants, skirts, or shorts that ride below the base of the spine or hips.
- Wallet chains, spiked chains, or any other type of metal chain.
- Skirts and dresses shorter than knees or with a slit that reaches above the knee.
- Sleeveless shirts, tank tops, tube tops and spaghetti straps.
- Pants or leggings with holes and/or see through material above the knee . Items containing reference to death, murder or gangs.
- Bare midriffs, backs, or sides.
- Gaiters, gas masks, scarves, and/or handkerchiefs. etc Pajamas, bedroom or house slippers, or bare feet.

Where to find more information:

- <https://brhs.palmbeachschools.org/>
- GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2027!