School Counselors & Graduation Coach

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- Ms. Lauren Marciante  **D-H**  lauren.marciante@palmbeachschools.org
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- Dr. Daniel Keller  **College & Career**  daniel.keller@palmbeachschools.org

Website:  [https://wbrh.palmbeachschools.org/](https://wbrh.palmbeachschools.org/)  (School info/Guidance)

Guidance Main Office (561) 672-2021
Guidance Google Classroom

Student will need to join first and then parent/guardian is able to be added

Click here to join -or- CLASS CODE: p6xamio

Turn notifications on

Always posting important information
Mental Health Resources

- School Behavioral Mental Health Professional – Ms. Mendez
  (amaya.mendez@palmbeachschools.org)

- Co-Located Mental Health Professional – Ms. Dioses
  (camila.dioses.c@palmbeachschools.org)

Referral process begins with school counselor:
Call or email school counselor
A school behavioral health professional provides critical support to students struggling with their mental health through:

- individual check in’s
- groups
- school wide interventions

If a student is having concerns and wishes to see me, the student should visit their school counselor who will make a referral to me.
## Graduation Requirements
### 24 Credit Diploma

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24 Credit Diploma

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| **Florida Civic Literacy Test** | **Students are required to take this assessment.** |
|                                | Students who earn a passing score will be exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment. |
COMMUNITY SERVICE

20 HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION*

*75-100 Required for Bright Futures Scholarship

Stop by student services or guidance for a copy of this form!

This form can be dropped off to the Guidance front desk.

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West Boca Raton Community High School
Community Service Form

Please Print:

Student Name: __________________ Grade: ___ ID #: ______

Volunteer Information:

Location of Volunteer Work: __________________________

Type of Volunteer Work: ______________________________

Volunteer Supervisor & Phone #: _______________________

Date, Time and # of hours worked each day must be listed. (i.e. 9/23 8-11 3hrs.)

__________________________________________________

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Supervisor’s Signature: _________________________ Total Hours_____

Student’s Signature ________________________________

** This form must be turned in 30 days after completion of the event !! **
INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

In line with Palm Beach County School District’s mission statement, all students must graduate college and career ready.

At West Boca High, we offer AP, AICE, dual enrollment and industry certification courses in order to ensure our students are prepared for college and/or a career upon graduation.

Students are encouraged to graduate with at least one industry certification. These certifications save students money in the workforce and also help build their resume.
AP Courses & Changes

College Board revamped its AP testing process.

The deadline to order tests has been moved up.

As a result, students may not drop AP courses after October 13th or they will be subject to a $40 obligation fee.
Accommodations for AP and AICE

Students with IEP or 504 plans have the option to take their AP and AICE exams with testing accommodations. This process is different than the process used for FSA or EOC and requires an application through College Board (AP) and/or Cambridge (AICE). If you have an IEP, 504 plan or use any school based accommodations then you are not automatically qualified to use test accommodations on AP or AICE exams. Therefore all students seeking to use accommodations on their exams must see Ms. Lombardi (IEP) or Ms. Wolfe (504) by the start of second quarter to begin the process.
My purpose is student success

I am here to ensure that every student:

- is working towards academic goals
- has a graduation plan
- has the coaching and support necessary to be successful
Critical Steps to Acceptance:
- GPA
- Test Scores
- Extracurricular activities
- Junior year is the last full year of grades colleges will see.
- Colleges will evaluate the rigor of your Senior schedule

Research Colleges & Careers:
- Xello - coming soon
- Big Future College Board
- Research colleges directly through the College/University website

Other Recommendations:
- Attend virtual college fairs
- Essay is a deciding factor, so start early and talk with your English teacher
- College Resume
- Letters of recommendation
College Visits:
University of Central Florida
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Johnson & Wales University
University of Alabama
University of Florida
Florida Gulf Coast University
...and many more

*Registration Required*

How to register:
1. Check school email on Mondays for upcoming visits

2. Visit Dr. Keller on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday in the College & Career Room to sign up!
College Application Process

- **State Universities** - can apply directly or **Common App**
- **Common Application** - Most state universities in Florida do not require a recommendation. Private & Out of State institutions typically require 1 counselor & two teachers letter of recommendation.
- *Please request letter of recommendation at least 2 weeks in advance before it is due.*
- **Resume & student profile** - (Provide recommender with copy prior to asking for letter of recommendation)
- **SEND ACT/SAT OFFICIAL TEST SCORES** from your account
- **PAY THE APPLICATION FEE!!!!!!**
West Boca Community High School
Counseling Department
Student Profile for Post Secondary Admission

These questions will assist counselors in constructing and writing a recommendation letter to a potential college/university. Please do your best to research all questions before submission to your school counselor and attach an academic resume to this form.

Name: ____________________________  Student Number: ____________________________

Telephone number: ____________________________

GPA: ________  HPA: ________  Class Rank: ____________________________

What do you plan to major in college? ____________________________________________

Why have you chosen this as your potential major? ____________________________________________

What career do you intend on pursuing? Why? ____________________________________________

What are your hobbies outside of school? ____________________________________________

Work experience. Please detail your job responsibilities. ____________________________________________

Tell me a little more about yourself, including extra-curricular activities. ____________________________________________

Community service experience. Please list hours, describe service performed, and location.

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What was your favorite community service experience/extra-curricular activity/class project? Why was it your favorite experience? Please provide details. ____________________________________________

Adjectives that describe you as a person: ____________________________________________

Adjectives that describe you as a student: ____________________________________________

List your strengths as a student and describe why you consider them strengths. ____________________________________________

How do you think your teachers see you as a student? ____________________________________________

Did you have an illness or are there any special circumstance(s) that may have prevented you from performing better academically? ____________________________________________
TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

• If your student needs an “unofficial transcript” (not sending to schools) the student should email their school counselor. Unofficial transcripts will be available within 24 hours.

For official transcripts, please click the link(s) that apply and complete the form:

• Common application request - https://forms.gle/fJAsCjB4bm78xTjR9

• Florida PUBLIC institution request - https://forms.gle/5sxhYpq3E1h1jmmZ6

• Out of state/Florida private institution request - https://forms.gle/Cs1Dzhn1bYjxqwpMA

Cost for ALL transcripts including Common Application is $3.00
Pay through School Cash
Military

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marines
- Coast Guard
  - ASVAB testing for grades 10-12
  - November 15th 7:30 am
  - Sign up will be through a google document. A reminder will be posted in the Principal’s Newsletter.
  - For more information please email: Jodi.mochel@palmbeachschools.org
• Fall and Summer registrations typically open in March

• Apply to Palm Beach State College using link below:
  – https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/
  – Click the apply now button

• Complete and submit application
Many great paying careers do not require a Bachelor’s Degree and may be obtained at a local 2 year college.

Palm Beach State College offers:

CCP (Career Certificate Program) and CCC (College Credit Certificates):

- Automotive/Diesel Technology
- Welding
- Cosmetology
- Machining
- Police and Fire Academy
- HVAC
- Dental Assisting
- Medical Assisting
- Accounting
- Paramedic
- Web Design
- Human Services
- Mechatronics
- Net Security
- Logistics
- Sonography

Broward offers: Aviation

Career Assessment:
https://palmbeachstate.emsicc.com/?radius=25%20miles&region=Palm%20Beach%20State%20College
College Fairs

- Palm Beach County College & Career Fair will be held on September 20th from 5 - 8 pm at the South Florida Fairgrounds

- NACAC National College Fair will be held on September 23rd from 9am-1pm in Jacksonville at Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

https://www.nacacattend.org/23Jacksonville

Virtual Resources:
- https://collegefairsonline.com/
- https://www.gotocollegefairs.com/
- https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs/virtual-fairs
# 2022-2023 State University System (SUS) Admissions Matrix

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<td>Boca Raton</td>
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Note: The table provides a comprehensive overview of the 2022-2023 State University System (SUS) Admissions Matrix, detailing various aspects such as location, total applicants, type of applications accepted, self-reported platform, super score SAT, super score ACT, and transfer 2+2 enhancement programs. The table also includes SAT/ACT scores and application waiver policies for each university.
EOC A can help:

- FAFSA Workshops - Join Us!
- Choose a school or career that’s right for you!
- Apply to College
- Complete your financial aid or scholarship applications
- GED Referrals/ Tutoring
- Get informed about financial tools and tips

All services are FREE

*For ADA Accommodations, Email: tragerc@palmbeachstate.edu

@TrioEOC_PBSC

Educational Opportunity Center

Come see what we can do for you!

Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus

4200 Congress Avenue, SCA 137

Lake Worth, FL 33461

This program, which is administered by Palm Beach State College, is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of
**TRiO @ WBHS**

**Where:** West Boca Raton HS - Career Center located in Guidance

**When:** September 13th and October 11th

**Time:** 12:15pm-1:45pm

- Provide 30 min sessions
- 2 Students are able to attend per session

Please have your child see their school counselor to sign up for a session

Also complete the application: [https://botform.comansol.com/202365712714047](https://botform.comansol.com/202365712714047)

Spots are limited!

Please bring your Chromebook
Senior Class Visits

School Counselors will be visiting senior English Classes from September 18th to 21st to discuss:

- High School credits
- College Admissions:
  - Common Application
  - Xello
  - College Deadlines
  - Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)
  - Transcripts
  - Scholarships including Bright Futures report
- Vocational/Apprenticeship Programs
- Students with No English Class (Dual Enrollment) - session held at 12:15 pm on September 21st in the career center.
Dual Enrollment

• An opportunity to earn BOTH high school and college credit for free!

• 3.0 cumulative unweighted GPA

• College ready test scores on the SAT, ACT, and/or PERT in ALL subject areas.

• Process: Check eligibility through SIS and counselor - then go to website:
  https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/dualenroll/default.aspx

• Steps for Prospective Students-> Steps and Guidelines->Apply, Set up Workday Student Account, Attend Orientation, Tell your counselor what class(es) you want to take. Counselor supplies Dual Enrollment Authorization Form.

• Books - Students must supply a hard copy of their schedule to the Guidance assistant and a triplicate form is provided to bring to BookSmart to obtain text books.

• Seniors with a 2.75 GPA may take SLS1501 “Introduction to the College Experience” in the Spring semester.

*Periodic lunchtime sessions are held with counselors about the DE application process.
Scholarships

Where can I find/apply scholarships?

*Use the following scholarship websites:

https://www.scholarships.com/
https://www.fastweb.com/
https://www.chegg.com/
https://www.goingmerry.com/
https://www.unigo.com/
https://www.cappex.com/
https://studentscholarships.org

Please visit our guidance website for updated scholarship opportunities:

https://www.palmbeachschools.org/Page/12273
This page is now accessible to students through their portal!!!
Students just need to search for "scholarships" and they will be able to see the tile. This will take them directly to the District's Scholarship Search page.
Pathfinders Scholarship

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*More information to come in October.*
## BRIGHT FUTURES REQUIREMENTS

Florida Academic Scholarship and Florida Medallion Scholarship

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<th>College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT*/CLT*/SAT*)</th>
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<td>4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)</td>
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<td>2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340</td>
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<td>FMS</td>
<td>3 - Social Science</td>
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<td>2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210</td>
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<td>2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)</td>
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<td>2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210</td>
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1. The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor’s Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook.

2. Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

Bright Futures Website: [https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org)
Bright Futures Requirements
Gold Seal Vocational

The GSV award may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program and not towards the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

**Initial Eligibility Requirements:** (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.
4. Complete at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program.
5. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the single Career and Technical Education program.
6. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours.
7. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below no later than August 31 of the year the student graduates from high school.

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Required test scores follow those established by Rule 6A-10.0315, Florida Administrative Code.
Bright Futures Requirements
Gold Seal CAPE Scholars

The GSC award may only be used at postsecondary institutions that offer an applied technology diploma, technical degree education program (associate in applied science or associate in science), or a career certificate program and not towards the completion of an associate in arts or a baccalaureate degree.

**Initial Eligibility Requirements:** (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certifications that articulate for college credit.
4. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours.

Eligible CAPE Certifications: Active Articulation Agreements Summary
www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7525/urlt/active-articulation-summary.xlsx
Florida Legislative Changes

- Florida Academic Scholars **100%** of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida public postsecondary institution
- Florida Medallion Scholars **75%** of tuition and applicable fees at a Florida public postsecondary institution
- Students must earn either the required volunteer service, paid work hours, or the combination of 100 total hours
- Request your official single sitting test scores be sent to one of Florida’s public colleges or state universities when registering for the ACT®, CLT®, or SAT®.

- The CLT® (Classic Learning Test) combined score is the sum of the best Verbal Reasoning, Grammar/Writing and Quantitative Reasoning from any test sitting of the CLT® for an Overall Score.

- Bright Futures awards are available for Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars for the summer 2023 and summer 2024 terms.

- Beginning in the fall 2021, students enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida public postsecondary institution will receive an award to cover 100% of tuition and applicable fees

- Applicable fees for both FAS and FMS include: activity and service fee, health fee, athletic fee, financial aid fee, capital improvement fee, campus access/transportation fee, technology fee and tuition differential fee.

- **A student is eligible to apply for reinstatement for up to five years from high school graduation.**

* Please see Bright Futures Student Handbook for more information:

https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf
Other Ways of Earning Bright Futures

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AICE Curriculum

- Complete a minimum of 14 AICE credits* identified by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International) in the Diploma Core and three academic areas as follows:
  - AICE Diploma Core – AICE Global Perspectives & Research AS level (Two Credits required)
  - Group 1 – Mathematics and Sciences (Two Credits required)
  - Group 2 – Languages (Two Credits required)
  - Group 3 – Arts and Humanities (Two Credits required)
  - Group 4 – Interdisciplinary Skills (Optional – Four Credits maximum)
  - Six additional credits required in any combination from the above four groups.

*Students earn one credit by completing and passing one AICE full credit course and another credit for taking the corresponding AICE examination.
Bright Futures Application

Students will be provided with Bright Futures Instructions at the end of September.

Graduating Seniors of 2024 need to complete the application by August 31st, 2024.

Instructions will be posted on the Guidance Google Classroom, Guidance website, and in the Principal’s Newsletter.
FAFSA Changes
Free Application for Federal Student Aid


- This year’s FAFSA is projected to open in December instead of October
- The form will be shorter with fewer questions
- The language will be aligned closely with the language on income tax returns
- SAI (Student Aid Index) replaces the EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- Pell Grant Eligibility is expanded to families and links eligibility to family size and the federal poverty level
- Divorced families, report the parent who provides the most financial aid support
- DO NOT APPLY UNTIL IT OPENS IN DECEMBER!!
PROJECTED TO OPEN: **December 1, 2023**: Submit the **2024-2025** FAFSA USING TAX INFORMATION FROM **2022**
## Important Test Dates

### SAT

**SAT Test Dates Online Registration:** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

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**SAT Digital testing begins March 2024**

### ACT

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SAT/ACT Fee Waivers

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible to receive 2 SAT fee waivers and up to 4 ACT waivers.

Please have the student see their school counselor to receive the waiver(s). SAT waivers MAY already be uploaded to your CB account.

Free or reduced lunch eligibility letter is required in order to receive the waiver.

To complete the Income Survey, go to the Palm Beach School District Website/ Students & Parents /Food and Nutrition Services/ Income Survey. Once you complete the income survey, please complete the "Meal Status Release Form" found in the Principal's Update under 2023-24 School Links Page. Only your child's name will be released to guidance to inform them that your child is eligible for the fee waiver.

WBRHS Meal Status Release Form FY 23-24 https://www2.palmbeachschools.org/formssearch/pdf/2528.pdf
Common Application - If students are on free or reduced lunch and have taken the SAT, they are eligible for 4 college application fee waivers which they can download through their College Board account.

Counselors are also able to provide up to 4 college application fee waivers if we are provided with the student’s free or reduced lunch eligibility letter.

Please contact your child’s school counselor for further information.
SAT Study Guide Tool

https://www.khanacademy.org/sat

For additional assistance with creating and linking both accounts, call College Board’s student customer service line at 866.433.7728 and follow the automated prompts.
HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!!!!!!

- **Regularly self-assess:** If what you are doing isn’t producing the level of results/success that it should, then it is time to try something different.

- Colleges still are looking for a rigorously schedule so make sure you are continuing to **challenge yourself**.

- Read the **Principal’s Newsletter** delivered to your inbox every Friday and check your student email.

- **Ask questions**/seek out assistance

- Avoid getting caught up in justifying and making excuses. Instead, **focus your energies on being positive and proactive in confronting areas of difficulty head-on.**