



College & Career Planning Tip Sheet

WRHS 2018-19

9th Grade

- Make a Four-Year Plan of courses you need and want to take before graduation.
- Meet with your school counselor and discuss course options for next year.
- Join a club and/or other extracurricular activities.
- Review the requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarship and set yearly goals for meeting the requirements.
- Begin talking to your parents and other adults you know about their careers and career paths.
- Meet with Mrs. Batchelor to take career assessments and learn more about your career interests and skills.
- Begin talking to your family about any interests in college or technical school and discuss options and goals for financing your post-secondary plan.
- Check the Scholarship Bulletin each month and begin applying to scholarships (Yes – there are some scholarships available as early as 9th grade!)
- Begin researching community service opportunities if you have not started volunteering already.

10th Grade

- Take the PSAT in October (all Sophomores are automatically registered for the test and will take it during the school day at WRHS).
- Continue to stay involved in extracurricular activities and take on leadership roles when possible.
- Document all community service hours and turn in to Student Services or on-line.
- Meet with Mrs. Batchelor to discuss careers you are interested in and their appropriate career paths.
- Conduct informational interviews or job-shadow with individuals who work in career fields you are interested in.
- Utilize SAT and ACT Practice Web sites to prepare for the exams.
- Consider adding honors and/or AP courses to your schedule next year.
- Meet with your counselor to discuss options and requirements for Dual Enrollment at PHSC. Eligible students may begin taking courses toward their Associates Degree or toward a technical certification at no cost.

11th Grade

- Register for the PSAT/NMSQT at WRHS in October.
- Register for the SAT and/or ACT. (If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, see your counselor for a fee waiver.) It is recommended that students take each exam at least once. Many students will then re-take the exam they performed the best on.
- Attend College and Career Night, on-campus presentations, and fieldtrips to learn ALL of your options for post-secondary education. See Mrs. Batchelor for upcoming opportunities.
- Schedule tours of the colleges and technical schools you are most interested in. See Mrs. Batchelor if you need contact information or information on SRA (school-related absence) approval.
- Review and compare your ACT/SAT results. Plan to retake if desired, then practice, practice, practice.
- Make a list of schools you would like to apply to along with application and financial aid deadlines.
- If you are interested in a career in military, meet with our military representatives and take the ASVAB.

12th Grade

- Verify your community services hours on MyStudent, and finish up any hours required for Bright Futures.
- Retake the SAT or ACT if higher scores are needed for Bright Futures or college admissions.
- Take and/or retake the PERT if higher scores are needed for college readiness (see Mrs. Batchelor for cut scores).
- Apply to Post-Secondary Institutions by the appropriate deadline.
- Attend a Financial Aid presentation in the Fall and complete the FAFSA (opens Oct. 1) www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Submit Florida Financial Aid application and continue to apply for other scholarships.

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FACEBOOK: [WRHS CollegeCareer](#) TWITTER: [@bullscareerlab](#)

College and Career Exploration - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org www.floridashines.org

Bright Futures Scholarship

The Bright Futures scholarship can help you fund **up to 100% of your post-secondary education!** There are four different awards: **Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars, Gold Seal Vocational Scholars, and Gold Seal CAPE Scholars.** All awards are based on student GPA, test scores, and completion of community service hours. You can find the **complete eligibility requirements**, including minimum criteria for each award at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm.

**For other scholarship opportunities, check out the monthly scholarship bulletin.

ACT Test Dates 2018-19

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 8	August 12	August 13-26
October 27	September 28	September 29-October 14
December 8	November 2	November 3-19
February 9	January 11	January 12-18
April 13	March 8	March 9-25
June 8	May 3	May 4-20
July 13	June 14	June 15-24

For ACT registration and test practice materials, visit www.act.org.

SAT Test Dates 2018-19

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
August 25	July 27	August 15
October 6	September 7	September 26
November 3	October 5	October 24
December 1	November 2	November 20
March 9	February 8	February 27
May 4	April 5	April 24
June 1	May 3	May 22

For SAT registration and test prep materials, visit www.collegeboard.org.

**Juniors and Seniors who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for 2 fee waivers per test. See your counselor.

Have more questions? Contact Mrs. Batchelor, College and Career Specialist
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