The background of the slide features a teal-to-white gradient. Overlaid on this is a blurred image of several graduation caps (mortarboards) arranged in a row, receding into the distance. The caps are dark in color, and their tassels are visible. The overall aesthetic is clean and academic.

# Class of 2024

Grade Level Meeting

# Senior Meeting Agenda



Introduction



Upcoming events



Graduation Requirements



Success through College Preparation



Financial Aid – Bright Futures and other scholarships



Assessments


## Important Upcoming Events

### Add the Senior Class on Remind: @ocsacl24

- PERT Sign-Up Window: 8/18-8/24
- PERT Testing Week: 9/1, 9/5-9/8
- Senior Credit Check: September
- Panorama Survey: Sept-Oct
- Senior Parent Night 9/26 @ 6pm
- Bright Futures application opens: October 1
- Senior SAT day 10/11
- FAFSA application opens: December

## More upcoming activities

- Senior Pictures
- Cap, Gown, Ring, Announcements etc.
- College Visits
- College applications
- SAT/ACT
- Prom
- Grad Bash
- Yearbook

A graduation cap and a rolled-up diploma tied with a red ribbon are placed on a dark wooden surface. The cap is black with a brown band and a red tassel. The diploma is white and partially unrolled.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject area requirements

GPA

**SUBJECT  
AREA  
REQUIREMENT**

**English - 4 CREDITS**

**Mathematics– 4 CREDITS**

Algebra 1- 1

Geometry – 1

Equally rigorous math- 2

**Science – 3 CREDITS**

Biology – 1

Equally rigorous science- 2

**Social Studies – 3 CREDITS**

World History – 1

US History – 1

Government – 0.5

Economics - 0.5

# **SUBJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED**

- Physical Education – 1 credit
- Pass FSA Reading in 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Pass Algebra I EOC
- 2 years of world language... Required to be admitted to a 4 year university in Florida
- Take all EOCs (unless waived during Covid)
- Take the Florida Civic Literacy Exam

# Grade Point Average (GPA)

## Unweighted GPA Points

A=4.0 points  
B= 3.0 points  
C=2.0 points  
D=1.0 points  
F=0 points

## Weighted GPA

Honors is .5 point weight

A=4.5 points  
B= 3.5 points  
C=2.5 points  
D=1.5 points  
F=0 points


## Weighted GPA

AP/IB/DE is 1 point  
weight

A=5 points  
B= 4 points  
C=3 points  
D=2 points  
F=0 points

**If you made all C's in every class you took this would give you a 2.0 Unweighted GPA which is what is required for graduation.**





# Bright Futures Scholarship Requirements

# Bright Futures Scholarship

- Scholarship awarded to students who will attend a Florida public college or university and have met the following requirements:
  - Credits
  - GPA
  - Test Scores
  - Community Service/ Work Hours
- Students can either earn the Florida Academic Scholarship (100%) or Florida Medallion Scholarship (75%)

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours <sup>2</sup>	Paid Work Hours <sup>2</sup>
<b>FAS</b>	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	2022-23 Graduates: 29/1330 2023-24 Graduates: 29/1340	100 hours	100 hours
<b>FMS</b>	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2022-23 Graduates: 25/1210 2023-24 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours	100 hours

<sup>1</sup> The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governors' Regulation 6.003.


## Community Service/ Work Hours

- All community service and work hours must be approved and signed by your school counselor *prior* to starting your community service/work in order to count towards BFS.
- Step by step instructions and community service packet is on the school website.
- All 4 pages must be completed with appropriate signatures for hours to be entered into Focus.
- You can email or drop off the paperwork in person for approval.
- Work hours: Must include paystub reflecting the hours you have worked.
- You have until graduation day to submit your hours.

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Scholarship Requirement


pursuing the **Bright Futures Scholarship** must complete a minimum of 75  
service before high school graduation. Please [click here](#) for current  
requirements to earn either the Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS) or the  
Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS).

Starting July 2022, Bright Futures will accept paid

Let's Talk!

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# ASSESSMENTS

ACT

SAT

PERT

FSA

Differences between the tests	
ACT	SAT
Four Multiple choice sections – Math, English, and Science	3 sections Math, Evidence Based Reading and Writing, Optional Essay
Max Score – 36 per section	Score 200-800 per section
Content based - achievement	Analyze and Solve problems - aptitude
No penalty for guessing	No penalty for guessing
Writing test in optional	Optional essay
Career interest inventory	Inventory Not provided
Similarities of the tests	
Predictor for college success	Predictor for college success
Used by college to determine admission	Used by college to determine admission
Bright Future Scholarship criteria	Bright Future Scholarship criteria
College specific Scholarships	College specific scholarships

# ACT vs SAT

# What is the ACT?

- The ACT is a national college admission examination that consists of subject area tests in: [English](#) [Mathematics](#) [Reading](#) [Science](#)
- The ACT Plus Writing includes the four subject area tests and a 30-minute [Writing Test](#).
- ACT results are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.
- The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions
- Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 30 minutes if you are taking the Writing Test).
- Takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete with breaks (or just over four hours if you are taking the Writing Test).
- The ACT is administered on five test dates—in October, December, February, April, and June. In selected states, the ACT is also offered in September.
- The [basic registration fee](#) includes score reports for up to four college choices for which a valid code is listed at time of registration.



# Fees



The 2023-2024 basic fee for the ACT Plus Writing is \$93.00



The basic fee for the ACT if you don't take the Writing Test is \$68.00



Both options include score reports to be sent to up to 4 colleges



To be eligible, you must meet ALL three of the following requirements:

- You currently attend high school in the United States, U.S. territories, Puerto Rico, or Canada, as a junior or senior.
- You meet at least one indicator of economic need listed on the ACT fee waiver form. Information about these indicators and how to request fee waiver forms is mailed each fall to every high school.
- If you are eligible, you may use up to two fee waivers total. The waiver has been used once you register, even if you do not test on the requested test date.

Fee waivers cover *only* the basic registration fee for the test option selected when registering, including up to *four* valid college choices (listed as part of registration). Waivers do not cover the late fee, test date changes, test center changes, or any other fees

Am I eligible  
for a fee  
waiver?

# SAT

3-hours

- Measures critical thinking, reasoning, and writing skills
- The SAT is standardized across all students, schools, and states, providing a common and objective scale for comparison.
- 65 Minute Reading Section, 35 minute writing and lang. section
- 52 Reading Questions, 44 Writing and Lang. Questions
- Test-takers sitting next to each other in the same session may have test books with entirely different content orders.
- Each section scored on a scale of 200-800
- Typically taken by high school juniors and seniors.

# SAT Preparation Center

- Know what to expect on test day by reviewing practice questions, taking a practice test, and more.
- **Official SAT Practice Questions**
- Review directions, approaches, and practice questions:  
[Critical Reading](#) | [Mathematics](#) | [Writing](#)
- **[The Official SAT Question of the Day](#)**  
Practice with a daily question, hint, and explanation.
- **[Official SAT Practice Test](#)**  
Print and take a practice test, then get a score report and answer explanations.
- Khan Academy
- March 2 Success

What Does it  
Cost?

**SAT Evidence Based  
Reading and Writing-  
\$60.00**

**SAT will be administered  
at OCSA on October 11th  
during a school day to all  
seniors for free.**

## Eligibility

- You are eligible for consideration for fee waivers if you are:
- an American citizen or a foreign national testing in the United States, Puerto Rico, or United States territories; or
- an American citizen living outside the United States; and
- you meet the financial eligibility guidelines for fee waivers, such as participating in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch/National School Lunch Program at your school.

## SAT Program Fee-Waiver Service

## Fee-Waiver Cards

- Cover the basic test fees for SAT or SAT Subject Tests.
- Cover the cost of four additional score reports.
- Cover either the Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or the Student Answer Service (SAS) (if you select these services when you register).
- May qualify you for application fee waivers at many colleges, if the institution has agreed to cooperate with the SAT Program Fee-Waiver Service.
- Check your college board account to see if a waiver is there, if not see Mrs. Gill.

## SAT Program Fee-Waiver Service

# Accommodations for the SAT/ACT

If you are seeking accommodations on these tests for an IEP or 504, it is highly suggested that you take the August-May testing only.



- **Admission decisions**

Test results, high school grades, academic preparation, out-of-class accomplishments, special interests, and future plans—these and other kinds of information help admission officials identify applicants who can benefit most from their programs.

- **Course placement**

Colleges usually try to take into account individual strengths and weaknesses as they place students in freshman-year courses. For example, a college may offer three sections of a subject—developmental, regular, and advanced. A student's test results, academic background, and high school grades might be used to determine which section would be most appropriate.

How colleges  
use ACT/SAT  
results

- **Academic advising**

College academic advisers may consider test results, high school academic program, high school grades, college grade estimates, planned extracurricular activities, areas in which there is a need for help, and part-time employment plans to help a student tailor an appropriate program of study.

- **Scholarships and loans**

Some scholarship and loan agencies may use test results and grade predictions, with other information such as high school grades, to identify qualified candidates. However, the agencies may not look only at academic potential. The ACT score report provides information about a student's educational needs, extracurricular achievements, and educational plans. This information, along with high school grades and test scores, helps the agencies evaluate applications for scholarships, loans, and other financial assistance.

How colleges  
use ACT/SAT  
results

# PERT

- Florida community colleges, administer the PERT, which is a college placement test.
- The test is also used to determine entrance into the dual enrollment program.
- The test is generally administered on the computer .
- The test measures reading, writing, and algebra skills.
- It is untimed but most students take approximately two hours to complete the test.

# PERT

- PERT Sign-Up Window
- This is only for students who want to start dual enrollment during the spring 2024 semester.
- Requirement:
  - GPA 3.0 or higher
  - Passing scores on the PERT
  - Reading: 106
  - Writing: 103
  - Math: 114 (Intermediate Algebra)/ 123 (College Algebra)

## FSA/EOC Retakes

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Must pass your 10th grade ELA FSA in order to graduate!

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FSA and EOC Retakes in September

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If you did not take the Geometry/ Biology EOC during 2019-2020 school year and you wish to take it, please contact Ms. Lindsey.

# Postsecondary Planning

Financial Aid

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Senior Survey

# Planning for After High School

- Mrs. Gill will be conducting interviews with seniors
- College or Career in your future?
- College Week Activities
- September 25-Sept 29
- College Fair: Thursday Sept 28- 2:pm-3:30pm Expo Hall



## Why Go to College?

Every bit of education you get after high school increases the chances you'll earn good pay.

The more education you get the more likely it is you will always have a job.

Continuing education after high school is much more important for your generation than it was for your parents' generation.

Education beyond high school gives you a lot of other benefits

## Expected lifetime earnings

Professional degree	\$4.4 million
Doctoral degree	\$3.4 million
Master's degree	\$2.5 million
Bachelor's degree	\$2.1 million
Associate's degree	\$1.6 million
Some college	\$1.5 million
High school graduate	\$1.2 million
Non-high school graduate	\$1 million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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<b>FMS</b>	3 - Social Science  2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210  2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

<sup>1</sup> 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](#).

# Bright Futures Scholarship

# Get Organized

Get your portfolio in order/resume

Write a generic essay for colleges and scholarships

Register for a college entrance test

Use Remind text to see important announcements about scholarships and college visits.

Look at our Website for resources

Apply to colleges online

Check your grades online frequently.

Hand in copies of college acceptance letter and scholarships

Careful of what you post on social media!!!



# XELLO



# XELLO

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About Me

Explore Options

Goals & Plans



## Hey KAREN!

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Core Lessons

Grade  
12

WS

Welcome to Xello Seniors!

Get Started

SY

Senior Survey - Beginning of the Year

View All Lessons



About Me



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Goals & Plans

Matchmaker

Personality Style

Mission Complete

Learning Style

Skills Lab

Careers

Schools

Majors

Saved Options

My Plans

College Planning

### Assignments

**Build a Resume (Seniors)** New

By: Osceola County School District  
Due: September 30, 2020

Status: Not Submitted



Resume Instructions.docx

**Personal Essay/Statement** New

By: Osceola County School District  
Due: September 30, 2020

Senior Survey-  
Beginning of the Year  
MANDATORY!!!!

► Please fill out this survey now. We would like to know your plans for after high school graduation, so we know how to assist you. :)

► District wants 100% completion



## Tips

- ▶ Know your Social Security Number for applications, Bright Futures and Fafsa.
- ▶ Please give Ms. Gill proof of acceptance. District tracks data and we celebrate your acceptances throughout the year!
- ▶ Be aware of deadlines. If you need something from your counselor, do NOT wait until last minute. Glitches happen!
- ▶ Mental Health is important. We are here for you during these busy times :)

## Things to come...from Mrs. Becerra



Cap and Gown: please try to purchase before prices go up after Winter Break.



Diploma Name verification: You will be called down to do a Name Verification with Ms. Becerra for your diplomas to be ordered

VERY  
IMPORTANT!!!!!!!



Between now and Monday:  
please make sure you know  
how to log in to your College  
Board account to retrieve  
information on scores. We do  
not have access to your  
account.



Record your user name and  
password somewhere safe  
such as NOTES on your phone.



You will be responsible to  
send scores to colleges  
directly from your College  
Board account (SAT) and/or  
your ACT account (ACT)



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# Reminders

Remind Codes

Appointments

Deadlines

# @OCSACL24

Remind Code for Class of 2024

## Guidance

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Welcome to the School Counseling Department page! Please use the left navigation bar to access important information from your school counselors.

# Schedule an appointment

## Online Courses

**MARCH 8TH 2024**

IS THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE ANY OF  
YOUR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS  
ON OSCEOLA VIRTUAL SCHOOL/ FLVS

\*Failure to complete your online course by this  
date may make you ineligible to participate in  
senior activities such as Grad Bash and prom. Also,  
no refunds!

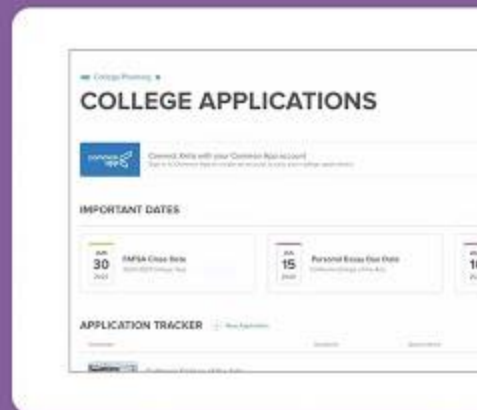
## **Question & Answer**

**Senior year is very busy! Please continue to keep in touch with the OCSA counselors to ensure you are on track for graduation!**

# LINK COMMON APP to XELLO

Linking Your  
Common App  
to Xello

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# Requesting documents for Common App

Requesting  
Documents for  
Common App

xello

## APPLICATION TRACKER

Application	Common App	Application Date	Status
 California College of the Arts San Francisco, CA		Jan 1, 2020	 Common
 California Institute of Technology Pasadena, CA		Jan 15, 2020	 Common
 Academy of Art University San Francisco, CA		Feb 1, 2020	 Common
 California College of the Arts San Francisco, CA		Feb 1, 2020	 Common
 Osa College of Art and Design Washington, DC		Feb 1, 2020	 Common