



OSCEOLA  
COUNTY  
SCHOOL  
for the  
ARTS

# Junior Parent Night

CLASS OF 2025

# Your School Counselors

**Ms. Karaki- School Counselor for Creative Writing, Dance, Technical Theater, Visual Arts**

**Ms. Ostwald- School Counselor for Band, Chorus, Drama, Orchestra**

**Ms. Gill- College and Career Counselor**



# Objectives: What You Need to Know



Requirements for graduation in 2025.



How to help them research college and careers on Xello



How to help them with college applications



How to help with essays and resumes



How to help get the financial support needed



Junior year is for research and senior year is for action.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## 24 Credits

LANGUAGE ARTS - 4  
CREDITS

MATHEMATICS – 4  
CREDITS(Algebra/Geo)

SCIENCE – 3  
CREDITS(Biology, 2  
rigorous)

SOCIAL STUDIES – 3  
CREDITS

- WORLD HISTORY – 1
- US History – 1
- Government – 0.5
- Economics – 0.5

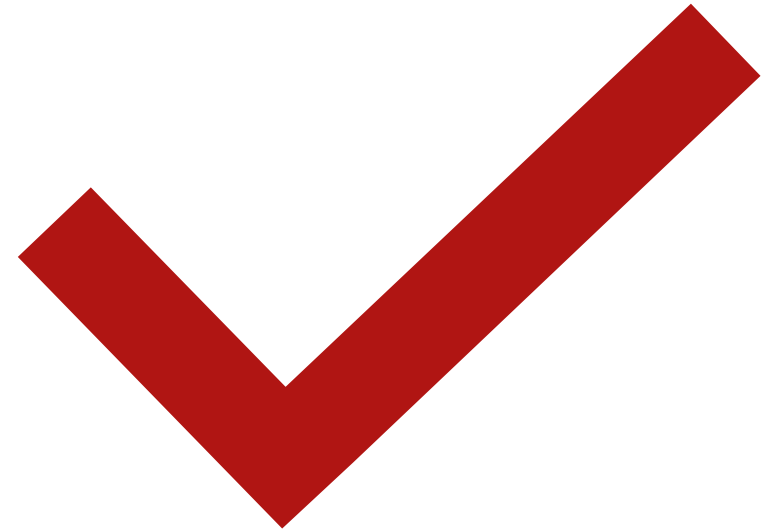
Physical Education – 1

Electives – 8

World Language (not  
grad req)- 2

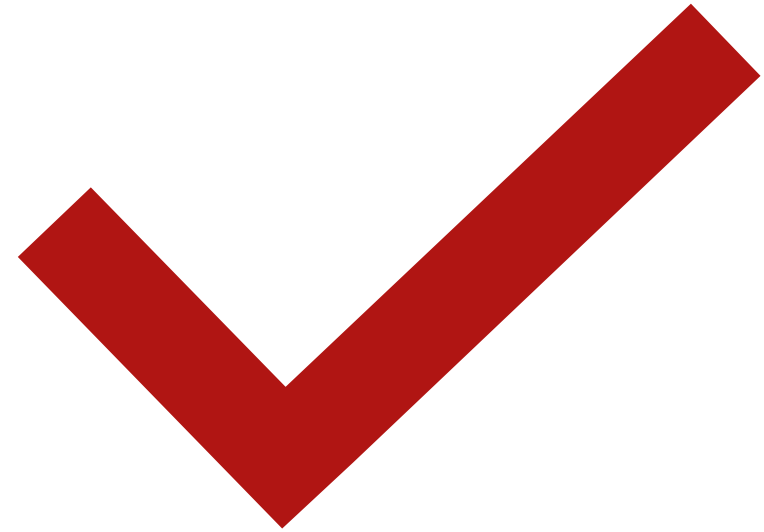
# Assessment Requirements for Graduation 2024

- ▶ FSA Reading (10th grade) - level 3 or above
- ▶ Algebra 1 – pass class, pass EOC for credit, 30% of grade



# Other Assessments

- ▶ Geometry EOC
- ▶ Biology EOC
- ▶ US History EOC (not required if you take AP US History or DE US History)
- ▶ Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)



# Diploma Designations

- ▶ **Scholar Designation:** In addition to your standard high school requirements, you must...
  - ▶ Pass all EOCs (Bio, Geo, US History)
  - ▶ Complete Algebra 2
  - ▶ Complete 1 credit of equally rigorous math (AP Stat, AP Pre-Calc)
  - ▶ Complete 1 credit in AP or DE
  - ▶ Complete 1 credit of Chemistry or Physics
  - ▶ Complete 1 credit of equally rigorous science (Anatomy/ AP Bio)
  - ▶ Complete 2 credits of the same world language

## FLORIDA SEAL OF BILITERACY



### GOLD

**4 foreign language** course credits in the same foreign language with a **cumulative 3.0 GPA** or higher

**AND**

Level 4 or higher on the **Grade 10 ELA FSA**

**OR**

**AP Language exam score 4** or higher

**OR**

**IB Language exam score 5** or higher

### SILVER

**4 foreign language** course credits in the same foreign language with a **cumulative 3.0 GPA** or higher

**OR**

**AP Language exam score 3**

**OR**

**IB Language exam score 4**

# Diploma Designations



# Grade Point Average

## ❖ Weighted GPA

Grade=Quality Pts.

AP & D E	Honors
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▶ A = 5.0	4.5
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▶ B = 4.0	3.5
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▶ C = 3.0	2.5
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▶ D = 2.0	1.5
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## ▶ Unweighted GPA

Grade=Quality Pts.

▶ A = 4.0

▶ B = 3.0

▶ C = 2.0

▶ D = 1.0

▶ F = 0.0

# Senior Year



- ▶ Students will have many ups and downs
- ▶ Students may need about +\$1000 to cover all expenses of high school and the college process
  - ▶ Yearbook
  - ▶ Cap and Gown
  - ▶ College application fees
  - ▶ Test fees
  - ▶ Housing deposits
  - ▶ Enrollment deposits
  - ▶ Prom
  - ▶ Universal's Senior Graduation event

# What you should do?

- ▶ Remind them they still have to get good grades and study in their Junior and Senior year. Keep communication open
- ▶ Listen to what **they** want – about college
- ▶ Listen for uncertainty, lack of confidence etc.
- ▶ Help them to be realistic and boost confidence
- ▶ Take them to visit colleges; virtual visits
- ▶ Remind them about tests and deadlines – help them make a calendar and keep a college folder
- ▶ Be prompt with any pieces **you** have to complete i.e. this year's tax returns to use for next year's FAFSA



# When you can help

- ▶ Now – help student do research about careers and determine the selection criteria for college.
- ▶ Career Research- Xello
- ▶ College selection criteria includes:
  - ▶ Major /Degrees offered
  - ▶ Location (in- state vs. out of state)
  - ▶ Size (how do you learn?)
  - ▶ Financial aid opportunities / cost
  - ▶ Admissions requirements
  - ▶ Good college website for parents – Big Futures at [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

# Tips

- ▶ Understand what the college is looking for: Have a plan B.
- ▶ Be sure all parts of the application are complete and submitted; extra pair of “eyes”
- ▶ SPELLING and GRAMMAR are important!!!!
- ▶ Proofread essays and have someone else proofread before submit
- ▶ Treat every application like your first choice
- ▶ Meet your deadlines!
- ▶ Subscribe to Ms. Gill’s REMIND texts for information AND READ THEM!

# Tips

- ▶ Attend college fairs: make contact with admissions personnel
- ▶ Research admissions and scholarship requirements
- ▶ NO SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYBODY AND EVERYBODY IS NOT FOR EVERY SCHOOL. Have REACH and MATCH schools.
- ▶ Take process seriously but keep things in perspective: there are over 4,000 colleges in the U.S.
- ▶ Colleges look for rigorous classes and upward trends, quality of involvement, strong test scores a predictor of how may do you 1<sup>st</sup> year of college

# During the Summer

- ▶ Visit colleges either in person or via internet [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com) for selection
- ▶ [www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com) for viewing colleges.
- ▶ Allow student to be a part of college summer programs
- ▶ Allow student to get an internship (paid or unpaid)
- ▶ Get all information together for application process in September

# Senior Year Actions

## September

- ▶ Sign up for another entrance test
- ▶ Help apply to colleges in Florida
- ▶ Come to parent night events
- ▶ If going Out of State – go to those college information sessions – usually in Orlando
- ▶ Check Focus monthly to keep up with their grades.

## October

- ▶ Remind them to order transcripts via Xello in a timely manner
- ▶ Sign the residency affidavits on the Florida college applications
- ▶ Take them to open houses
- ▶ Fill out FAFSA([fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)) and FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID (Bright Futures) [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)



# Senior Year Actions

## **November**

- ▶ Go to the financial aid night near you.
- ▶ Help them start applying for out of state colleges
- ▶ Start on scholarship applications. Give us ample time to fill out recommendations.

## **December**

- ▶ Make sure they have completed their out of state applications by the end of the month
- ▶ Help them acquire any missing paperwork the FL colleges say is missing.

# Senior Year Actions

## January

- ▶ Remind students to check for scholarships
- ▶ Senioritis may set in – check Focus !

## February

- ▶ Keep reminding students to look for scholarships
- ▶ Early decision letters will be coming this month or before.
- ▶ Talk to your child about acceptances and rejections

# Senior Year Actions

## March

- ▶ You will have to help with housing applications and deposits
- ▶ You will have to help with acceptance deposits
- ▶ Continue to remind about scholarships

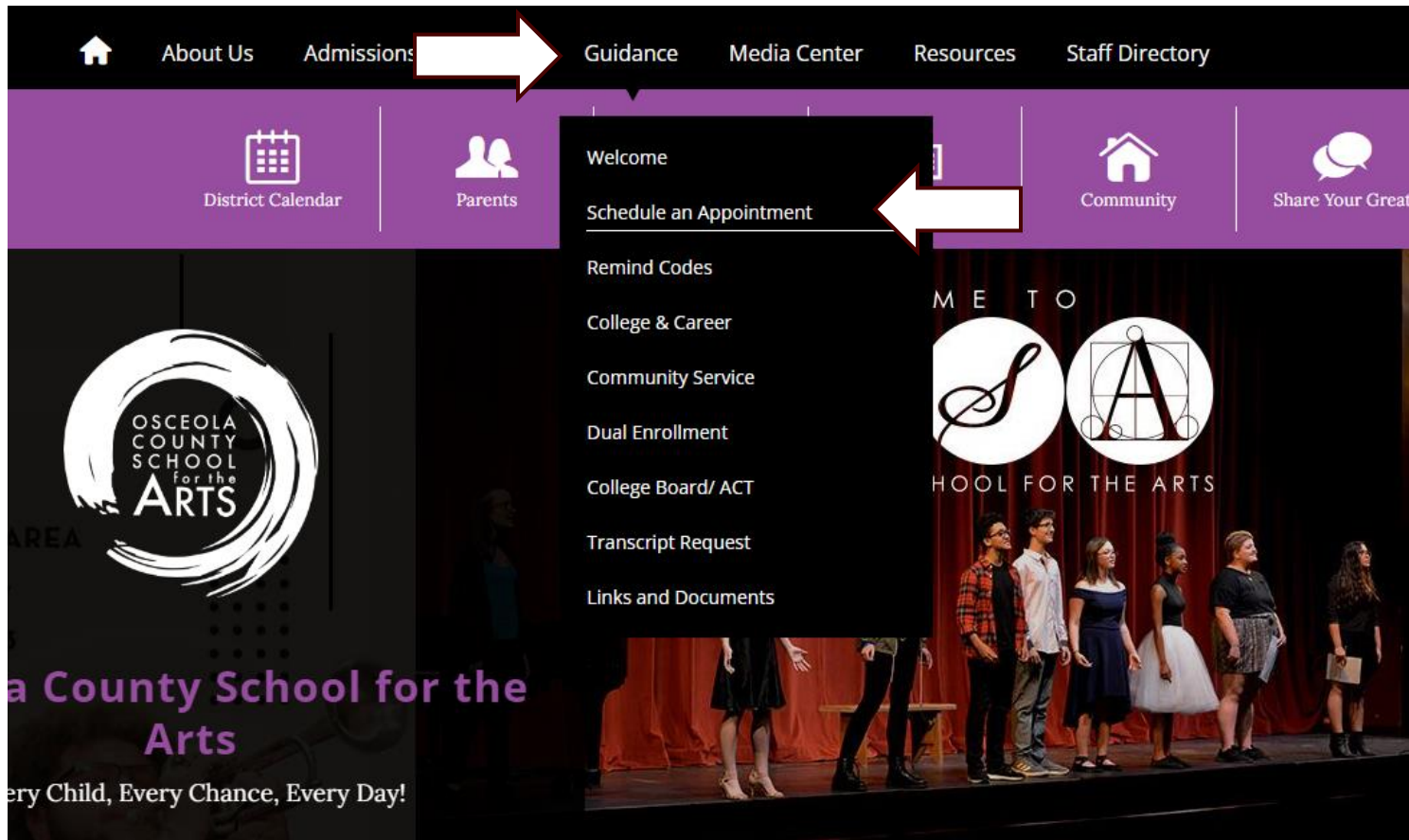
## April

- ▶ Work together to make the final decision on the college based on the financial aid package they offer
- ▶ Last reminder about scholarships

# Senior Year Actions

## May

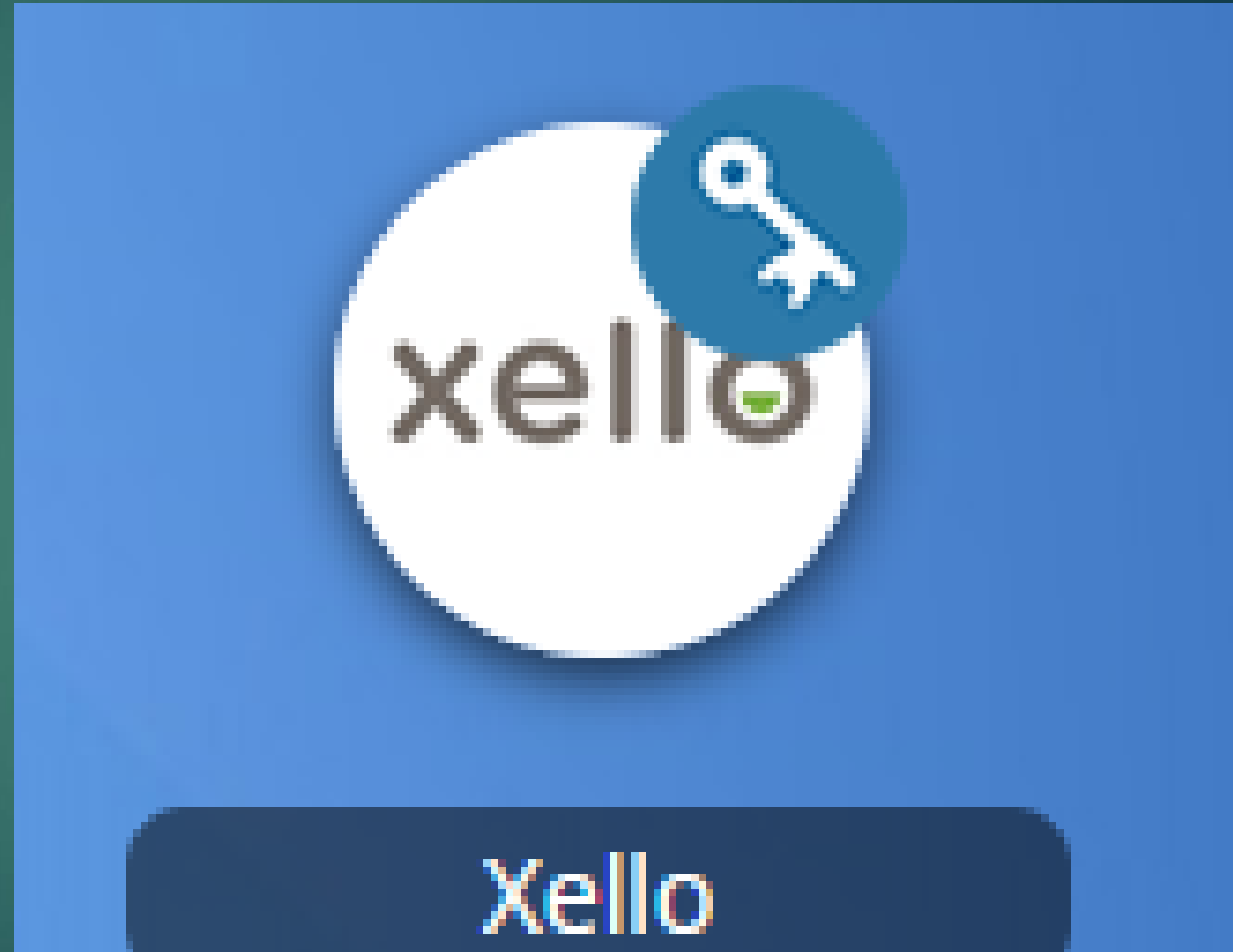
- ▶ Students should have plans set at this point – must decide by May 1<sup>st</sup>!
- ▶ They will need to pick up cap and gown
- ▶ They may be heading off in June – collect checklists of what they will need at college and start getting those items.
- ▶ Go to their graduation and smile! You've earned it!



How do I  
make an  
appointment  
with the  
counselor?

# Xello

- ▶ Xello is a free tool that all Osceola County School for the Arts student have. You can take career assessments, research careers and colleges, use it for goal setting, upload and save documents and so much more!



# Xello Landing Page

**xello**

About MeExplore OptionsGoals & Plans

# Hey **KAREN!**

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Grade 11

WX


Welcome to Xello!

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Xello-Resume  
No resume = No  
Letter of  
Recommendation

# Xello

- ▶ **Transcripts will be sent electronically through Xello so it is imperative that student input the college information correctly for counselor to fill out their end of the documents.**

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# Scholarship Money

- ▶ <https://www.raise.me/join/osceola-county-school-of-arts>



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## COLLEGE PLANNING

**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS** | Create and track your college applications here.[Create Your First Application](#)  
[View My Applications](#)

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS** | Search for and manage scholarships here.[Search for Local Scholarships](#)  
[View My Scholarships](#)

**KNOWLEDGE HUB** | 3 topics to help with paying for college

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Grants, Work-Study, and Loans

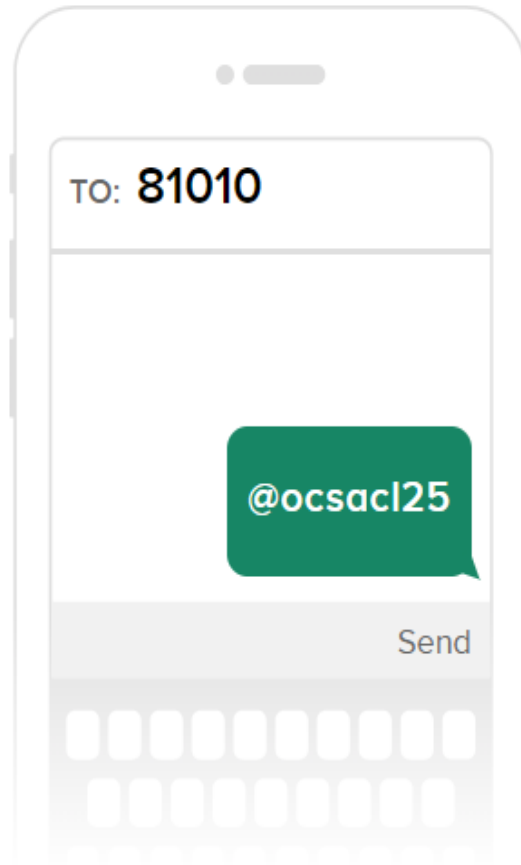
[🎉 Confetti me!](#)

# Bright Futures Scholarship

- ▶ Florida-based scholarship program for Florida high school graduates attending a Florida public year university or college
- ▶ Can have up to 100% of their tuition covered

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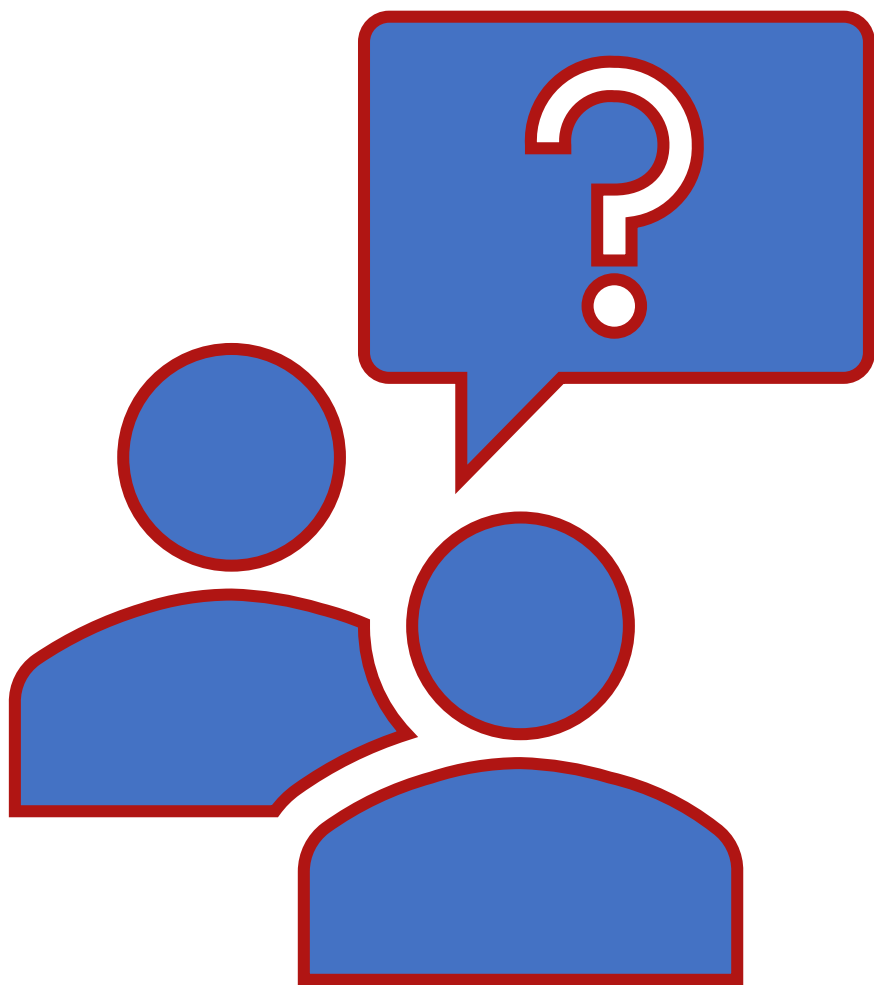
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Questions?