

# The 2023 College & Career Graduation Checklist

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- You are expected to have a confirmed plan related to the 4Es. Unless you are doing a year of fulltime service or a formal, unpaid service trip either stateside or abroad (EXPLORATION), your plan should be related to EDUCATION, ENLISTMENT, or full-time EMPLOYMENT.
  - You should be showing Mrs. Malfara (in-person, through email, or through Remind) all...
    - Job offers
    - Enlistment confirmation
    - Acceptances
    - Scholarship offers
    - FAFSA confirmations



- A confirmed plan means Mrs. Malfara has received proof of your enlistment, acceptance to trade/technical school or college, service contract, or full-time job offer
  - You can see the plans Mrs. Malfara has logged on your Focus. Click *My Information*, then click *Got Plans*
  - All seniors get a **FREE** #IGotPlans t-shirt when they show proof of their first job offer, acceptance, or enlistment. If you haven't picked up your shirt, see Mrs. Malfara at lunch or before/after school.
- The **Senior Survey**... (<u>https://forms.office.com/r/rjXeGgMb6E</u> or scan the QR code above)
  - Tells me what your plan is for after graduation! (Also tells me where you send your final transcript if your plan is college, technical, or trade school related!)
  - Must be completed by every senior when you know what your final plan is! (Seniors who do not complete the senior survey will not receive their graduation tickets.)
- **Decision Day** is April 25<sup>th</sup>! This is a time to slow down and celebrate the huge achievement that is committing to your next step!
  - Every senior who completes their Senior Survey by April 7<sup>th</sup>, whose final plan matches something logged under Got Plans in Focus, will be celebrated at the event! There will be a speaker, cupcakes, photo opportunities, and a signing ceremony with a personalized certificate for every participating senior!
  - If your final decision on your Senior Survey does not match anything logged in Focus, you will not be invited to Decision Day
  - Can't decide before April 7<sup>th</sup>? See Mrs. Malfara **BEFORE** April 7<sup>th</sup>. *If you have any confirmed plans in Focus, even if it's not your official, final plan we can still find a way to celebrate YOU!*

### Next Steps

- Be sure you're not only on the **Class of 2023 Remind**, but actually checking the messages! If you're not, you have missed out on all of these announcements, job opportunities, internships, scholarships, field trips, events, and more throughout this school year!
  - Text **@2023-eagle** to **81010** to join through text
  - Use the code **2023-eagle** to join on the Remind phone app or website
- Be checking your school email. If you are missing anything, Mrs. Malfara will email your school email to help remind you.
- If you are starting trade school, technical school, a 2-year college, or a 4-year college **THIS SUMMER**, you must have the 2022-2023 FAFSA **AND** the 2023-2024 FAFSA completed
- If you are starting trade school, technical school, a 2-year college, or a 4-year college **THIS FALL**, you must have the 2023-2024 FAFSA completed
  - $\circ$  There is free FAFSA help in the CCC every Tuesday from 9:30-12:30
  - Be sure you have forwarded your 2023-2024 FAFSA confirmation to Mrs. Malfara. It is an email from the U.S. Department of Education with a subject line reading We Received Your FAFSA Form. Take Steps to Prepare to Pay for School. Or, send Mrs. Malfara your Student Aid Report from the FAFSA website.
- Be sure you have created your Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) account! (This is different than FAFSA.) This is how you earn Bright Futures (if you are eligible) and other state funding for college and trade school. You must create the account by graduation, otherwise, even if you qualify for a grant or scholarship like Bright Futures, you will not receive it. Go to <a href="http://bit.ly/3FP9usH">http://bit.ly/3FP9usH</a>. Click on Create a Student Account under First-Time Applicants.
  - If you have already created your account, be sure you have the accurate starting semester selected and your final school choice entered.
- If you are enrolling in a 4-year college, see the Senior Application Checklist for what to do after you earn acceptance! You can pick up a hard copy of the list in the CCC (room 276) or see it at <a href="https://bit.ly/3FJTgB6">https://bit.ly/3FJTgB6</a>
- If you are taking advantage of **Osceola Prosper**, you must have your 2023-2024 FAFSA completed!

# Valencia College

- Schedule a meeting with Mrs. Burton, our Valencia Transition Coach, on a MONDAY or THURSDAY (the ONLY days she is at PHS) at <u>https://lynetteburton.youcanbook.me/</u> or the QR code below
- Mrs. Burton can help you apply (if you haven't already), complete your residency, create your Atlas account, sign up for orientation, and more! (*These are all required steps for enrollment and Osceola Prosper!*)





## Osceola Technical College

- Be sure you have applied to the program you are interested in at <a href="https://www.osceolaschools.net/otech">https://www.osceolaschools.net/otech</a>
- Be sure to check your email (including your junk/spam folders) and phone. OTECH will email or call you to follow-up on your residency and to share additional program information.
- Schedule a meeting with Mrs. Malfara if you'd like help with the application!
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