



Getting Started

The first step towards post secondary education is knowing where you want to go in life and planning the steps necessary to reach your destination. Along the way there are certain steps you need to take in order to achieve your life's ambition. Having a career goal is a crucial part of determining what your best options are for success. Taking time to explore different schools and the programs they offer can help students make informed decisions about their future. The key to success is laying the groundwork early in high school, setting goals and striving for excellence. By getting an early start you increase your chances of being able to go where you want to go and do what you want to do. There is an open road before you and your path to success starts here.

MAKING THE MOST OF THE NEXT 4 YEARS



The competition is fierce and the job market is tough
What do I need to be doing now so that I can succeed Later?

Take control by making good choices and thinking long term

3 considerations when choosing a major/career field

- Your Strengths
- Your Interests
- The Future Job Market

Do your Job Market Research

Research Tools - ACT. org and Collegeboard.com

The Hottest Fields

- ❖ Business- Accounting
 - ❖ Healthcare
- ❖ Info-technology-computers
 - ❖ Education
 - ❖ Law
- ❖ Engineering/Mechanical/Civil
 - ❖ Veterinarian
 - ❖ Marketing

Don't wait until you are a senior to begin thinking about what you want to do. Start exploring career options today!

The Successful Model

Communication: Verbal, Written and Computer

Organization - Know where your ducks are

Leadership - Lead by example

Logic: Don't ignore but work to solve problems

Effort - Always put forth your best effort

Group skills - Learn to work with others

Entrepreneur - Risk versus Reward

3 WAYS TO BUILD THESE SKILLS

- **Academics**
- **Extra-Curricular Activity**
 - **Work Experience**

3 Steps to success

#1 TAKE AN 8-5 MENTALITY

- Think of School as Your Job
- Remember that Hard Work = Payday (Scholarships for school)

#2 GET INVOLVED AND MAKE AN IMPACT

- Find some groups and join them right away
- Pick groups related to your area of interest

#3 VOLUNTEER WORK

- Take a no risk look at a field you may enter

- Start strong as a freshmen and finish strong as a senior
- Stay eligible for athletics (must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA beginning in the 9th grade) FHSAA requirement
- Meet the Graduation Requirement of 70 or above in every course
- *Strengthen the Schedule* – *Stay the Course* – *Finish the Race*

QUALIFYING SCORES BRIGHT FUTURE GOALS

Bright Futures Qualifying Scores

Florida Academic Scholar - ACT 29 SAT 1290 (GPA Weighted 3.5) \$16,800 scholarship (100% Tuition)
100 hours of Community service

Florida Medallion Scholar - ACT 26 SAT 1170 (GPA Weighted 3.0) \$10,800 Scholarship
75 Community Service

***KNOW YOUR GOAL AND WORK TOWARDS
IT!***

Freshmen Calendar

ACTION PLAN:

1. Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your college plans.
2. Get involved with extracurricular activities
3. Begin thinking about career plans and what colleges you wish to attend
4. Review the requirements for the Florida Bright Future Scholarship and entrance scores for colleges
5. Start building your G.P.A. Realize that in the end, you will be responsible for the grades you earned and someone besides your parents will be looking at your final grades
6. Start earning community service hours (25 per year)
7. Set your goals and begin working towards them

Never settle for average when you can achieve excellence