



## 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.*

**MAKE THE MOST OF THE NEXT 4 YEARS**

Start thinking about college



Planning now increases your chances for success later

## 4 considerations when choosing a major/career field

- What do I love to do? **Interest**
- What am I good at? **Abilities**
- What is important to me? **Values**
- How can I turn that into a future Job?

### Research Tools

MyACT - Interest Inventory

Big Future/Explore Schools

*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

**C**ommunication: Verbal, Written and Computer

**O**rganization - Create a system that works for you

**L**eadership - Lead by example

**L**istening - Learn from others

**E**ffort - Always put forth your best effort

**G**oal Oriented - Know what you want and pursue it

**E**mbrace Challenges - Don't be fearful

## **3 WAYS TO BUILD THESE SKILLS**

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

# Steps to success

## #1 TAKE AN 8-5 MENTALITY

- Think of School as Your Job
- Remember that Hard Work = Payday (Scholarships for school)
- Set high goals and work hard to achieve these goals
- Reap the reward

## #2 VOLUNTEER WORK

- Take a no risk look at a field you may enter
- Look for opportunities to learn more about the career you want to pursue

# QUALIFYING SCORES BRIGHT FUTURE GOALS

## Bright Futures Qualifying Scores

**Florida Academic Scholar** - ACT 29 SAT \*1330  
(GPA Weighted 3.5) \$25,000 Scholarship (100%  
Tuition) 100 hours of Community service

**Florida Medallion Scholar** - ACT 25 SAT \*1210  
(GPA Weighted 3.0) \$18,000 Scholarship (75%  
Tuition) 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**