

TATE HIGH SCHOOL 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
PARENT NIGHT

Fall 2023

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

4 English credits

4 Math credits including Algebra and Geometry

3 Science credits including Biology

3 Social Studies credits including Econ/Govt, U.S. History and World History

1 credit Fine/Performing/Practical Art

1 Physical Education credits including Personal Fitness (waivers can be given for ROTC, Band/Colorguard, Academy completion, JV/Varsity Athletics)

7.5 elective credits

2.0 unweighted GPA and 24 completed high school credits

Grade 10 FAST (or ACT/SAT concordant score) ACT 17.5 or higher for English and Reading combined and 480 Reading and English SAT

Algebra 1 BEST or the ACT/SAT/PSAT concordant score ACT 16 and SAT 420

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENT TAB

| Requirements ⚡   | Credits required to graduate | Credits remaining to be taken | Currently enrolled credits |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Algebra 1  | 1                            | ✓                             | 0                          |
| Geometry   | 1                            | ✓                             | 0                          |
| Biology  | 1                            | ✓                             | 0                          |
| American History                                       | 1                            | ✓                             | 0                          |
| American Government                                    | 0.5                          | 🚧                             | 0.5                        |
| Economics  | 0.5                          | 🚧                             | 0.5                        |
| World History  | 1                            | ✓                             | 0                          |
| English  | 4                            | 🚧                             | 1                          |
| Mathematics  | 2                            | ✓                             | 0                          |
| Equally rigorous course that counts for Science credit | 2                            | ✓                             | 0                          |
| Performing Fine Arts or Practical Arts                 | 1                            | ✓                             | 0                          |
| Personal Fitness                                       | 0.5                          | ✓                             | 0                          |
| Physical Education                                     | 0.5                          | 0.5                           | 0                          |
| Electives  | 8                            | ✓                             | 5                          |

# CREDIT INFORMATION

- To be classified as a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student in FOCUS you need at least 5 credits earned.
- To be classified as a 11<sup>th</sup> grade student in FOCUS you need at least 11 credits earned.
- To be classified as a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student in FOCUS you need at least 18 credits earned.
- \*There are students that are taking a 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule but still listed on FOCUS as a retained student. In order to move up to the correct grade level you would need to make sure the number of credits to move to the correct grade have been met.

# CREDITS CONT...

- To earn credit in an EOC course (Algebra, Geometry, U.S. History and Biology) the student will have a full year grade awarded based on the following average : 35% 1<sup>st</sup> semester grade, 35% 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grade and 30% EOC grade.
- \*Students can earn credit in a non-EOC course if the sum of both semesters is at least 119.5 points. For example, a student can pass one semester of a class with a 63 D and fail the second semester with a 58 F but the total is 121 so credit will be awarded. (This will still negatively affect their GPA, so credit recovery might be needed to stay above 2.0 for graduation)

# CREDIT RECOVERY OR GRADE FORGIVENESS

- Students are able to recover missing credits for core classes in a variety of ways.
- Students may take a course for credit recovery through an online platform called Edgenuity. Students can register with their counselor and can work on one online course on top of their current class schedule.
- Students may take a course for credit recovery or grade forgiveness through Florida Virtual School. Students can register online at: [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net) and can work on one online course on top of their current class schedule.
- Students can take a course for credit recovery or grade forgiveness through Community School (night school). There is one session in the fall and two sessions in the spring. Students can sign up through their guidance counselor.

# PE WAIVERS

- Our district requires 1 credits of Physical Education with Personal Fitness included.
- There are ways to waive Physical Education credits based on courses the student has taken in his/her course history.
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- .5 credits of Physical Education can be waived for the following:
- \*4 years of Performing Art Courses:
  - Debate 1-4
  - Theatre 1-4
  - Chorus 1-4 , Reg/Spec Women's 1-4, Vocal Ensemble 1-4
  - Orchestra 1-4
- \*2 years credit in ROTC program (also counts as fine/practical/performing art)

# PE WAIVERS CONT...

- \*Academy program completer
  - Early Childhood Academy (Early Childhood 1-4)
  - Heath Academy (Principles of Biomed, Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions)
  - Vet Assisting 1-4
  - Gaming Academy (Game and Sim Foundations, Game and Sim Design, Game and Sim Program and Multiuser Game and Sim
  - Multimedia Academy (TV Production 1-4)
  - Ag Academy (Ag Foundations, Mechanics, AgTech, Horticulture
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- The .5 local and .5 state PE requirements can be waived for the following: (Students will still need to take Personal Fitness)
  - 4 years participation in Band (Band 1-4, Instrumental Techniques or Jazz Ens 1-4)
  - 4 years participation in Colorguard (Eurhythmics 1-4)
  - 4 years participation in ROTC program (Lead Train 1-4)
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- Athletics
  - \*Personal Fitness will be waived for athletes that have participated in two seasons Junior Varsity and/or Varsity athletics.
  - For example: A girls' soccer player that played Varsity sophomore and junior year can get their Personal Fitness waived for graduation.
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- State statutes allow students to waive the two state-mandated physical education courses by participating in two full seasons of junior-varsity or varsity sports!



# PSAT/SAT/ACT TESTING IN OCTOBER

- Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> all 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the PSAT at school.
- All 11<sup>th</sup> graders that have not met their reading and/or math testing requirement for graduation will be taking the ACT non reportable on October 26th.
- The PSAT test is a practice test and will help familiarize students with the format of future SAT tests needed for college placement.
- The Math section score of the PSAT can be used to fulfill the Math graduation testing requirement. This test is very important and can help meet graduation needs.
- It is also used for National Merit scholarship contention and other merit scholarship award opportunities.

# ASVAB TESTING

- All students are eligible to take the ASVAB test. The ASVAB is given for multiple purposes.
- Students that are interested in a future military career need to take the ASVAB for military placement.
- The ASVAB can also be used as a career placement test for any student. This test will help students determine what career path would best fit their interests.
- The ASVAB testing date for the fall will be October 17th.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Students do not need to perform community service hours as a high school graduation requirement.
- However, community service is needed for Bright Futures scholarships and many outside scholarship opportunities.
- Most clubs and organizations require community service hours as part of their yearly activities to remain in good standing.
- Make sure to document all hours on our community service logs. They are available online at the following link: <https://ths-ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/file/1289140568443/1320734816387/41427218058699604915375627243531581451496894.pdf>

Or you can pick one up in the guidance office

\* When students complete a community service form they can turn into their counselor to place in graduation status history and on transcript.

\*Starting with the class of 2023 students will be able to use work hours for Bright Futures hours. You can combine work hours and community service hours.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR

- **Students can take Dual Enrollment through PSC or UWF, the DCT program and/or Dual Enrollment through George Stone Junior and Senior year of high school. This provides an amazing opportunity for students to get free college credits and/or training for workforce. The students will be taking their graduation required courses while earning college credit and certifications. With certification and college costs on the rise, students that qualify need to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity.**

# DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Students can take 4 classes plus a lab the fall and spring of their Junior year. Students can take 3 courses plus a lab the summer before Senior year and then take 5 classes plus a lab the fall and spring during their final year of high school. A sample DE course selection for the fall and spring of Junior year would be as follows:

Fall

Spring

ENC1101 (English Comp 1)

MAC1105 (College Algebra)

EC02013 (Macroeconomics)

Science with Lab attached

ENC1102 (English Comp 2)

POS2041 (American Govt)

Science or Math course

Elective credit

\* Students would need to ensure they were meeting high school graduation requirements with their Dual Enrollment schedule!

# DUAL ENROLLMENT CONT...

In order to qualify for Dual Enrollment classes on campus or off campus through PSC or UWF, students must maintain a 3.0 unweighted GPA and have eligible test scores through PERT, ACT or SAT testing.

\* Students will be eligible for the PERT test in the Spring at Tate and can sign up for the ACT or SAT on the selected test dates.

\*At this time we will have a free ACT on campus opportunity for Juniors in the spring. We will release the date when it becomes available.

# DUAL ENROLLMENT THROUGH GEORGE STONE AND DCT

- Students can take Dual Enrollment classes through George Stone and earn valuable certifications that can help them in their future career field. Students need to maintain a 2.5 GPA and ensure they are taking their required classes for graduation along with their George Stone program. (some programs available are: Welding, Electrician, HVAC, Culinary)
- Students can also take advantage of our DCT program. This program allows students to earn their required high school credits while leaving school early to go to their job and gain work experience.
- \* Both programs will have applications available in the Spring and have limited availability so make sure you fill out application once they are available.

# BRIGHT FUTURES INFORMATION

Applications for Bright Futures open October 1 of the student's senior year of high school. Students cannot apply before their senior year.

We are going to have all students apply for Bright Futures in classes when the application opens. We will come to classes and help complete steps of application.

Bright Futures is for all public colleges and universities in state of Florida. (Even if you are planning to go to college outside the state of Florida we highly recommend students to fill out the application for future use if needed)

Some out of state schools will match award amount if student is eligible for Bright Futures. (For example, University of South Alabama offers the STAR scholarship to those students from Florida who were eligible.)

\*Students can start their community service hours and testing now in order to be eligible.

Here is the link to the Bright Futures Handbook for more information:

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>



# FAFSA INFORMATION

- The FAFSA is the Federal Financial Aid program and award money can be used at state colleges, universities and vocational schools.
- The FAFSA has to be completed for any higher level educational organization to be able to award scholarships, grants and loans. \*THE FAFSA HAS TO BE UPDATED EVERY YEAR TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE.
- Students will fill out the FAFSA in the fall of their Senior year.

# APPLICATION FEE AND TESTING WAIVERS

ACT/SAT testing and college applications can be very costly. Students can earn up to 4 free ACT/SAT waivers, NCAA waivers and 3 College Application waivers if they qualify for free/reduced lunch. It is imperative for all families to complete the application ASAP. The application link is:

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

The application has to be completed and in the system for waivers to be awarded.

# ACT/SAT

Students can sign up to take the ACT or SAT test. If students are approved for free/reduced lunch they can qualify for a free testing waiver.

\* Students have to send scores to at least one college during their registration process for them to be in the repository. If not they will have to pay additional fees each time they want to send scores to colleges!

ACT website: [www.myact.org](http://www.myact.org)

SAT website: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

(If student has taken AP classes, they will already have an account through College Board and can use same login information)

# ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Most colleges/universities offer merit scholarships based on weighted GPA and test scores for each applicant. The merit scholarship awards are listed on the institution's webpage.

Public colleges and universities also have a general scholarship application for admitted students. Once the student receives their admission notification they can complete the general scholarship application for that specific school.

At the latest SUS meeting, many colleges stressed the importance of making a decision and putting down deposits early because many students lost housing opportunities due to late deposits.

Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/?excmpid=vt-00061>

This is a partnership with College Board for assistance planning and exploring college and degree programs.

# SCHOLAR DESIGNATION INFORMATION

- In addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, a student must:
- Earn 1 credit in Algebra II;
- Pass the Geometry EOC;
- Earn 1 credit in statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course;
- Pass the Biology I EOC;
- Earn 1 credit in chemistry or physics;
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics;
- Pass the U.S. History EOC;
- Earn 2 credits in the same world language; and
- Earn at least 1 credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course. A student is exempt from the Biology I or U.S. History assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology I or U.S. History course and the student
  - Takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and
  - Earns the minimum score to earn college credit.

# WHAT A COLLEGE ADMISSION TEAM LOOKS FOR!

The first thing a college will review is the weighted GPA and test scores. (Each institution has their own formula for calculating their GPA based on honors, AP and DE classes) If the student doesn't have test scores at the time of application, the college reserves the right to place a hold on the process until scores are in. (some colleges/universities allow students to opt out of using test scores out of state but at this time all FL colleges/universities require test scores.

The admission team also looks for strength of senior class schedule.

When contacting colleges and universities they claim they look at the application holistically. They look at GPA, test scores, strength of schedule, personal essay and awards achievements listed in application.

\*Colleges also look at the total credits a student earns. If a student graduates early with 18 credits they might not be as competitive to the admissions team than a student that graduates with 24 credits and took advantage of AP, Honors or Dual Enrollment credits.

# NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER INFORMATION

- All student-athletes interested in playing collegiate sports need to visit the NCAA eligibility center website! All student-athletes can create a free profile page on the following website: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- The profile page will give student-athletes access to valuable information and create a NCAA ID number.
- Students that are going through the recruitment process will need to create an account in order to be able to communicate with coaches and submit transcripts for review. There are fee waivers available for students that qualify for free/reduced lunch to help reduce the out of pocket costs.
- \*For eligibility, only those grades that are first reported by the student's teachers at the conclusion of the semester can be used to calculate the student's cumulative GPA. (This is a new rule so it is very important that students communicate with teachers during the course of the semester so they don't fall behind in their assignments and grades.)

# OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

- The Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) is an amazing resource for career guidance for high school students. It gives a real world snapshot of thousands of careers and includes the education, certification, training and salary needed for the specific career field.
- Students can navigate various careers and help determine their future post-secondary college or career path.
- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>



| <b><u>FL SUS MATRIX 22-23: INSTITUTIONS</u></b>         | <b><u>GPA</u></b>               | <b><u>SAT</u></b>             | <b><u>ACT</u></b>  |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Florida Agricultural &amp; Mechanical University</b> | S: 3.5 / F: 3.7                 | S:1020 / F:1110               | S:16 / F:18        |
| <b>Florida Atlantic University</b>                      | S: 3.22 - 3.80 / F: 3.70 - 4.30 | S:1000 - 1120 / F:1090 - 1260 | S:20-23 / F:22-28  |
| <b>Florida Gulf Coast University</b>                    | S: 3.56 - 4.33 / F: 3.75 - 4.52 | S:1010 - 1170 / F:1090 - 1240 | S:19-24 / F:21-27  |
| <b>Florida International University</b>                 | S: 3.9 - 4.5 / F: 4.2 - 4.7     | S:1070 - 1170 / F:1250 - 1380 | S:21-24 / F:26-30  |
| <b>Florida Polytechnic University</b>                   | S: 3.8 - 4.5 / F: 4.0 - 4.7     | S:1140 - 1250 / F:1290 - 1410 | S:22-27 / F:29 -32 |
| <b>Florida State University</b>                         | S: 4.0 - 4.4 / F: 4.3 - 4.6     | S:1180 - 1300 / F:1300 - 1430 | S:25-29 / F:29-32  |
| <b>New College of Florida</b>                           | F: 3.8 - 4.4                    | F:1110-1320                   | F: 22-29           |
| <b>University of Central Florida</b>                    | S: 3.8 - 4.3 / F: 3.9 - 4.4     | S:1150 - 1270 / F:1250 - 1370 | S:23-27 / F:26-30  |
| <b>University of Florida</b>                            | S: 4.4 - 4.6 / F: 4.4 -4.6      | S:1240 -1420 / F:1370 - 1500  | S:28-32 / F:31-34  |
| <b>University of North Florida</b>                      | S: 3.37 -4.30 / F: 3.60 - 4.50  | S:1000 - 1150 / F:1100 - 1260 | S:20-25 / F:22-28  |
| <b>University of South Florida</b>                      | S: 3.62 -4.12 / F: 4.0 - 4.50   | S:1100 - 1190 / F:1240 - 1390 | S:22-25 / F:27-31  |
| <b>University of West Florida</b>                       | S: 3.4 - 4.05 / F: 3.5 - 4.18   | S:1050 - 1170 / F:1050 -1220  | S:21-25 / F:21-27  |

# COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

There are different styles of college applications.

Most of them require students to upload a transcript, write a personal statement/essay, include senior class schedule and high school resume.

Some schools look to see if the student completes the application from their university admissions website but students can also use the Common Application to apply for multiple colleges with one application fee. The link is below:

<https://www.commonapp.org>

\*Per SUS, don't do Common Application and application on school's website.

Once the application is completed students need to complete a transcript request form with Ms. Hopkins in the records office to send official transcripts to finalize the application.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

- **11<sup>th</sup> grade counselor: Jordan Jackson**
  - 850-937-5463
  - [jjackson10@ecsdf1.us](mailto:jjackson10@ecsdf1.us)
  
- **Academic Advisor 11-12/NCAA Representative: Billy Bishop**
  - 850-937-5465
  - [bbishop@ecsdf1.us](mailto:bbishop@ecsdf1.us)

# ESCAMBIA COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR INFORMATION

Escambia County

- September 11th 6:00-7:30 pm

Pensacola State College Campus, Building 3

Hartsell Arena

- Santa Rosa County

Tuesday, September 12th 6:00-7:30 pm

PSC Milton Campus, Building 4000

## 23-24 THS Testing Dates

| Fall Semester Testing Dates |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>            |   |   |
| 14th                        | FAST Performance Monitoring 1               | ALL 9th & 10th Grade  |
| 19th                        | FAST Reading Retake                         | 10th, 11th & 12th Graders Only  |
| 21st                        | FSA Algebra Retake Session 1                | Any 12th grade student who has not passed   |
| 22nd                        | FSA Algebra Retake Session 2                | Any 12th grade student who has not passed   |
| 26th                        | FSA Reading Retake Session 1                | 12th Graders Only   |
| 27th                        | FSA Reading Retake Session 2                | 12th Graders Only   |
| 28th                        | FSA Reading Retake Session 3                | 12th Graders Only   |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>              |   |   |
| 3rd                         | US History EOC<br>Biology EOC               | Any student who did not take it last year   |
| 4th                         | BEST Alg & Geometry EOC                     | Any student who did not take it last year   |
| 11th                        | PSAT<br>SAT (Non Reportable)                | 10th Only (possibly 11th; District currently in negotiations with College Board)<br>Seniors who have not met graduation requirement for Reading or Math |
| 17th                        | ASVAB (Career Exploration Program)          | 11th & 12th Graders who sign up in Guidance (military or nonmilitary interested)  |
| 26th                        | ACT (Non Reportable)                        | 11th & 12th Graders who have not met graduation requirement for Reading or Math; 10th grade Algebra Retakes)  |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>             |   |   |
| 8th                         | PERT  | Students wanting to enroll in Dual Enrollment classes for next year   |
| 28th                        | FAST Reading Retake                         | 10th, 11th, & 12th Graders  |
| 29th                        | BEST Alg & Geometry EOC                     | Seniors needing Math Grad Requirement   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>             |   |   |
| 6th                         | FCLE Government Exam                        | 12th Graders in Government this Semester  |
| 7th                         | US History EOC Retake<br>Biology EOC Retake | Any student who did not take it last year   |
| 14th - 20th                 | Semester Exams                              | ALL Students  |

\*\*\*Per College Board Rules, all AP Exams start promptly at the scheduled times.