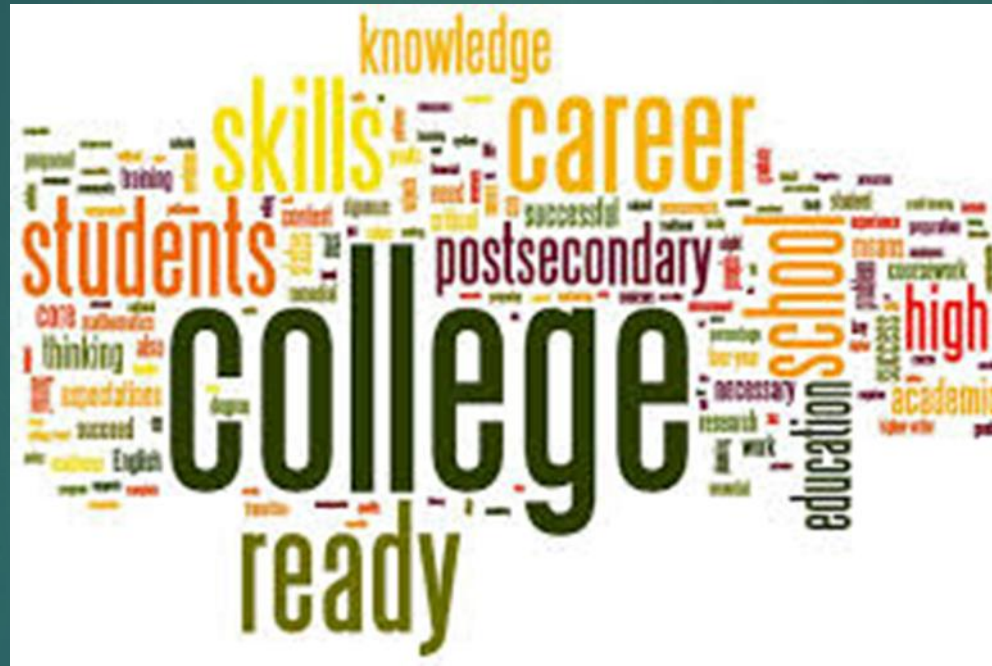


# College Counseling and Academic Planning for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade



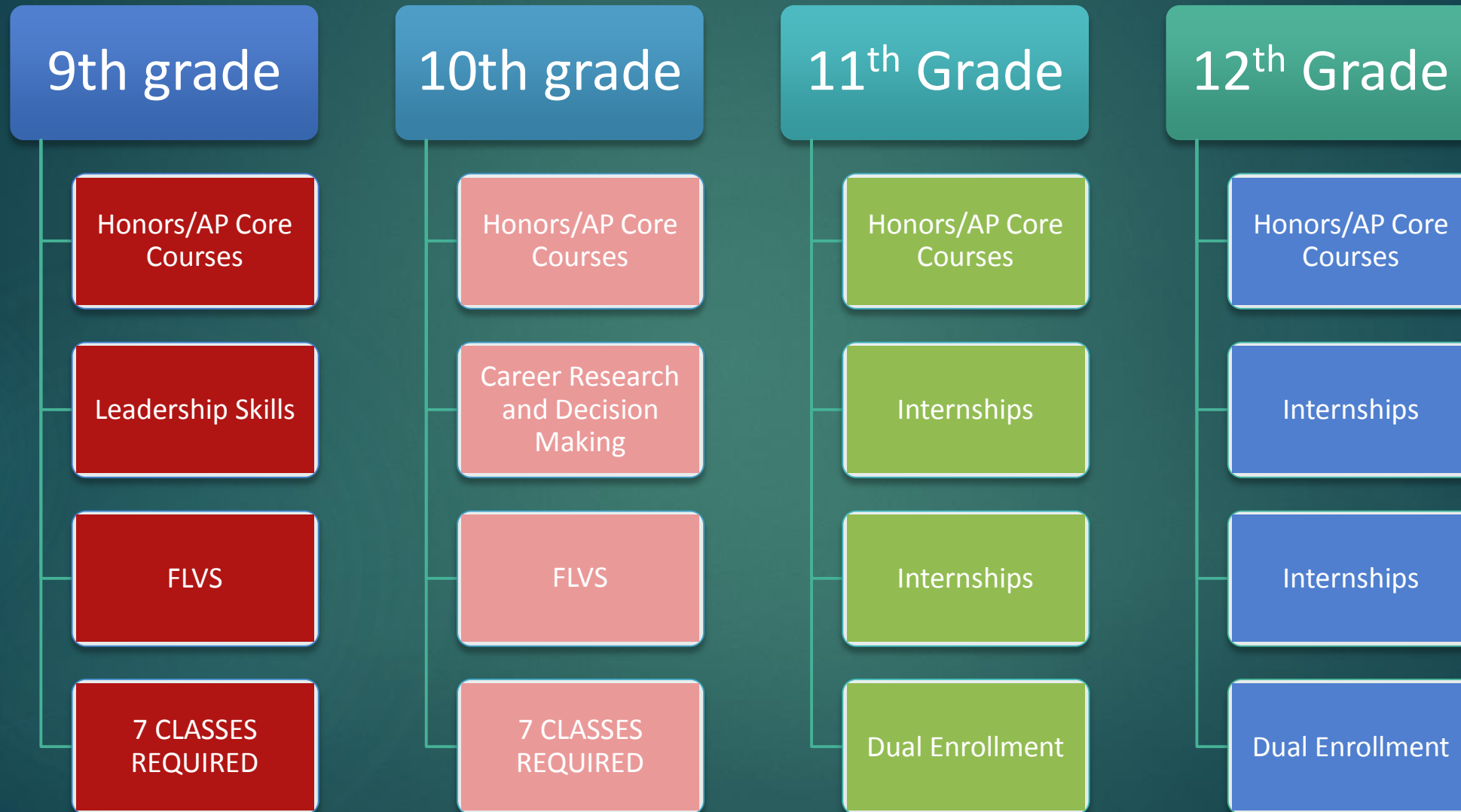
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# Agenda

- ▶ Subject Selection
- ▶ Graduation Requirements
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- ▶ Resources



# *Subject Selection for Next School Year*



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- ▶ **Things to Consider:**
  - ▶ Graduation, college and scholarship requirements
  - ▶ Current level of achievement
  - ▶ Future plans
  - ▶ Rigor
  - ▶ Allocations of time
  - ▶ Stress management
- ▶ **Subject Selection Forms will be distributed in March.**

# *Graduation Requirements*

- ▶ **Diploma Options:** 24 Credits—Scholars, Merit, Standard Diploma (or) 18 Credits
- ▶ **Assessments:** Algebra I EOC & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA ELA
- ▶ **Academic Credits:** 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies
- ▶ **Fine Art** credit, **Personal Fitness** half credit, & **Physical Education** half credit
- ▶ **Electives**—to include Foreign Language for college entrance
- ▶ **FLVS**--online course
- ▶ **Community Service Project**
- ▶ **GPA:** 2.00 Minimum Un-weighted



# Foreign Language

- ▶ What does two years really mean?
- ▶ Is it a requirement? 2,3,4
- ▶ What do colleges want?
- ▶ Florida schools versus others



# Bright Futures Scholarship



Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2019-20 Graduates: 29/1290 2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
FMS	<i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i> 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2019-20 Graduates: 26/1170 2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours

Check progress at: <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/pay-for-college>

# *Dual Enrollment*

- ▶ MDC and FIU only
- ▶ 3.0 unweighted GPA required
- ▶ It is a way to explore an interest or take courses not offered at our school.
- ▶ It is not the way to accelerate in math.
- ▶ It is considered equal to an AP course
- ▶ Summer Term
  - ▶ May and June start dates
  - ▶ Registration will occur after spring break.
- ▶ Fall Term
  - ▶ August start date
  - ▶ Registration must be complete prior to June 3



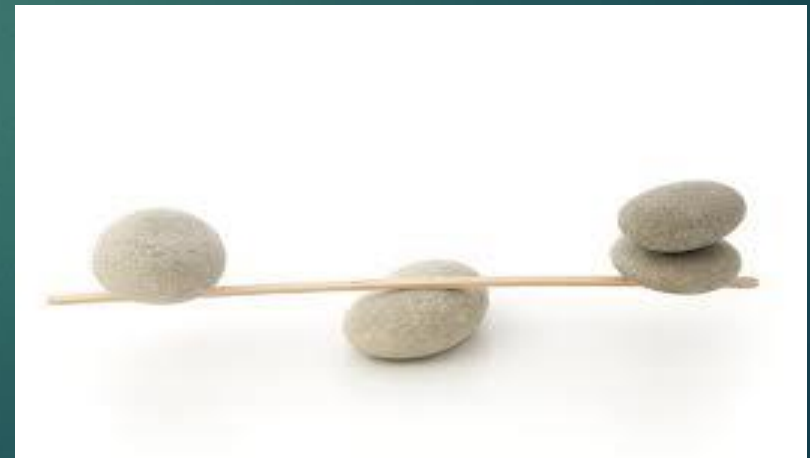
# *What do Colleges Look For?*

- ✓ School Achievement
  - ✓ GPA and rigor of coursework
- ✓ Test Scores
- ✓ Recommendations
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ Interview (not all schools utilize this)
- ✓ Activities



# Balance

- ▶ You and your child need to learn balance.
- ▶ The colleges want it all!
- ▶ Creates stress
- ▶ Rigor, hard work, time management, family obligations, and being a kid
- ▶ Finding meaningful activities is key
- ▶ Quality vs. Quantity
- ▶ It all works out!





# *College Admissions Simplified*

- [app.scoir.com](http://app.scoir.com)
- Allows students to organize their college search and application process
- Parents are able to:
  - View their child's profile
  - See their college list
  - Conduct your own college search and suggest colleges for your student to consider
  - Access financial tools in order to get a better sense of the cost of attendance at various colleges during the selection process.

## Your child is unique. Their admissions experience should be, too.

Helping your student find a school that's right for them can be intimidating – especially when you have just as many questions as they do.

*How far along in the process should we be?*

*Will we be able to afford it?*

*What matters most when searching?*

We hear you. That's why we created the parent experience. Designed for collaboration and to equip you with the information your family needs to make the right choice about college.



Parent Application Overview

### Understand admissions costs

Use our tools to see what the cost of each school will be for your family based on how much you can contribute to their cost of education.

### Research colleges...together.

Search for the basics *and* for unique interests best suited for your kid's success. Then share them for your student to review.

### Stay connected

Stay current with your student's college lists and communicate with them in the platform.

[Parent Overview](#)  
[Student Overview](#)

# Resources

- ✓ Raise.me
  - ✓ Micro-scholarships for grades, activities, SAT
- ✓ Edmodo
- ✓ My FloridaShines- [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org)
- ✓ Going Merry
  - ✓ <https://www.goingmerry.com/c/beatricep-3pzje>

