

TATE HIGH SCHOOL 12TH 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 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)

Algebra 1 EOC or the ACT/SAT/PSAT concordant score

# 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

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENT TAB CONTINUED

- The green check mark on the Graduation Requirement tab indicates that the student satisfied that requirement.
- The hourglass indicates that student is currently enrolled in the class.
- For Personal Fitness/Physical Education credits, those would have to be satisfied for graduation with either a waiver or successfully completing the course.
- \* Sometimes the hourglass doesn't populate for some EOC courses (Algebra, Geometry, US History, Biology) but the grades should be updated on FOCUS.

# 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 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/Escambia Virtual Academy. 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 credit 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.
- .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)
  
- 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)
  
- 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 J/V or Varsity sophomore and junior year can get their Personal Fitness waived for graduation.
  
- 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!

# SAT/ACT/RETAKE TESTING IN FALL

- All 12th graders that have not met their reading and/or math testing requirement for graduation will be taking the SAT non-reportable test in October.
- All 12th graders that have not met their reading and/or math testing requirement for graduation will be taking the ACT in October.
- There will be FSA retakes in the fall for Reading and Algebra.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> graders will also have the opportunity to take the FAST test to give them another chance to earn the reading testing requirement.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> graders will also have the opportunity to take the BEST Algebra test to give them another chance to earn the math testing requirement.

# 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.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE/WORK HOURS

- 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.

*\*Students are now able to use work hours for Bright Futures hours. Students will turn in a copy of their pay stub to their counselor for documentation.*

# BRIGHT FUTURES INFORMATION

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

We are going to have all students apply for Bright Futures in English classes when the application opens. We will come to classes and help complete steps of application. \*There are two parts of the application to complete in order for the application to be finalized.

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 a merit scholarship to those students from Florida who are 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 (NEW OPENING DATE)

**All Seniors need to apply for the FAFSA starting December 1st.**

- **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.**

# FAFSA CONT...

The link for completing a FAFSA application is:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

\*We will have representatives from TRIO at PSC come on campus once a week to help students and parents complete their portions of the application and answer any questions.

\* We will also have FAFSA nights in the fall/winter in order to have representatives meet families to assist with the application process if needed.

# 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 and listed on FOCUS 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. Any senior that took the school day ACT in February will have an ACT account as well.)

# 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.

We will be receiving multiple scholarship applications for seniors and will post the application information in the Class of 2024 Google Classroom and on the Canvas page for students.

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/student-search-service>

This is a partnership with College Board for assistance planning and exploring college and degree programs. Students can plan for college and gain valuable resources to help guide them through the application process.

# 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. Also be careful of opting out of test scores because it could limit scholarship money.) 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.)

# SUS MATRIX (USING 2022-2023 INFORMATION)

Name of Institution	Average GPA	Average SAT	Average ACT	Institution website	Application Link
University of West Florida	F: 3.5 - 4.18 S: 3.4 - 4.05	S: 1050-1170 F: 1050-1220	S: 21-25 F: 21-27	<a href="https://uwf.edu/">https://uwf.edu/</a>	<a href="https://uwf.edu/admissions/">https://uwf.edu/admissions/</a>
University of Central Florida	F: 3.8 – 4.3 S: 3.9 – 4.4	S: 1150-1270 F: 1250-1370	S: 23-27 F: 26-30	<a href="https://www.ucf.edu/">https://www.ucf.edu/</a>	<a href="https://www.ucf.edu/admissions/undergraduate/">https://www.ucf.edu/admissions/undergraduate/</a>
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)	F: 3.7 S: 3.5	S: 1020 F: 1110	S: 16 F: 18	<a href="https://famu.edu/">https://famu.edu/</a>	<a href="https://admissions.famu.edu/index.php">https://admissions.famu.edu/index.php</a>
Florida State University	F: 4.3 – 4.6 S: 4.0 – 4.4	S: 1180-1300 F: 1300-1430	S: 25-29 F: 29-32	<a href="https://www.fsu.edu/">https://www.fsu.edu/</a>	<a href="https://admissions.fsu.edu/">https://admissions.fsu.edu/</a>
University of Florida	F: 4.4 – 4.6 S: 4.4 – 4.6	S: 1240-1420 F: 1370-1500	S: 28-32 F: 31-34	<a href="https://www.ufl.edu/">https://www.ufl.edu/</a>	<a href="https://www.ufl.edu/admissions/">https://www.ufl.edu/admissions/</a>

# 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.

# CAP AND GOWN ASSEMBLY

- **The Senior Cap and Gown Assembly will be on October 12<sup>th</sup> during the school day.**
- **Herff Jones representatives will be on campus for Cap and Gown/Announcement ordering on a selected date after the assembly date.**



# CONTACT INFORMATION

- **12<sup>th</sup> grade counselor: Christy Mills**
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