

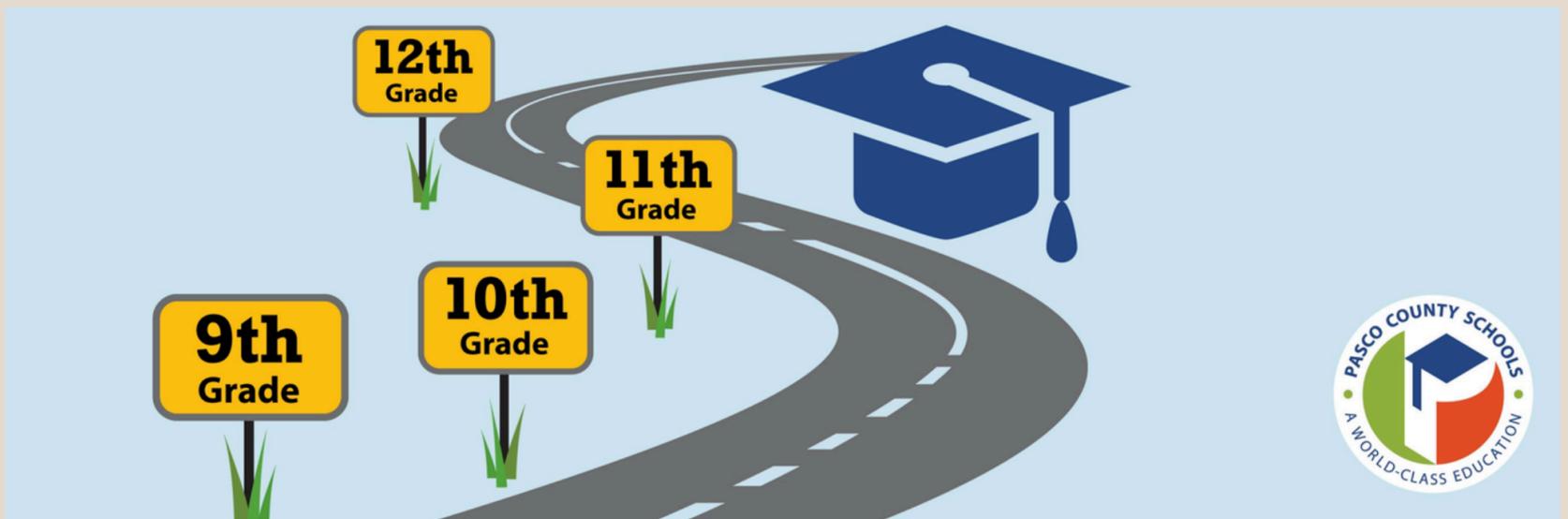
COLLEGE PLANNING

CYPRESS CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



Navigating High School

Pasco County Schools' vision is for each student to achieve success in College, Career and Life. The Navigating High School webpage provides families important information as their student enters high school as well as helpful information when planning for options after high school.



Scan for grade level resources:



High School Roadmap

High school is here – and that means, it's time to buckle down and start creating a plan for the next four years so that you're prepared for the next steps after you cross that graduation stage.

Remember, foreign language is NOT a graduation requirement, but it is required for bright futures.

The fine art credit can also be substituted by any CTAE (business, engineering, criminal justice) course.

Standard 24 Credit Diploma	Accelerated 18 Credit Diploma
4 English	4 English
4 Math (must include Algebra 1, Geometry)	4 Math (must include Algebra 1, Geometry)
3 Science (must include Biology)	3 Science (must include Biology)
1 World History	1 World History
1 US History	1 US History
½ US Government	½ US Government
½ Economics	½ Economics
½ Financial Literacy	½ Financial Literacy
1 PE	1 Fine Art
7.5 Elective credits	2.5 Elective credits
1 Fine Art	
2.0 GPA	2.0 GPA
Pass BEST Algebra 1 (30% of final grade) Pass FAST ELA Exam Take Geometry, Biology, US History EOC (30% of final grade)	Pass BEST Algebra 1 (30% of final grade) Pass FAST ELA Exam Take Geometry, Biology, US History EOC (30% of final grade)



Ninth and tenth grade year

Take the PSAT

- Taking the PSAT is a great way to prepare for the SAT later on. It is also a key part of qualifying to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program. You have to take the PSAT your junior year to qualify, but taking it in 10th grades helps you practice and gives you a good indicator of what you need to study.

Start Volunteering

- You need volunteer hours to qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship.

Begin Looking at Colleges

- Researching your college options is important during this stage. This gives you time to look at universities that offer the majors you're interested in and to plan your campus tours.

Schedule meetings with your College

Counselor

- Request meetings via calendly with Mrs. Kwiat!

Join School Organizations

- Get involved as soon as you can with school clubs or sports. Involvement in extracurriculars, especially if you take on leadership roles, can help your college application stand out and help you develop skills you'll need to succeed in college and beyond.

Junior Year Checklist

- **Begin preparing for the SAT, ACT, or CLT**
- **Take the PSAT to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program**
- **Attend College Fairs**
- **Schedule College Campus Tours**
- **Research and apply for any scholarships and grants**
- **Make a list of important dates and deadlines for scholarships, applications, and financial aid forms**
- **Create a resume highlighting your academic and extracurricular accomplishments (via Xello)**
- **Start asking teachers and counselors for letters of recommendation**
- **Brainstorm ideas for college essays and personal statements**
- **Create a way to keep track of all important documents and communications with colleges and universities**
- **Follow all schools you are interested in on social media**

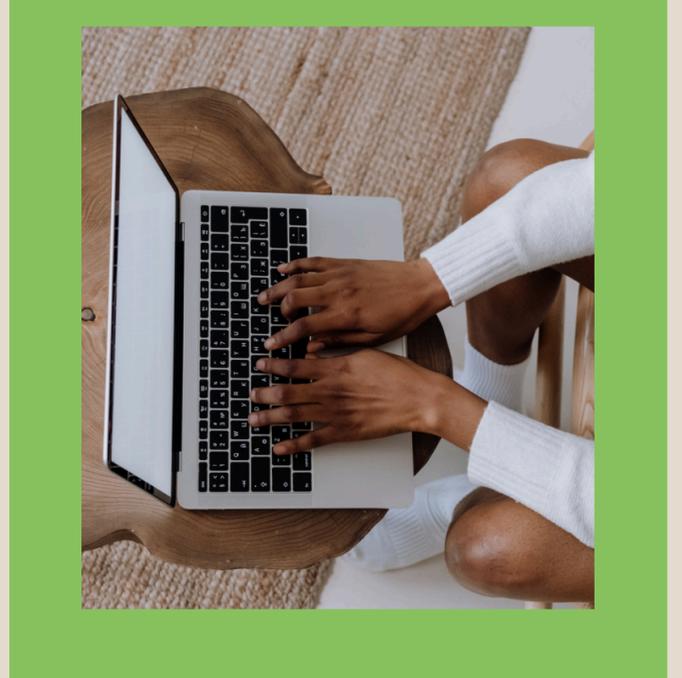
Senior Year Checklist

- Take the SAT/ACT/CLT again if you're not satisfied with your score
- Prepare your college application so you're ready for the early action deadline
- Create a Common App account
- Don't let your schedule strength slip – keep up with your AP and DE courses
- Start working on your self-reported student academic record (SSAR)
- Keep your calendar up-to-date with important dates and deadlines
- Apply for financial aid through the FAFSA
- Continue searching for scholarships
 - Pasco Education Foundation
 - Xello
 - WREC
 - Sean Bartell
 - & more!



THE SSAR FAQ'S

SSAR is the student self-reported academic record that lists the courses and associated grades that have been attempted, or will be attempted, for high school and/or college credit. It replaces the high school and college transcripts used by the Office of Admissions during the initial review process.



How can I make sure my SSAR is accurate?

Accuracy is very important in the completion of your SSAR. Thus, you are advised to have a copy of your high school academic history or transcript available for reference when you create your SSAR. If you are admitted and choose to enroll, you will be required to submit an official final transcript for verification to the Office of Admissions. **(Request your academic history from your counselor)**

Where do I create my SSAR?

Once you submit your application, a link will appear on your status page to create and link your SSAR or you can create SSAR on the website <https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com/Login.aspx>

When do I create my SSAR?

The SSAR website becomes available at the same time the application for admission opens, which is usually in August. You may begin working on your SSAR at the same time you work on your application. Although it is possible to submit your SSAR before submitting your application for admission, you will not be able to link your SSAR to your application until your application has been submitted. Just remember, your application for admission is incomplete and will not be reviewed until your SSAR and test scores have been received.

Do I need to include high school courses taken while I was in middle school/junior high school?

Every academic course that you attempted for high school credit while in middle school/junior high school must be listed on the SSAR. The SSAR entry process allows you to state that the courses were taken while in middle school.

How do I enter my grades on the SSAR?

The SSAR format collects grades on a semester basis. Please refer to the following examples to guide your grade submission: **Request your Academic History from your counselor to complete the section!**

1. Cypress Creek assigns semester grades, you will enter your semester grades as shown on your high school transcript into the appropriate places in the SSAR.
2. However, some courses with EOC's assign a final grade because the EOC is factored into that grade. So, you will enter the final grade twice (first semester and second semester) for year-long classes (one credit), For example, if you earned a grade of B in Algebra I first semester and an A second semester but your FINAL grade with EOC was an A you would enter the A for both semesters. This is clearly indicated on your academic history for each course with a FINAL grade.

How do I report my senior classes?

You should list your senior-year classes as "In Progress" since you will have no grades associated with them.

If your schedule changes, you must immediately update your SSAR. To make changes, simply log in to the SSAR website with the email address and password used to create your original SSAR.

What if I took courses over the summer?

You will enter the class and grade like you would any other class that you have taken during the regular school year; however, you will record the class in the preceding school year. For example, if you took a class between the 9th and 10th grades, you would enter the class with your 9th-grade courses.

How do I enter weighted courses?

There will be a separate field on the SSAR (Course Level) for you to list the type of course it is (i.e. Honors, AP, dual enrollment, etc).

How do I enter my college (dual enrollment) classes and grades?

If you have taken college (dual enrollment) courses, you must self-report all college (dual enrollment) courses and grades listed on your transcript. If your dual enrollment course class fulfills a full year of high school credit, (i.e. English Comp 1) enter the grade twice (first semester and second semester). If your dual enrollment course is 1/2 credit, enter the grade once. Dual enrollment courses should be reported in the appropriate subject area (English, Mathematics, Natural Science, Social Science/History, and World Language). If the dual enrollment course does not fall into one of the subject areas mentioned in the previous sentence, it should be listed in the "Other Coursework" area.

Do I report all of the classes taken and grades earned that are reflected on my transcript?

All attempted coursework must be listed on the SSAR, including repeated coursework or coursework that receives pass/fail grades.

What if I repeated or withdrew from one or more of my classes, or I took a course Pass/Fail?

You must list all attempts on your SSAR including repeats and withdrawals. The same is true for classes in which you earned a grade of pass or fail. Your SSAR must match what is on your high school transcript.

Does it matter if I attended more than one high school and/or college during my academic career?

No. When completing the SSAR you should list all coursework regardless of how many different schools you attended. The high school listed on your SSAR should be the school from which you are graduating.

Can I change the SSAR once it is completed?

Yes. Your SSAR should be as accurate as possible so, if you need to make corrections or your schedule changes, you should update your SSAR. To make changes, log in to the SSAR website with the email address and password used to create your original SSAR. Changes and corrections should be made prior to the SSAR deadline for the college. Your SSAR information will be locked after that time for the selection process.

Do I have to submit my first semester grades in the senior year?

Some schools may require applicants to update the SSAR after the 7th Semester! Be sure to check your application portal to see if the SSAR opens for 7th semester grades! However much of the freshman selection process will have been completed prior to the availability of your first semester senior year grades.

What if I am unsure about the classes that I will be taking during the 2nd semester of my senior year?

You should provide the best estimation of what classes you will be taking when completing the SSAR. If your schedule changes, you will be able to update the SSAR as long as it is prior to the deadline. If the correct information is not listed on your SSAR when we validate your classes and grades from your official high school and college transcripts, your admission is subject to revocation and, if discovered after classes begin, cancellation of registration.

When do I send my official high school and college (if dual enrolled) transcripts?

Only applicants offered admission will be required to submit official high school and college transcripts after graduation. These transcripts will be used to validate the information on the SSAR. Students with inaccurate SSARs will be contacted and their admission is subject to revocation and, if discovered after classes begin, cancellation of registration.

Final tips: Always check the college website for SSAR tutorials & instructions!

Don't hesitate to contact admissions if you have questions!

Bright futures

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid 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 <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

For the student handbook:



Work Hours Form:



Volunteer Hours form:



SAT:



ACT:



CLT:

