

## 2017-2018 Senior Year Checklist

Below are the requirements needed for high school graduation. Please note that colleges and universities may have additional academic requirements including at least two years of the same foreign language.

**You will not walk at graduation if you do not meet ALL graduation requirements!!!**

### Throughout Your Senior Year:

\_\_\_ Continue to take challenging, rigorous courses with a focus on your post-secondary plans (university, community college, vocational program, military, work force). Universities are looking for students with high honor point averages, high SAT and/or Act scores in academic classes. Academic credits are in English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language. In addition to working hard in school and being involved in a variety of activities, try to identify your abilities, interests, and aptitudes. Also look for opportunities to further develop your skills and talents.

\_\_\_ Start (or continue) performing community service hours to apply towards the 20 hour requirement for high school graduation. Students are encouraged to perform more than 20 hours for college acceptance and also for scholarships that may have a community service requirement. Community service logs are available in the front office, online, and at the guidance office.

\_\_\_ Finalize post-secondary choices based on location, price, and majors offered, etc. If you have not researched colleges start researching based on location, price, majors offered, etc. This can be done on the internet, by phone, or in person. Attend open houses if possible.

For a list of Florida's private colleges visit [www.icuf.org](http://www.icuf.org).

For a list of Florida's public colleges visit <http://www.flbog.org/>

Visit <http://www.fldoe.org/CC/foundation/collegeLinks.asp> for a list of Florida's community colleges.

\_\_\_ Gather and complete applications for post-secondary in the fall and adhere to their application deadlines- make sure you keep track of application deadlines. Create a calendar of application, scholarship, and financial aid deadlines; staying organized is key. When completing a college application make sure you follow all directions, if an essay is required please complete one and pay attention to the topic if one is given, make sure you send required test scores, and check to see if your school requires a letter of recommendation. **Apply as early as possible. Remember to be on top of things; don't procrastinate to get things done!**

\_\_\_ [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org) is a website that offers a wealth of information. It provides useful information for college acceptance, scholarship searches, tips for paying for school and applying for college.

\_\_\_ Register to test or retest the SAT and/or ACT online. Fee waivers (if applicable) are available in the guidance office.

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

ACT online [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

G-Star's CEEB number is 101982. These websites also offer test prep and practice tests.

\_\_ Scholarship search websites can be found at [Gstarschool.org](http://Gstarschool.org) under the guidance department page. You will get scholarship information emailed to you from guidance if you signed up to receive this information. Please let guidance know if you update your email.

\_\_ Update your resume of school/community activities, awards, honors, and work experience. Anyone you ask to write a letter of recommendation should be given a copy of your resume. Remember to give that person enough time to write the letter!

\_\_ The Bright Futures Scholarship application is available October 1st at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf). Information for the Bright Futures Scholarship can also be obtained by visiting their website and accessing the handbook.

**-Please name sure your name, date of birth, sex, race, graduation year, and social security number are correct as incorrect information may cause a delay in your scholarship.**

\_\_ The FAFSA application can be found at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) starting October 1st of senior year.

\_\_ Stay focused on your courses as colleges may rescind their acceptance if you have a drop in grades.

\_\_ Please check G-Star's website under Guidance Department for information and updates.