College & Career Prep Matanzas High School Counseling Department



Cap & Gown, Senior Pics, Yearbook, etc

- **Did you know we have an <u>MHS Senior Page</u>?** Matanzas High School seniors should bookmark and check this page and school social media regularly for news and updates. Please verify that your email address, phone number, and address are correct in <u>Skyward</u> in order to receive important information. Parents can update their information by logging into their <u>Parent Portal</u>. Please contact Coach Roe in room 6-134 or Ms. Alred in room 6-152 for senior-related information.
- Have you ordered your cap and gown yet? Please visit the <u>MHS Senior Graduation Items Page</u> for information on ordering your cap and gown.
- **Have you had your senior pictures taken yet?** Please visit the <u>MHS Senior Portraits: Class of 2025 Page</u> for information on booking your senior pictures session. You can also book an appointment for a headshot only with Cady Studios through their Roadshow Senior Pictures. Cady Studios will be at MHS on October 9th in the Pirate Theater Lobby from 9:30am 4pm to take the headshots.
- Need information on school activities and events such as Grad Bash, Prom, Graduation, Senior Awards Ceremony, etc? Please contact the MHS Activities Director, Mr. Rob Roe, at roer@flaglerschools.com or see him in Rm. 6-134.
- Need information on how to <u>order a yearbook</u>? Please purchase yearbooks at <u>jostensyearbooks.com</u> or in Ms. Graifer in Rm. 1-202 (cash or check made out to MHS Yearbook)

College & Career Research

- How can I research colleges and career pathways?
 - College/Career research resources & search engines <u>My Next Move</u>, <u>Big Future</u>, <u>Florida State University System Guide</u>
 - Participate in <u>Florida Shines College 101 webinars</u> How to select a college, apply and fund your journey
 - Take a career interest inventory <u>O*Net Interest Profiler</u> and see the <u>Occupational</u> <u>Outlook Handbook</u> or get the CareerInfo App to research info about pay, career outlook, required skills, education, etc
 - **College Tours -** Check Schoology for opportunities and check outside Ms. Erin Davis's door (6-209) for permission forms
 - Join <u>MHS clubs and organizations</u>
 - Ex. DECA Club that prepares emerging leaders & entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, hospitality, entrepreneurship, finance, and business administration
 DECA Sponsor - Ms. Julie Davis (Rm. 5-202; Meets Mondays after school 2:50-3:30pm - you will need to arrange for your own transportation home)

Trade Programs & Workforce Training

• Interested in a skilled trade?

- Flagler Technical College provides workforce preparedness, and students develop marketable skills through hands on work experiences with industry professionals
 - Programs: AC refrigeration, and heating tech; (CDL); Early Childhood Ed; Electrician; EMT; Facials Speciality; Heavy Equipment Operations; Medical Assisting; Nursing Assistant (CNA); Phlebotomy
- <u>Daytona State College School of Workforce Training</u> Offers short term skilled trades training to assist students in quickly accessing the workforce (May include part time work while in school)
 - Programs: Auto service, collision/repair; Building trades; Machining; Electrical Apprentice (Union/Non Union); Heating ventilation, air, refrigeration; Plumbers and Pipefitters (Union); Welding
- **DSC Adviser Mr. Allan Nedorostek** is in the Upper Spot during both lunches approx every 2 weeks (9/25, 10/9, 10/16, etc) Please see him for questions and info

Community Service & Volunteer Work

- Why should I accumulate hours and how many hours do I need?
 - Accumulating community service hours is a great way to look marketable for scholarships, and demonstrate leadership and community dedication
 - 100 volunteer or paid work hours for the top Bright Futures scholarship
 - An average of 250 hours look good for scholarship committee boards

- How can I obtain hours and how do I record them?
 - Join an <u>MHS community-based club</u>
 - Visit <u>flaglervolunteer.org</u>
 - Keep an eye on Schoology, MHS social media, website, email and announcements for opportunities (Ex. Teen Court)
 - Record your hours on the <u>MHS log sheet</u> and turn in to the Guidance Secretary, in the Upper Spot (keep a copy of your log sheets!)

Scholarships & Financial Aid

- How can I find scholarships?
 - Utilize scholarship search engines, such as <u>Big Future</u>, <u>FloridaShines</u>, <u>Fastweb</u>, <u>Raiseme</u>, or <u>ROTC Scholarships</u>
 - **Other potential opportunities** community business, parent employers, local church or community group (Ex. Girl/Boy Scouts)
 - <u>Award Spring Application</u>- Senior local scholarships available in Fall of student's senior year through the <u>Flagler County Education Foundation</u>

• What is financial aid and how can I apply for it?

- Financial Aid can cover the difference of what a college costs and what the family can afford to pay
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Open on Dec. 1st of senior year
 - Complete FAFSA as early as possible for the best packages
 - <u>FAFSA Help</u> FAQ's, Video tutorials, Email, Chat and Phone support

Bright Futures Scholarships & Grants

- What are the **<u>Bright Futures Scholarships</u>**?
 - Merit scholarships based on academic achievement
 - Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) -100% of tuition/fees
 - Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) 75% of tuition/fees
 - Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) 75% of tuition/fees-must be enrolled in postsecondary career education or certificate program

• How do I qualify for and apply for Bright Futures scholarships & grants?

- Submit a Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) which opens on
 October 1st (see provided step by step FFAA guide)
- \circ $\,$ Achieve required ACT, CLT, SAT, or PERT scores $\,$
- Complete needed courses and meet qualifying GPA/hours volunteer, paid work, or combination of both
- 8/31 deadline for mid year early grads if planning on attending college in the spring or 1/31 for Fall admission

Bright Futures Scholarships (FAS &

Туре	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 (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language (sequential, in same language) 	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS		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.

Bright Futures Scholarships (GSV)

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score	
	Reading	19	
ACT®	English	17	
	Mathematics	19	
SAT® (March 1, 2024, and thereafter)	Critical Reading or Evidence- Based Reading and Writing	490	
	Mathematics	480	
Ø	Reading Test	24	
SAT®	Writing and Language Test	25	
(Prior to March 1, 2024)	Math Test	24	
DEDC	Reading	106	
(Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Writing	103	
(Only applies to the GSV Scholarship)	Mathematics	114	

Required test scores follow those established by State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.0315, F.A.C.

College Entrance Exams

• Why should I take college entrance exams?

- These exams provide a measure of a student's college readiness
- Most colleges consider these exams for admissions, course placement and financial aid decisions, even if the college is test optional
- Students can take these exams in 11th and 12th grade
- <u>Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)</u>
 - SAT Practice <u>College Board</u> and <u>Khan Academy</u>
- American College Test (ACT)
 - ACT Practice <u>ACT Test Prep</u> and <u>Kaplan</u>
- <u>Classic Learning Test (CLT)</u>
 - CLT Practice <u>CLT Test Prep</u>
- What is the difference between the ACT and SAT?
- <u>Comparing the CLT to the ACT and SAT</u>
- See the ACT, CLT, SAT info sheet in the prep packet

Armed Services Vocational Battery (ASVAB)

- Timed, multi-aptitude test, measures ability and helps determine success in career areas, used to determine potential military job
- Sign up with 1st Sergeant Caraballo in **Rm. 5-210** to take the ASVAB at MHS offered on the following dates -
 - Thursday <u>9/26/24</u> and Thursday <u>2/27/25</u>
 - ASVAB Practice Tests
 - ASVAB Sample Questions & Other Info
 - ASVAB Career Exploration Program

College & Career Fairs

- What are college fairs and why should I attend them?
 - Time saving opportunities for students to gather info from a number of colleges in one convenient location or platform
 - Get info on admissions requirements, campus life, majors, staff to student ratio, scholarships/financial aid, etc
 - Flagler Schools College & Career Fair
 - Monday Sept. 23rd 5-6:30pm Matanzas High School
 - National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) <u>College Fairs</u>
 - Sept. 22nd Orlando 1-4pm <u>Register</u>
 - Oct. 5th Jacksonville 9am-1pm <u>Register</u>

Applying to College

- How do I apply to college?
 - Check out this <u>Step by Step Guide</u> on how to apply to colleges
- Should I apply to colleges individually straight through the college's website or use a resource like Common App?
 - Pros & Cons of Common App
 - <u>Common Application</u> A non profit organization that simplifies the application process and allows students to apply to multiple colleges at once
 - Common Questions a set of questions that all colleges ask and students only need to answer once
 - School Specific Questions colleges will add supplemental questions specific to their school
 - Application Dashboard tool that students can use to track applications, needed documents, and deadlines
 - **Guidance** application assistance for first year and transfer students
 - **Financial Aid Resources** access to financial aid info and opportunities
 - <u>Common Application guide for first year students</u>
 - SAVE THE DATE! 12/9/24 DSC Senior Admissions Day Media Center If you plan on attending Daytona State College, sign up with Ms. Wanda several weeks before 12/9!

Recommendation Letter & Resume

- Who would be a good candidate to write a letter?
 - Adults who can validate your hard work and dedication in school, a job, extracurricular activities, leadership/community/volunteer work
 - Teacher, mentor, coach, faith or community leader, supervisor
 - Ex. You've been in the culinary program for 2-3 years and are planning on a career in the field. The culinary instructor could provide information that highlights your strengths as well as describe real life examples of your personality and character
 - Check out <u>Big Future How to Get a Great Letter of Recommendation</u>
- How can I create or update my resume?
 - Consider using resources such as <u>Anatomy of a High School Resume</u>, and <u>Google Resume Templates</u>
 - <u>Common App Brag Sheet</u>

Fall To Do List

- Wrap up college research and narrow your list of colleges to between 5-8
 - Applying to college can be a lot of work and can be emotionally taxing, plus application fees can quickly add up
- Create a college timeline list/calendar or use the timeline document we provided (see packet)
 - Create an application process timeline or calendar that <u>includes deadlines for</u> -
 - College applications
 - Tests, fees, registration and test dates
 - Financial Aid and scholarship applications
 - Housing applications
 - Official transcripts
 - Recommendation letters (if needed)

• Apply to your colleges

- Students generally apply to their colleges between August and prior to Thanksgiving Break - Check your college's admissions deadlines/important dates!
- FSU, FAU and UCF have very early action deadlines Oct. 15th!

Fall To Do List

- Take the SAT and/or ACT and CLT again
 - The additional coursework you completed and study time since your last exam attempt may boost your performance
 - Send your scores to your colleges directly through your <u>College Board (SAT)</u>, <u>ACT</u>, or <u>CLT</u> account
 - Most colleges accept <u>superscores</u>, but not all do
 - Check with each college for their <u>superscore policy</u>
- October December Financial Aid
 - Oct 1st Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
 - Dec. 1st Complete the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA)
 - Check if your college has their own specific FAFSA completion deadline
- Planning on attending Daytona State College after graduation?
 - Monday Dec. 9th is Daytona State College Senior Admission Day in the MHS Media Center from 8:10am - 2:50pm
 - DSC advisers will be at MHS to assist seniors with the application process, enrollment and course registration. Please see Mrs. Pittman, the Guidance Secretary in the Upper Spot, to <u>schedule your appointment</u> several weeks BEFORE 12/9!

Transcript Requests

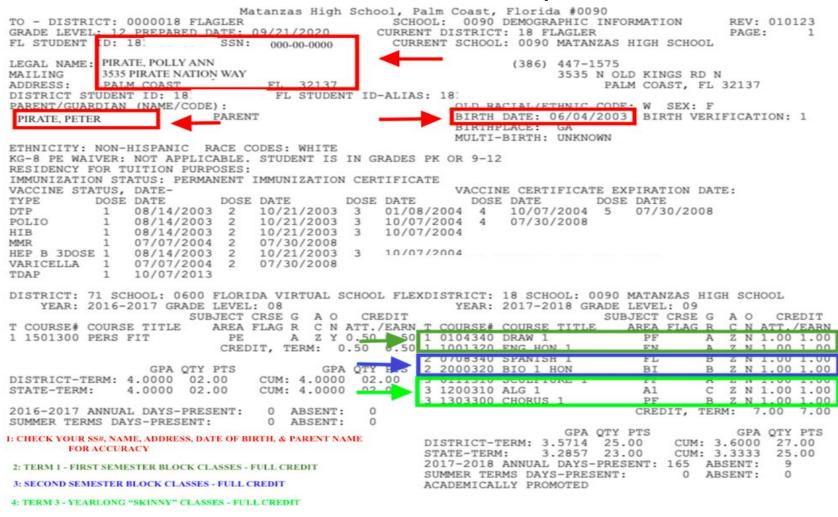
• Official Transcript

- Visit the <u>MHS Transcript Request page</u> to complete the form
 - Have college admissions addresses on hand
 - Be mindful of college admissions deadlines and consider time it will take for transcript processing and mailing
 - Mail transcript yourself priority mail if needed!

Finish Strong!

- Colleges want to know what you accomplished in between the time you applied and were accepted, and will follow up on if you completed courses that you said you would
- Use <u>MHS tutoring/Test Retakes</u> and <u>Varsity Tutors</u> for a wide range of **FREE** resources to support students academically
- Retake tests/quizzes, strive for good grades, continue with school and community involvement in clubs, sports and extracurricular activities
- Take your final exams, AICE, AP or other applicable course exams
- Refer to this presentation and prep packet as needed **the packet and presentation is posted on the** <u>MHS Guidance Page</u>

How to Read Your Transcript



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