



Grade 9 Counseling Presentation

Naples High School



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To Graduate High School

- 4 English
- 4 Math (Alg 1 & Geo)
- 3 Science (Biology)
- 3 Soc. Studies (World, US History, Gov't/Econ)
- 1 HOPE
- 1 Perform/Fine Arts/Car Tech
- .5 Personal Financial Literacy
- Balance Electives for 24 Credits
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Pass FAST ELA/Alg 1 BEST

Bright Futures and 4-year College/University

- 2 World languages (same)
- Community Service/work hours
- SAT/ACT qualifying test scores
- CEEB Code: 101210
- CLT qualifying test FL schools ONLY
- Alg 1A, AP Comp Sci does not count for Math
- Biomed Classes do not count for Science

Online requirement dropped as of July 1, 2023
Community service has NEVER been required for graduation



Why Does Testing Matter?

Your scores on:

- PM3
- Algebra EOC
- Geometry EOC
- Biology EOC
- US History EOC
- All AP and AICE tests

Factor in placement in classes for the following year.

PM3 is used to determine placement in intensive reading.



4 Year Plan

9th Grade

English

Math

Science

HOPE

3 Electives

*Eng/Math block

11th Grade

English

Math

Science

US History

Personal Financial Literacy

2 Electives

*Eng/Math block

10th Grade

English

Math

Science

World History

3 Electives

*Eng/Math block

12th Grade

English

Math

Government/Econ

4 Electives

*Eng/Math block

- Fine/ Perf Art/ Career Tech class



Why Do Grades Matter?

- Typically, there are about 13 grades per 9 weeks
- Missing 1-2 assignments can bring your grades down almost an entire letter grade
- It is much more difficult to bring up a low GPA than to fixing one bad grade. A big hole in the beginning can take the rest of your high school career to fix.
- All the fun activities require a 2.0 or higher GPA: sports, homecoming dances, graduation, etc.
- 2.0 is the minimum, strive to be higher so you don't have to stress
- GPA is calculated every semester, eligibility for sports is also determined by semester.
- The higher your GPA the more opportunities you have throughout high school and once your graduate!



How to calculate semester grades

Calculating Semester half credit grades:

Letter Grade	Quality Points earned per letter grade	Quarter (counts twice)	Exam (counts once)	Total Points Earned per semester
A	4	8	4	18-20
B	3	6	3	13-17
C	2	4	2	8-12
D	1	2	1	5-7
F	0	0	0	0-4

	Quarter	Quarter	Midterm or Final	Total points earned	Final Letter Grade
Letter grade earned	B	C	D		
Points Earned	3 (grade counts twice)	2 (grade counts twice)	1 (grade counts once)	6+4+1=11	C

If student fails one semester, a year-long grade will be calculated by combining grades from both semesters if student earns at least one quality point in each semester:

C	15-24 points
D	10-14 points
F	0-9 points



How to calculate year-long grades

EXAMPLE of EOC as 30% of final year-long course grade:

	Semester 1			Semester 2			Final Grade
	Quarter 1 15%	Quarter 2 15%	Exam 10%	Quarter 3 15%	Quarter 4 15%	EOC 30%	
Letter Grade Earned	B	C	F	C	D	C	
Points Earned	3	2	0	2	1	2	
Points Earned *Weighted	$3 \times .15 = .45$	$2 \times .15 = .30$	$0 \times .10 = .00$	$2 \times .15 = .30$	$1 \times .15 = .15$	$2 \times .30 = .60$	
Total Points Earned	$.45 + .30 + .00 = .75$			$.30 + .15 = .45$.60	1.8 = C

Conversion	
3.5 and above	A
2.5 to 3.499	B
1.5 to 2.499	C
1.0 to 1.499	D
.50 to .999	F



How to calculate GPA

How GPA's are Calculated

- **State Unweighted GPA Calculation**
 - **A** = 4 Points **B** = 3 Points **C** = 2 Points **D** = 1.0 Point **F** = 0 Points
 - Number points earned divided by number of credits attempted (points earned per whole credit, only add in half points for 0.5 credits)
- **CCPS Weighted GPA Calculation**
 - **Honors Courses**
 - add .02 points to each semester with grade of "C" or better
 - Ex. English 1 Hon. A = 4.04 (entire full credit course)
 - **Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment/AICE**
 - add .04 points to each semester with grade of "C" or better
 - Ex. AP Biology
 - Grade "A" = 4.08 (entire full credit course)
 - Honors/AP/AICE/DE weight is added to State Unweighted GPA
- **Bright Futures Recalculated Academic Core GPA:**
 - Academic Core Courses receive weight. Academic Core Courses are added together with the weight and divided by the number of courses taken.
 - Honors Courses receive .5 weight
 - AP, AICE, D/E Courses receive 1.0 weight



Credit Denial

Credit Denial is based on: **ATTENDANCE!**
9 Absences or More

Tips to Avoid Credit Denial

- Come to school everyday
- If sick, have your parents call in or email: nhsnotes@collierschools.com
- If you go to one of these places, get a note and turn it in, to the attendance office:
 - Doctors
 - Dentist
 - Court
- Communicate with your counselor and Ms. Quintero/Mr. Edwards



9th Grade “Must Do” List

- **Check your grades weekly** – if you are not doing well ask your teacher for help!
- **Start your High School Resume-** things to include: all activities, community service, jobs, awards. (Update this every quarter/semester.)
- **Get involved! Join something now!** Try as many things as interest you. Students who are involved in clubs, music, sports or other activities tend to have higher grades.
- **Get in a good study routine.** Do not wait until right before the test. Try learning information in chunks so you will remember it better! Try using Quizlet to help you study. Some notes are better than no notes!
- **Start using tools online to explore careers** that might seem interesting to you (my Big Future & XELLO are great!)
- **Stay focused on graduation!** The higher your GPA the more opportunities you have throughout high school and once you graduate!



Local Resources

Depending on what path you take you might decide to look into:

The Military– try talking to the recruiters and find out the differences between the branches

A Technical school/Trade school– iTech and Lorenzo Walker are in Collier County; links to both are available on the School Counselor Canvas page – Click on the Student Resource button on the home page to get there. (Many certifications can be earned in 12-18 months.)

Community College– Florida Southwestern State College is a short drive from our campus. There are you can earn an Associates Degree, start your 4-year degree, or earn a certification.

University– FGCU is about a 30-minute drive! A state university with plenty of programs to choose from, you can even live on campus!



Dual Enrollment/AP & AICE

Dual Enrollment:

- Must complete your HOPE and Fine Arts requirement 9th or 10th grade year
- GPA requirements and test requirement are determined by FSW and FGCU
- The GPA you earn at FSW or FGCU starts your college/university GPA: You cannot erase it! It follows you everywhere.
- You must be a good self advocate! Parents, counselors and high school staff cannot communicate with professors for you. Additionally, we cannot see your grades until you complete the class.
- The drop/add period is very short (first week of classes) and you are not always able to drop the course once you start.

AP & AICE

- Courses are taught at Naples High School by our teachers.
- College credit is earned by test, no letter grade is assigned to the credit, so no college GPA is transferred.
- Your parents, counselors and high school staff can you see your grades and speak with the teachers.
- Drop/Add follow the CCPS policies.
- College credit may or may not be awarded depending on your test score and where you attend college/university.
- Your place in AP/AICE is determined by reading score



Career Dual Enrollment

Lorenzo Walker – Career and Technical College Opportunities beginning Junior Year

- Must be on track for graduation
- Must pass both reading and math test to attend
- Must have minimum 2.0 to attend
- Attendance and Discipline records will be reviewed and play a part if you are placed in a program
- Student should have completed their CT/Fine Arts credit & Personal Finance before attending
- Some programs do offer transportation



Bright Futures Award Matrix

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /CLT [®] /SAT [®]) ²	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing)	3.50	2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)		2026-27 Graduates: 29/95/1330		
FMS	3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.00	2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours
	3 - Social Science		2026-27 Graduates: 24/82/1190		
	2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)				

¹The 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](#).

²Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

GSV & GSC: for more info visit:

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/>



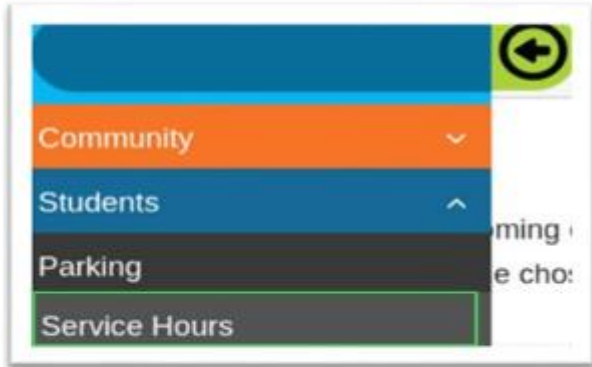
CCPS Portal

(for documenting work/volunteer hours)

Instructions are #4 Community Service hours/paid work hours information (on the 25-26 School Counselor Canvas page)

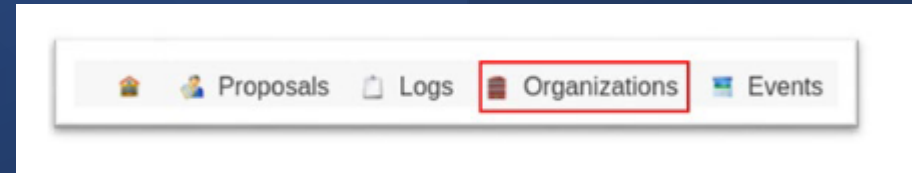
1 Log in through the CCPS Portal

Click the green arrow and navigate to Students then Service Hours



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3 Click the organization tab in the top menu bar



4 create and submit proposal which parent then approves

5 Create & submit a log for site supervisor and counselor approval

6 hours will roll overnight into focus

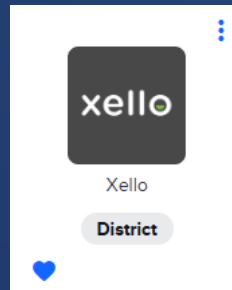
*For work hours, you can go directly to log, no proposal needed. Just upload paystub to log and submit for counselor approval



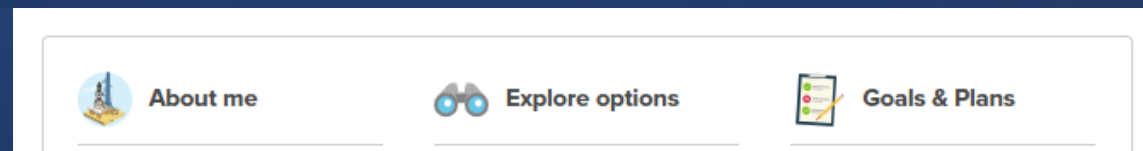
Where Can I?

Access Career, College, and Scholarship Tools?

- Go to your Clever
- Click on Xello



In Xello you will find –



Learn about your: Personality Style, Learning Style, Likes and Dislikes

Explore: Colleges, Careers, Majors & Programs, Apprenticeships and More

Plan: Make both long- and short-term goals for your future, review your 4-year Plan, Look for Scholarships



Where Can I?

Make an appointment with my Counselor or find resources?

Visit the NHS School Counselor 25-26 Class on Canvas:



Click on Student Resources:



Please report directly to the Counseling Office for non-academic/scheduling emergencies.

To make an appointment with your counselor please click on their name below. Please do not fill out more than one form. Appointments will open next week. Please note this is NOT for emergencies! Please report directly to the Counseling Office for emergencies.

Last Name

A-E: [Ms. Fravel](#)

F-L: [Mrs. Maisano](#)

M-R: [Mrs. Ross](#)

S-Z: [Ms. Gauly](#)

You will find a list of links to resources to help you throughout the year!

Please read our messages and announcements in Canvas! This is our best way to communicate with you!

Additionally, Counselors are available at lunch with no appointment everyday. Please come at the beginning of lunch!!



Who Can Help?

- **I've been late several times, but something is going on at home.** - Mrs. Quintero, Mr. Edwards, your counselor can help too if you can't find them!
- **I know something bad is happening or is going happen!** –Mrs. Quintero, Mr. Edwards, our AWESOME Deputies, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Manento - any adult with a radio can find you someone! FORTIFYFL will get the word the right people ASAP too & it is an online app. Please do not wait.
- **I know my grades are not what they should be, but I can't find a place to start** – Your counselor and your teachers can help you!
- **I just need to talk.** – Counselor and counseling team in the Guidance Department
- **Someone at school is homeless-** Counselor
- **I was out sick and need to make up my work** – Teachers ASAP! AND turn your Dr. note into Ms. Herber or Ms. Phelps in Attendance or email to: nhsnotes@collierschools.com
- **I think I have the flu or food poisoning** – Nurse Beata in the Clinic!
- **I saw a car accident in the parking lot** – Deputies or any adult in the office
- **I am going to be gone for an extended time due to travel or surgery** – Mrs. Quintero, Mr. Edwards, your counselor.
- **My laptop is not working** – Ms. Sexton or Ms. Holt in the Media Center
- **I rocked my test and feel great about myself** – TELL ALL OF US! We love sharing your good news!
- **I owe money for a badge or lost textbook** – Ms. LaCroix through the Activities
- **I have questions about sports, clubs or AKTIVATE** – Ms. Hendry in Activities



Who is My Counselor?

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