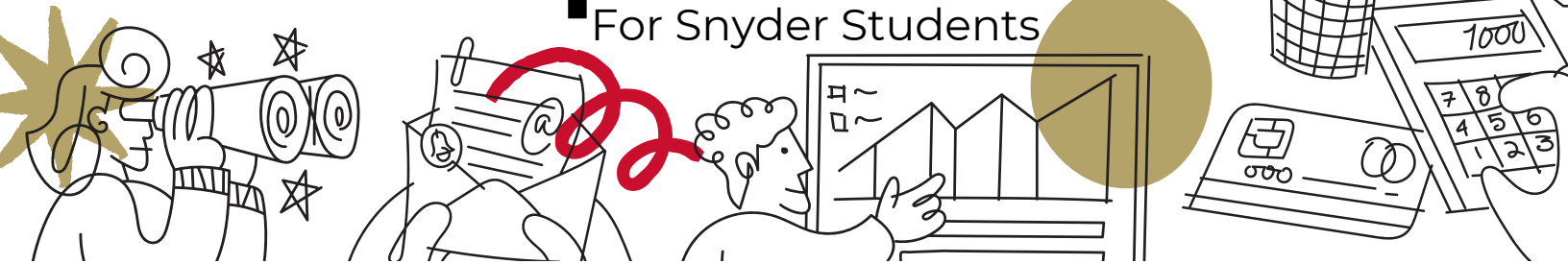


Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Guide

For Snyder Students



This guide outlines how to calculate the Bright Futures GPA for Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) using the 2026-2027 Bishop John J. Snyder High School course offerings.

The "Academic 16" Core Credits

The State of Florida calculates the Bright Futures GPA using exactly 16 core college-preparatory credits. Although 28 credits are required to graduate from Bishop Snyder, only these 16 are used for the scholarship GPA:

Required Core Credits:

- **English (4 credits):** Must include substantial writing.
- **Mathematics (4 credits):** Must be at or above the Algebra I level.
- **Natural Science (3 credits):** Two must have substantial laboratory components.
- **Social Science (3 credits):** Includes History, Government, and Economics.
- **World Language (2 credits):** Must be two sequential years of the same language.

How the Calculation Works

Weighting:

- 0.50 quality points are added per year course (0.25 per semester) for all Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.
- Example: An 'A' in Algebra II is a 4.0, but an 'A' in Algebra II Honors is 4.5.

GPA Calculation:

- The GPA is calculated to two decimal places and is not rounded up.

The "Booster" Rule:

- If you take more than 16 core credits, the state uses your highest grades to meet the 16. You can use up to two additional credits from any academic area above- or from AP Fine Arts- to further raise your GPA.

Eligible Courses at Bishop Snyder (2026-2027)

Core Academic Credits:

These courses count toward the primary 16 core credits:

- **English:** English I, II, III, IV (Standard & Honors); AP Language; AP Literature.
- **Mathematics:** Algebra I; Geometry (Standard & Honors); Algebra II (Standard & Honors); Probability and Statistics; Math for Data and Finance (Standard & Honors); Pre-Calculus Honors; AP Statistics; AP Calculus AB.
- **Natural Science:** Integrated Science; Biology (Standard, Honors, II Honors); Chemistry (Standard, Honors, II Honors); Physics Honors; Anatomy and Physiology Honors; Astronomy; Marine Science; AP Biology; AP Physics 1; AP Chemistry
- **Social Science:** World Geography; World History (Standard & Honors); American History (Standard & Honors); American Government (Standard & Honors); Economics (Standard & Honors); Psychology; Philosophy; AP European History; AP World History: Modern; AP U.S. History; AP Macroeconomics; AP U.S. Government and Politics, AP Human Geography
- **World Language:** French I, II, III Honors, IV Honors; Spanish I, II, III Honors, IV Honors; AP Spanish Language and Culture.

These Courses May Increase Your GPA (Elective Boosters):

These do not count toward the initial 16 but can be used as "additional credits" (up to 2) to raise your GPA:

- **AP Fine Arts:** AP 2-D Art and Design; AP 3-D Art and Design; AP Drawing.

Non-Counting Courses:

While required for graduation, these are not academic core credits for Bright Futures:

- **Religion:** Religion 9, 10, 11, and 12 (All sections).
- **Language Arts Electives:** Speech, Debate, Creative Writing I & II.
- **Social Studies Electives:** Career Research, Personal Finance.
- **Physical Education:** Personal Fitness, Team Sports, Weight Training, Athletic Training.
- **Fine Arts:** Art I & II Honors; Portfolio Honors; Intro to Guitar; Band I-V; Intro to Music Theory; Choir I-IV.
- **Technology & Vocational:** Digital Information Technology; Game Development; Graphic Design - Yearbook.
- **Academic Success:** Achieving Mastery, Critical Thinking and Study Skills (CTS); Strategic Management.

Other Requirements:

Required Scores and GPA for 2026-2027 Graduates

Scholarship Award	ACT® (Composite)	CLT® (Overall Score)	SAT® (Combined)
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) GPA: 3.50	29	95	1330
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) GPA: 3.00	24	82	1190

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