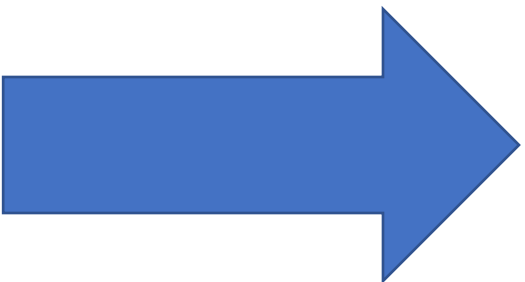


College Application Season

IB Class of 2024 and 2025
Monday, October 2, 2023
6:30-7:30PM in the DHS
Auditorium



Have a plan
and work
the plan.



FALL

- Strengthen Your College List*:** Meet with a counselor about your college choices and, if you've not yet done so, download college applications and financial aid forms. Make sure you have a balanced list of academic safety, fit, and reach schools. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible. **Virtual visits**
- Create a master list or calendar that includes:**
 - Tests you'll take and their fees, dates, and registration deadlines
 - College application due dates
 - Required financial aid application forms and their deadlines (aid applications may be due before college applications) **Bright Futures open October 1, 2023**
 - Other materials you'll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.) **Request transcripts from the registrar**
 - Your high school's application processing deadlines
- Ask a counselor** to help you request a fee waiver if you can't afford application or test fees. **Fee waivers- free/reduced lunch application**
- Improve Your Score*:** Many seniors retake the SAT in the fall. Additional coursework and practice with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® since your last test could help you boost your performance. Plus you already know what to expect on test day.
- Be sure** to have your SAT scores sent to the colleges to which you are applying.

FAFSA OPENS DECEMBER 1, 2023

- Complete the FAFSA*:** To apply for most financial aid, you'll need to complete the FAFSA. Oct. 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA.
- Complete the CSS Profile:** CSS Profile™ is an online application used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to determine eligibility for their aid dollars.
- Prepare** early decision/early action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible. Nov. 1–15: Colleges may require test scores and applications between these dates for early decision admission. **Beginning Nov. 1**
- Ask a counselor or teacher** for recommendations if you need them. Give each teacher or counselor an outline of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, provide a stamped, addressed envelope and any college forms required. **Ask at least 2 weeks in advance**
- Write first drafts** and ask teachers and others to read them if you're submitting essays. If you're applying for early decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- Apply to College*:** Submit your applications to the schools that you want to attend.
- Ask counselors** to send your transcripts to colleges. Give counselors the proper forms at least two weeks before the colleges require them.



The College Application Process

Floridashines.org- great free resource for college planning, career research, and staying on track for graduation.

Cappex.com

Choose which colleges you'd like to apply to:

safety, match, reach

Become familiar with the admissions pages of the universities to which you'd like to apply.

What's a Safety school?

A safety school is any college or university where you have an 80% chance or higher of being accepted. Although you can never be sure whether a school will admit you, compare your SAT or ACT scores and GPA to their student body average. You should be in the 75th percentile or above for a campus to be considered a safe bet. Put another way, safeties are colleges that accept the majority of applicants.

SOURCE:

<https://www.cappex.com/articles/match-fit/what-are-safety-reach-and-match-schools>

What's a Match school?

Match schools are typically known as a perfect fit when it comes to applying to colleges. They're not hard for you to get into, but you're not guaranteed admission. Your GPA and test scores should match those of the current incoming freshman class.

A college is considered a good fit if your admissions test scores are between the 25th and 75th percentiles of students enrolled at the college.

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What's a Reach school?

“A reach school is a college or university that you may have difficulty getting into due to your current resume, or due to sheer acceptance rates. Reach schools are typically more prestigious institutions with acceptance rates at or under 30 or 20 percent.

Common examples of reach schools are Ivy leagues, like Harvard, the University of Chicago, Yale, and MIT. Reach schools admit very few students or have requirements you may not meet. That's not to say you won't get in – plenty of students receive acceptance letters from their first-choice reach schools. Remember, it's called a reach college because it'll be a lot of hard work to create a strong application.

It's important to remember that reach schools differ from applicant to applicant. With that in mind: what is a reach college for you? Generally, a college is considered a reach if your test scores fall below the 25th percentile of students enrolled at the college.”

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**College Application
Platforms**

Institutional Applications

The Common Application

The Coalition



A word cloud of college admissions-related terms. The words are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with varying sizes and orientations. The most prominent words are 'COLLEGE' and 'ADMISSIONS', both in large, bold, blue capital letters. Other words include 'Test', 'Students', 'Diversity', 'Interests', 'Requirements', 'Race', 'Merit', 'Tips', 'Extracurricular', 'Aid', 'Transcripts', 'System', 'Objectives', 'Prepare', 'Apply', 'Placement', 'Season', 'Grades', 'Acceptance Letter', 'Essay', 'Guidance', 'Fairness', 'Interview', and 'Profile'. The words are in shades of blue and cyan, with some in a lighter, more transparent font. The background is white.

Test Students Diversity
Interests Requirements
Race Merit COLLEGE
Process Tips ADMISSIONS Profile
Extracurricular Aid Transcripts
System Objectives Prepare
Grades Apply Placement Season Online
Grades Acceptance Letter Essay
Guidance Fairness Interview



Application Deadlines and fees

- Know and meet the deadlines for early admission, early action and regular admission, financial aid/scholarships, special programs and housing
- State University System preferred application deadlines are published on the SUS Counselor Guide (yellow packet)
- Check Florida private colleges and out of state universities for deadlines
- Application fee waivers are available to eligible students.

Matrix and School Profiles Handout –Yellow Packet

Student Self-Reported Academic Record

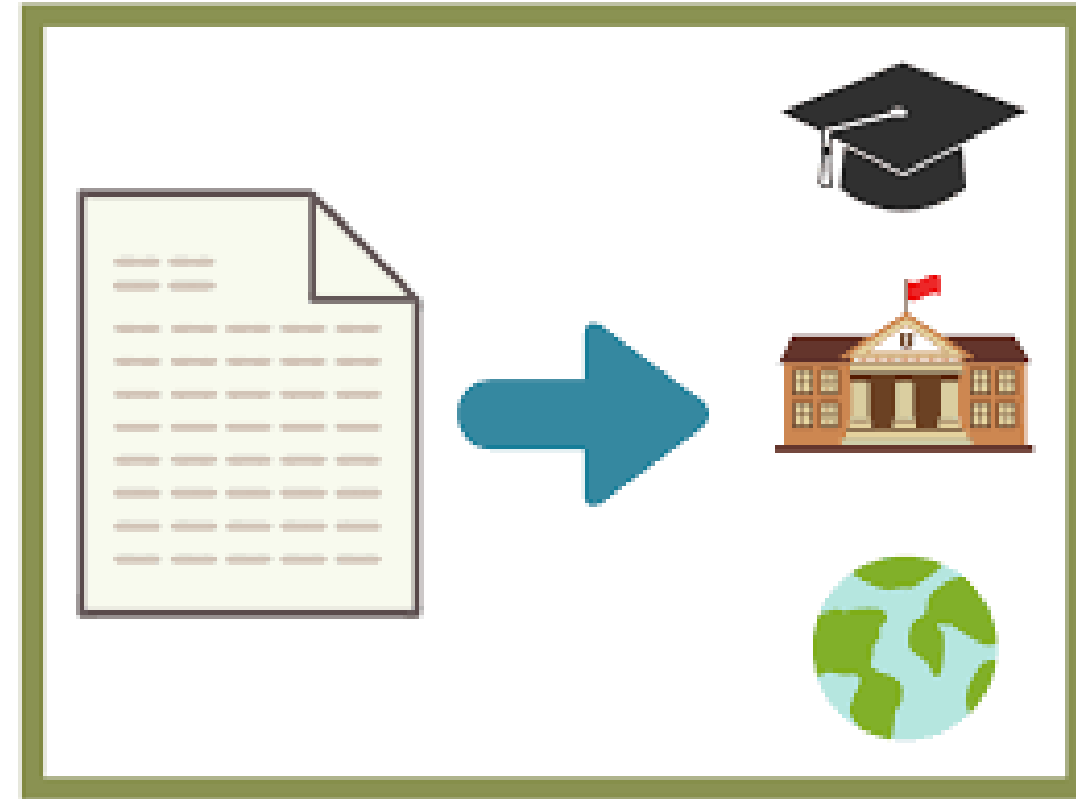
- Also known as the (SSAR), this is a required self-reported transcript.
- The SSAR is currently required by several public universities in FL.
- Request an electronic or paper copy of your transcript to use when completing the SSAR.
- Report all coursework taken in grades 9-11 and current coursework in grade 12.
- Check for accuracy and be truthful!



UCF uses a similar platform to SSAR called SPARK.

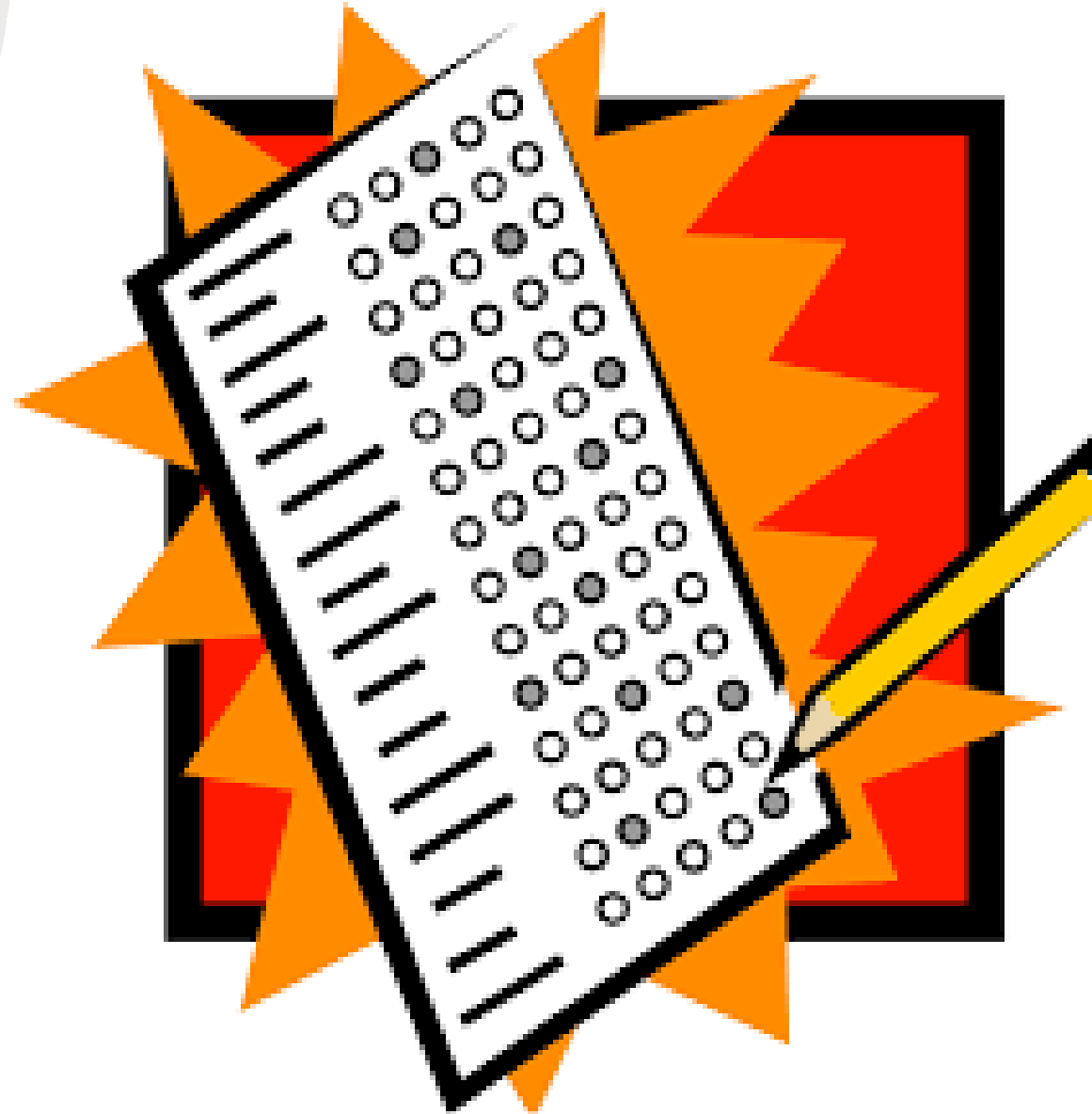
Sending your high school transcript

- Paper copies of transcripts may be requested in Student Services and cost \$1.00 per copy. You can download a copy of the request online at www.delandhs.org/transcript-requests
- Parent signatures are required to order transcripts if student is under 18 years of age.
- Allow a minimum of 48 hours for processing all transcript requests.
- Transcripts may be picked up by you or mailed by us directly to the universities.
- Be sure to print mailing addresses neatly and check for accuracy.
- A photo ID is required for all transcript requests.
- When applying via Common App and to some schools on Coalition, your counselor will upload your transcripts electronically.



College Entrance Exams- SAT and ACT

- Standardized test scores **MUST** be sent directly to the universities from College Board and/ACT.
- Do not rely on high school transcripts as a means of sending scores.
- Request score reports at www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org
- Check with individual universities for the last testing dates for scores to be accepted.
- Waivers are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.





2023 - 2024

ACT & SAT DATES

SCHOOL CEEB CODE: **100393**



SAT

ACT			SAT		
Test Center Code: 234490 http://www.actstudent.org/			Test Center Code: 10456 www.sat.org/register		
Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	August 26, 2023	July 28	August 15
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 7, 2023	September 7	September 26
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	November 4, 2023	October 5	October 24
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	December 2, 2023	November 2	November 21
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	March 9, 2024 (DIGITAL)	February 23	See website
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 4, 2024	April 19	See website
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21	June 1, 2023 (DIGITAL)	May 17	See website

Students eligible for free or reduced lunch can receive two fee waivers for each the ACT and SAT. Additionally, students who use a SAT fee waiver can receive admissions fee waivers to apply to up to 4 participating colleges/universities. Please see your school counselor for more information.

ACT/SAT Test Prep available at <http://volusialibrary.org/>

Preparing for SAT/ACT

- Many SAT/ACT test prep books are available for purchase in bookstores and online.
- ePrep – Free test prep resource offered by the Volusia County public library system.
- SAT + KHAN ACADEMY – Free personalized online practice resources for all students. Highly recommended for everyone!
- ACT prep website with tips for success:
<http://www.act.org/aap/pdf/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>
- SAT prep website:
<https://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-practice-test>



The image features three large, green, 3D-rendered dollar signs (\$). They are arranged in a slightly overlapping row across the frame. The dollar signs have a thick, dark green outline and a lighter green fill, giving them a blocky, three-dimensional appearance. In the center of the image, the words "FINANCIAL AID" are written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The text is centered horizontally and partially overlaps the middle dollar sign. The background is a plain, light gray gradient.

FINANCIAL AID

3 Basic Types of Financial Aid

Grants or scholarships- money that DOES NOT need to be repaid

Loans- money which MUST be repaid; may be borrowed by student, parent or both

Work- money which the student is given the potential to earn



Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
2023-24

ALL high school SENIORS will complete a Bright Futures Application

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT), or combined SAT® score no later than August 31 of the student’s graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

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®)	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
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)	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 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](#).

² Students 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)

BRIGHT FUTURES

- Apply as soon as possible beginning October 1, 2023. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Nehrig will meet with IB students IB History.
www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad.bf
- You do not need your tax information to apply.
- Be sure we have your social security number on file here at school.
- Be sure that your first, middle and last name on your Bright Futures application matches your name on your transcript.
- You must apply for Bright Futures prior to graduating.



FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- application opens December 1, 2023
- an early bird gets the worm situation
- recommended that you complete the FAFSA as soon as you possibly can

- Necessary to be eligible for any type of institutional aid

- The FAFSA link: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>





National and Local Scholarships will be posted on the DeLand High School website at www.delandhs.org/scholarships
ALSO- students should check Managebac for scholarships.

Institutional Scholarships- Check with the college Financial Aid Office, as well as their websites for additional freshman scholarships that may be available.

Check Fastwebs, Cappex, Collegeboard.org for other scholarship opportunities. **DO NOT PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES**

Tips For Success



- **Be professional-** choose an appropriate email address for all college correspondence.
- **Be different-** distinguish yourself from other applicants where possible.
- **Be yourself-** allow your voice to come through your college essays.
- **Be responsible-** Three C's- Commit, Connect, Cancel
- **Be courteous to recommenders-** give teachers/counselor a minimum of two weeks to write your letters of recommendation. Provide them with a copy of the recommendation form or an academic resume to assist them in writing your letter.

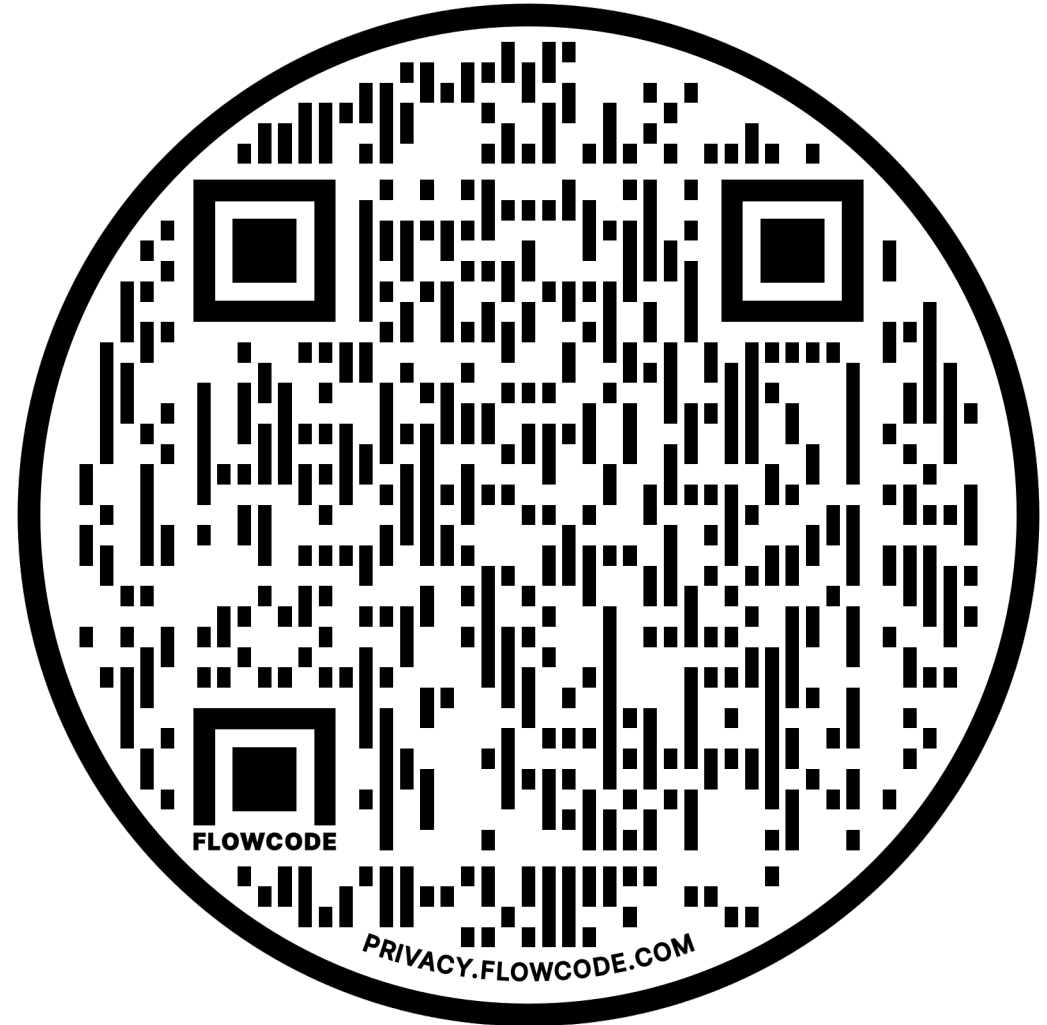
DATES TO REMEMBER

- **October 1, 2023**- Bright Futures Applications open
- **October 26, 2023**- Senior FREE SAT DAY
- **December 1, 2023**-FAFSA OPENS



Letter of Recommendation Request

Delandib.weebly.com>College Information



Resources

- www.collegeboard.org
- <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/>
- www.delandib.weebly.com
- Mrs. Carter- lhcarter@volusia.k12.fl.us
- Mrs. Nehrig- lknehrig@volusia.k12.fl.us

**Thank you for
coming tonight.
Please complete
the survey so
that we may
better serve
you!**

