24 Credit Standard High School Diploma

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24 Credits

- 4 English
- 4 Math - Must include Algebra 1 & Geometry
- 3 Science - Must include Biology
- 3 Social Studies- World History, US History, Government/Economics
- 1 HOPE
- 1 Performing/Fine Art/Practical Art/CTE Course
- .5 Personal Finance and Money Management
- 7.5 Elective Credits
- Achieve a passing score on **ELA Grade 10 FAST** or concordant score on **SAT, PSAT, ACT, or CLT**
- Achieve a passing score on **Algebra 1 EOC** or **Geometry EOC** or concordant score on **SAT, ACT, PSAT, or CLT**
- Minimum of 2.0 unweighted GPA
- Remember- You need 2 sequential years of a foreign language to be considered for admission to a university and some private colleges! These count as part of the elective hours!



Scholar Diploma Designation

In addition to the requirements of s. 1003.4282, F.S., a student must satisfy the following requirements:

- Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2 or an equally rigorous course
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC++
- Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the U.S. History EOC++
- Earn 2 credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course

++Special note: A student is exempt from the Biology 1 or U.S. History EOC assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB, or AICE Biology 1 or U.S. History course; takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and earns the minimum college credit.

Industry Scholar Diploma Designation

- Meet standard high school diploma requirements
- Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)



- **Seal of Biliteracy**
- **Earn a standard high school diploma**
- **Earn four foreign language course credits in the same language with a cumulative 3.0 grade point average or higher or Pass the Avant Assessment**
- **Pass the ELA FAST exam**

Pathways After High School

- University
- State College
- Private College/University
- Trade/Technical College
- Military
- Workforce



College and Career

- College Application process
- SAT/ACT/CLT Testing
- Scholarships/Bright Futures Qualifications
- Financial Aid/FAFSFA
- Military Recruitment
- Careers/Trades



4 Year College/University Route? How Many Schools Should I apply to???

Before you apply, understand admissions criteria and where you fall on their scale!

Apply to 4-8 Schools

1-2 Reach Schools

2-3 Match Schools

1-2 Safety Schools

Do you have to apply knowing your major already???



Most Universities do not make admission decisions based on the major you select

Try to list an area of interest for advising purposes

For most schools, you can change your major through sophomore year

Knowing your major CAN be important when selecting classes and fulfilling pre-requisites!

**** If you are graduating with your AA Degree - Pay close attention to Pre-requisite Coursework!**
You must declare your major upon entering the University!



Which Term DO I Apply For?

Fall- Traditional- but most difficult!

Summer- Online vs. Campus

Spring- Options before you begin

When Should I Apply?

- Check the school's policies! EARLY!!
- Pay close attention to priority deadlines for the colleges you want to appy to.
- Some Schools have set the priority deadline for October 15th!!
- If a school has rolling admissions, consider applying in October!
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL/College Portal!!!! Colleges will communicate with you this way!

Early Action vs. Early Decision



	Early Action- Non-Binding	Early Decision- BINDING
Apply	Early! Keep an eye on the specific deadline for each school!	Apply early! Keep an eye on the specific deadline for each school!
Receive	Receive an admission decision early in the admission cycle (December-February)	Receive an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date- usually by December.
Consider/Agree	Consider Acceptance offer; do not have to commit upon receipt	Agree to attend the college if accepted and offered a financial aid package that is considered adequate by the family
Apply	You can still apply to other colleges under early action!	Apply to only one college as early decision; apply to other colleges under regular admission
Give	Give the college(s) a decision no later than the May 1 national response date.	
Withdraw		Withdraw all other applications if accepted by Early Decision

For more information: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/plan-for-college/apply-to-college/facts-about-early-decision-and-early-action



More Tips!

- Submit the application and all other requirements before the deadline –these deadlines are firm!
- It would be helpful to have your parent/guardian close by while filling out applications
- Have your academic history, extra curricular activities, essays and ACT/SAT score reports with you while filling out the application
- Organize yourself –put all of the information you need in one notebook/folder so that you'll have it handy! Keep the usernames and passwords here too! SO IMPORTANT!!
- Break down the application process in small chunks –you don't have to do it all in one day!

HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE



1. **CREATE A COMMONAPP ACCOUNT**
   www.commonapp.org - this is where you'll fill out college applications for many schools.
2. **ADD AT LEAST ONE COLLEGE**
   Click on College Search, then click the + button to add the school to your application list.
3. **ANSWER COLLEGE QUESTIONS**
   From the My Colleges tab, click on Questions under each college's name. Choose your start term & admissions plan.
4. **SIGN FERPA RELEASE AUTHORIZATION**
   Under Questions, click on Recommenders and FERPA. You must sign the authorization for SJVS to send your info.
5. **SIGN INTO XELLO THROUGH CLEVER**
   Complete the steps to connect your Xello account with your CommonApp account, found under College Planning.
6. **REQUEST FORMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
   Use Xello to request transcripts and teacher recommendations from SJVS, use CommonApp for recommenders not at SJVS.
7. **SUBMIT APPLICATION IN COMMONAPP**
   Use CommonApp to submit your college applications, use Xello to check on the status of your requested materials.

Application Process!!!

Additional Information on using Xello with Common Application: https://help.xello.world/en-us/Content/Knowledge-Base/Xello-6-12/College-Planning/CA_Student-Integrate.htm

xello

Log In Directions for Students

1. Go to our SJVS website: https://www-sjvs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/

2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the Clever Link

3. Click on “Xello” under “Student Applications”. From there, you should be automatically redirected to your Xello account. If not, enter your student number and typical district password to login.

Link your Common App account with Xello

Once you've signed the **FERPA Release Authorization** form, you'll connect your Xello account to Common App. Connecting the two accounts means you can begin submitting requests for Common App documents and recommenders in Xello.

Watch the video: Linking Common App to Xello

To link your Common App account with Xello:

1. Sign in to Xello.
2. Under **Quick links**, select **College Planning**.



3. Click **View my applications** to see the full list of colleges you're tracking.



4. In the banner with the Common App logo, click **Connect** to open the Common App sign in page.
   - A pop-up will first let you know you may need to redo tasks you've already completed. This could include assigning a counselor or requesting a Teacher Evaluation. This will only apply to colleges associated with Common App.



5. Sign in to Common App.
   - Once you've logged into Common App, you're redirected back to the page you left in Xello.
   - The banner at the top of the page now states the accounts are connected.



Once the accounts are connected, the colleges in your **My colleges** list in Common App are synced to your **Application tracker** in Xello. You can easily identify which colleges in Xello are linked to Common App by the badge next to the college name.

College and Career Exploration & Application

using xello and common app

Use the follow steps to assist in the college exploration and university application process.

Remember, follow all instructions from the institution after each college application is submitted. This may include creating an account with the institution, logging in to a portal, self-reporting grades, test scores, and other requirements.

EXPLORE CAREERS AND COLLEGES

1. Log In to Xello using clever clicking the Xello icon to log on and access the Xello website
2. Complete the "About Me" section to find careers that match your interests, personality, and skills.
3. Explore the careers, post-secondary schools, and non-secondary school based careers.
4. Explore schools (majors, demographics, admission criteria, and deadlines)

SET UP A COMMON APP ACCOUNT (IF NOT APPLYING DIRECTLY)

1. Visit Common App Website and click "Create an Account."
2. Create an account and complete your profile.
3. Add Colleges:
   Go to the "Colleges" tab to search and add the colleges to start the applications.
   You must waive your FERPA rights in order for us to see your Common App and request transcripts and letters of recommendations.

CONNECT COMMON APP TO XELLO (IF NOT APPLYING DIRCTLY)

1. Log In to Xello through Clever
2. Hover over "Plans," and click "College Application"
3. Find the Common App Integration link at the top of the college application section
4. Follow the Prompts: Log in to your Common App account and authorize the connection.
5. Sync Information: Ensure your college list and application details are synchronized.

REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS IF REQUIRED

Applying Directly:

1. Log In to Xello through Clever
2. Navigate to the plans section, click to add a college application
3. Submit Request: Follow the instructions to request your transcripts.

Applying Through Common App:

1. Connect Common App and view colleges on Xello under the applications tab.
2. Under the college, select "assign" next to the common app school report and select your counselor.

Please Note: Many Florida public schools only take the SSAR or Spark. Check your college application portal for transcript need.

REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

1. Log In to Xello through Clever
2. Navigate to plans, click applications.
3. Under each school, if teacher recommendations is listed as available, click request.
4. Follow the instructions to select a teacher for the request.

Please Note:

1. Only schools that accept letters of recommendation allow you to request.
2. You should ask your teacher first before sending this request.

LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Log In to Xello through Clever
2. Navigate to the Plans section, then click on Scholarships
3. Search for scholarships by completing the profile to personalize your suggested list. Use filters to find scholarships that match your criteria.

Which application should I use?

Institutional Application-

Can be found on the College/University Website!!

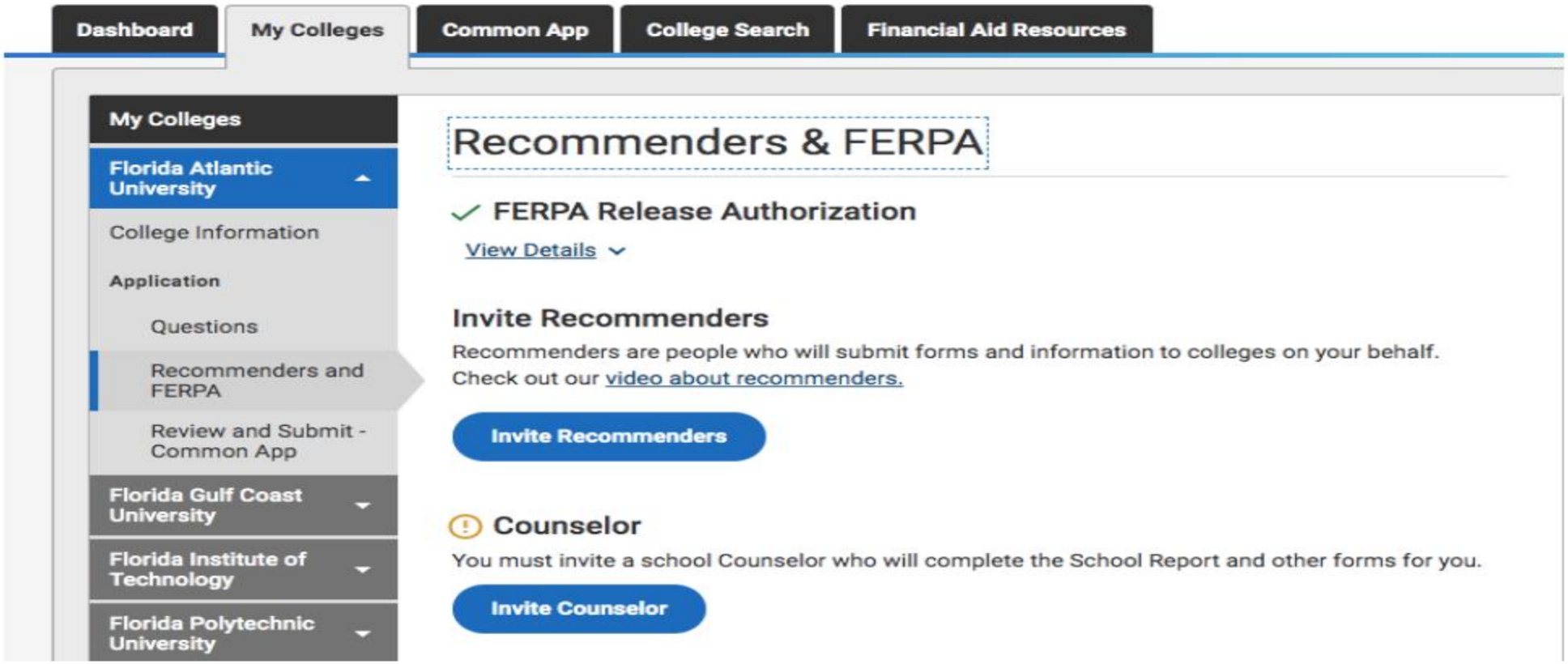
- **The university does not participate in Common or Coalition Applications**
- **You are applying to a small number of schools**
- **Fee Waivers through SAT/ACT, email from college, etc.**



Common Application: https://www.commonapp.org/

- Over 800 Members
- Can apply to up to 20 schools
- Tracks important deadlines/admission criteria
- College application fee waivers (under profile tab)
- You add your school counselor to the application
- (That's me! Patricia McElhone☺!)
- You must link the Common Application to your Xello Account

Common Question on Common App!



Other Tips and strategies!!

The Essay!



Write in first person! This is a personal narrative!



Think creatively about the topic- don't restate what is on your application.



Create a connection. Show individuality and voice!



College Essay Guy/College Essay Advisors- Free Resources. Watch Common App video about the essays!



Pay close attention to word and character requirements.



Type essays and short responses into word documents to edit and save!

- Spend time on your application!
- Be detailed in each section- jobs, extracurricular activities and community service. How did these experiences shape you?
- Check your university/college portal often!
- Go visit the campus or attend a virtual presentation.
- Reach out to admission advisors!!!
- Letters of Recommendation- give the writer enough time to write you a great one! "Brag sheets" or a resume help the recommender. Ask someone who knows you well. If you are hoping to major in Math/Science/ELA, you can ask a teacher who can speak about your amazing strengths!!

▪College Portals:

▪After submitting your application, most schools will email you quickly with instructions on how to access your portal.

▪Admission Decisions are posted in the online portal before you receive a letter or email!

▪You can check to make sure documents have been received and there are no holds on your admissions decision.

Admissions Offers/Acceptance

- May 1st is College Decision Day!
- Accept Earlier if you finalize your decision.
- Decline offers from other universities/colleges
- Pay attention to deadlines!!!
- ➢ Admissions Deposit
- ➢ Housing Deadlines and Deposits!!!!
- ➢ Scholarship Deadlines
- ➢ Special Programs- Innovation at UF, LEAD at UCF
- ➢ Honors Programs

Recalculated GPA

- Most Schools/Bright Futures will recalculate the applicant GPA
- Core Classes:
- ➢ English
- ➢ Math
- ➢ Science
- ➢ Social Studies
- ➢ Academic Electives
- ➢ Foreign Language
- ➢ Some schools have other procedures as well- for example- using/not using weighted GPA



- **Transcripts!**
  - **Please order an Unofficial Copy for your records. You will need this information when you are applying to colleges.**
  - **PLEASE review for accuracy!**
  - **https://www-sjvs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transcripts/**
- **All Schools require a final transcript after graduation! If you are taking AP EXAMS this year, indicate the school you are attending on your free send!**
- **Make sure you have had College Board/ACT/CLT send official test scores if requested.**
- **Bright Futures need testing score reports sent to them as well!**

- **Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System STARS**
- **UCF- SPARK**
- **Report all high school coursework- including courses taken in middle school and repeated attempts at a course.**
  - **List senior coursework and select "in progress" for grades.**
  - **List planned future coursework as well. (Ex. Dual Enrollment and Spring Courses.)**
  - **If you edit any information, be sure to SAVE/RESUBMIT the STARS and click "complete".**
  - **Report any Spring Schedule Changes to the colleges you applied to- they don't like surprises!**

Bright Futures and FAFSA!



- **Bright Futures**
- **Bright Futures Eligibility Criteria**
- **Combine Work/Volunteer Hours! You MUST submit these hours to me by May 1st with the district reflection sheet.**
- **Bright Futures Application-opens October 1st!**
- **Apply even if you think you will attend an out of state college/university**
- **Send Test Scores to a state college/university!**

- **FAFSA**
- **FREE Application for Student Aid**
- **Available October 1st!**

Please explore other Scholarship Opportunities!

- **Xello**
- **SJCSD Website- SJCSD Scholarship and Financial Aid Page**

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) / Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
2026-27

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. Tests must be taken on or before 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 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.50	2026-27 Graduates: 29/95/1330 2027-28 Graduates: 29/96/1350	100 hours	100 hours
FMS		3.00	2026-27 Graduates: 24/82/1190 2027-28 Graduates: 25/83/1200	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)

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.

SAT/ACT/CLT



SAT	ACT	CLT
College Board/SAT	ACT Testing	Classical Learning Test- New!

- **ACT- Science is now optional!!**
- **Be sure to register on time to avoid late fees**
- **You can submit your application and continue to send scores to Universities. Many will update and superscore as they receive new information!**
- **If you require accommodations for testing (per your IEP or 504 plan), you MUST submit documentation ahead of time! Remember- ACT and SAT are DIFFERENT companies. You can't use your SAT letter for an ACT test, etc. Reach out to me if this applies to you! There will be deadlines to meet prior to the actual test for me to upload your documentation! This is usually 4-6 weeks prior to the test!**
- **Private Colleges may have their own policies and procedures! Get to know the admissions teams!**

Never taken a Dual Enrollment Class before but think you may want to take one in the Spring??l Ask Mrs. Mac to see if you meet the criteria. It is not too late!

SJR State New Student Dual Enrollment Information

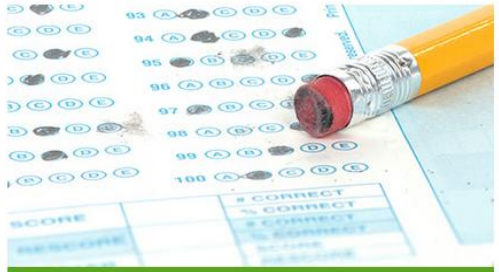
Dual Enrollment

NEW STUDENT

We are excited to have you join us! Experience college life early, engage with campus life, and thrive in our supportive community. Our team is here to help you succeed every step of the way. Take advantage of the diverse range of courses, engage in campus activities, and embrace the opportunity to grow both academically and personally. Let's embark on this journey together.



APPLY NOW! Checklist



Program Eligibility & Testing



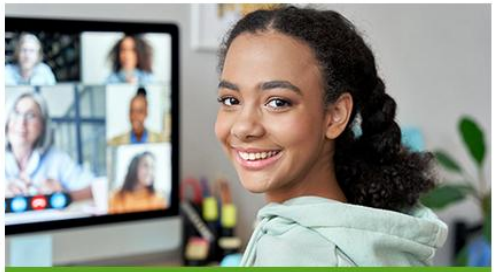
Academic Calendar & Important Dates



Public School Students



Private School Students



Home School Students

QUESTIONS?

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Staff Contacts & Support Services

Forms:
Add/Drop
Withdrawal
Registration
Order textbooks