

2004-2005 COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE (Guide # 1)

- ___ 1. Register for the 2005 e-mail group by completing the bubble sheet during counselor visits to English classes
- ___ 2. Request transcripts
 - go online to <http://cyberguidance.net/transcript.htm> to complete and submit the transcript request form
 - be sure that the 4-digit college code is the correct code for the college you name in your request
 - transcripts for SUS schools will be sent electronically (within 2 days of your request)
 - transcripts for private and out-of-state colleges will be paper copies mailed (within 2 weeks of your request) directly to the school unless the school directs you to include the transcript as part of your application package
 - if you request a paper copy of your transcript to include in an admissions or scholarship package, it will be in a sealed envelope with a signature or stamp across the back---DONOT open the envelope as it will no longer be official.
When ready for pick up, paper copies of transcripts are placed in the top black tray next to the TV in the guidance
- ___ 3. Review your transcript distributed during counselor visits the week of September 7
 - check all demographic information for accuracy especially name, dob, address, social security number since these items are used to match all parts of your application; ***bring corrections to guidance no later than Monday, Sept. 13.***
 - check credits and grades for accuracy
 - review the cumulative summary box for graduation requirements and gpa's; remember that the district gpa is weighted and used for determining class rank while the state gpa is unweighted and used for graduation (minimum 2.0 required) neither of these gpa's is used for admissions or for Bright Futures
 - check class rank and class size which is information often requested on admission applications; rank and class size (335) will appear on new transcripts scheduled to be run Sept. 17 after the official senior ranking is run
- ___ 4. Print your H.S. Academic Evaluation from www.facts.org
 - if you have not created a login name and id, you must do this first; call 1-888-827-2004 press 1 for login problems
 - compare the demographic data on your transcript with that on your H.S. Evaluation; see your counselor if there are discrepancies
- ___ 5. Complete the "Estimated Recalculated" GPA worksheet available from <http://cyberguidance.net>
 - go to FORMS that you need, then Florida universities gpa calculation sheet
 - remember that your recalculated core academic gpa is used for admission and scholarship consideration at the SUS schools
 - remember, gpa ranges of accepted students at SUS schools (except UF & NCF) listed on the Institutional Matrix are based on the old system of awarding 1 full Quality Point for all courses listed as honors, pre-IB, AP, and IB. To determine where your GPA falls in the Freshman Class Profile, you must calculate your GPA both ways
- ___ 6. Determine your current Bright Futures Scholarship GPA
 - go to www.facts.org, create a login id, select high school academic evaluations then select and print out the Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility evaluation and the Course Summary Evaluation; the first one gives you your BF gpa as calculated by the Department of Education, the second evaluation shows the courses on your high school transcript as of 8/15/04 plus high school courses taken in middle school and identifies how they are evaluated for the BF gpa and the SUS admissions gpa
 - use the BF gpa calculation worksheet available from <http://cyberguidance.net> FORMS that you need - to determine the effect that senior grades in core academic courses can have on your final BF gpa
 - 78% of Stanton seniors last year qualified for a Bright Futures Scholarship; 99 % of the students who did not qualify were a result of gpa's not test scores—**SENIOR GRADES ARE IMPORTANT!!**
 - there are no changes in the BF scholarship this year; applications may be submitted online beginning December 1, 2004
 - to be eligible for the 100% BF Academic Scholars Award at the end of the 7th semester, you must have a BF's gpa of 3.5, SAT 1270 or ACT 28, and **75 hours of community service submitted to the guidance office by Jan. 7, 2005**
- ___ 7. Register for both the ACT www.ACT.org and the SAT www.collegeboard.org early this fall in order to meet deadlines for admission, scholarships and honors programs
 - be sure that all demographic information matches information on your high school transcript
 - always include your school code CEEB # 100775 as this is the only way we receive a copy of your test scores to send with your scholarship applications
 - **request that ACT and College Board send your test scores to all colleges that you apply to as we do not send test scores as a part of your transcript for admissions (most schools require official scores be sent from the testing companies)**