# Welcome Class of 2028!

**Godby Cougars** 



### Who is my School Counselor?

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## What can my school counselor help me with?

- Personal Matters
- School Matters
- Academic Advising
- Career and College Advising
- Scholarship Information



#### **Attendance for Academic Success**



- Attendance is very important to academic success
- Come to school, be in class, and be present
- For an absence to be excused, notes must be uploaded through the Focus parent portal
- Excuses must be submitted within 5 days of the absence
- Mr. Alex Stemle is the Assistant Principal of attendance

## Standard Diploma Requirements









#### **Course Requirements**

- English, 4 credits
- Math, 4 credits
  (to include Algebra 1
  & Geometry)
- Science, 3 credits (to include Biology)
- Fine Arts, 1 credit

- Social Studies, 3 credits
- Health
  Opportunities in
  P.E., 1 credit
- Financial
  Literacy, .5 credit

## Grades & Credit Requirements

- Earns a 2.0 unweighted GPA (C Average)
  - Minimum 24 credits earned over 4 years

#### **Testing**

- Pass grade 10 FAST/ELA (or SAT/ACT reading/English)
- Pass BEST test Algebra 1
  or Geometry EOC (or
  PSAT/ACT/SAT Math)
- Take Geometry, Biology,
   U.S. History EOC

## GPA & Promotion Requirements: What You Need to Know

- GPA's update after every semester
- Only Unweighted GPA counts towards graduation and qualification for Dual Enrollment
- AP, Dual Enrollment, and Honors classes count towards your weighted GPA
- Promotion Requirements:

9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> – 5 credits 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> – 11 credits 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> – 17 credits Grading Scale:

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

F = 0 points

- Honors classes are weighted an extra .5
- AP and dual enrollment are weighted and extra 1.0

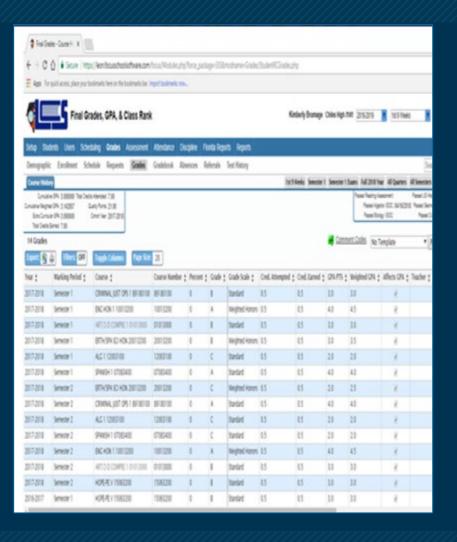


## **Credit Recovery**



- Students who have earned a grade of a D or an F in a course for the semester may retake the course for credit recovery.
- Once the higher grade is earned it will replace the failing grade, however the Failing grade will still show on the transcript.
- Credit recovery may be completed during and/or after school hours through PLATO
- Credit may be completed after school hours or at home through ACE

## How Do I Lookup my Transcript?



- Login to you student Focus portal where you can monitor your grades, attendance, email notifications, and teacher emails.
- Your academic history report can be viewed in Focus.
  - Access the Focus account using your login credentials
  - Click on the grades tab on the left side of the dashboard
  - Select option to view detailed grades
  - From there you can either "print transcript" or download transcript"

## Study Tips for Freshman

#### 1. Time Management

• If you don't already, start using a daily planner or calendar to get the most out of each day

#### 2. Be prepared

- Come to class ready to learn, be attentive, be on time, and don't skip
- Take good notes and review them often; don't just cram the night before
- Complete and turn in all your assignments

#### 3. Set attainable goals

Set goals for yourself that you can achieve so you do not become frustrated or disappointed

#### 4. Ask Questions

Your teachers have hours available outside of class for extra help; ask questions when you need help

#### 5. Get Organized

- Keep you backpack and school materials (books, Chromebook, calculator, notebooks, planner, pencils, etc.) all in one
  convenient location
- Make sure to always come to school with your Chromebook fully charged

#### 6. Catch some Zzzz's



## Godby Academy and Magnet Programs

#### Academy of Agriculture

With passing exam scores, students earn industry certification to help with immediate employment in the field of agriscience.

#### Academy of Aviation

Students have the opportunity to earn multiple dual-enrollment college credits in the field of aviation.

#### Academy of Information Technology

The program prepares students to test for industry certification while still in high school. When students graduate from the AOIT, they are prepared to enter both the traditional four-year university and enter the work force.

#### Practical Nursing Program

Designed to prepare students for licensure as a practical nurse, this program is offered to students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade in collaboration with Lively Technical College. Students can earn their CNA upon completion of the program.

#### Welding Technology Program

Designed to prepare students for advanced training or employment in a variety of occupations in the welding industry. This program is offered in collaboration with Lively Technical College.

#### Emergency Medical Technician

This program is offered through TSC to prepare paramedics who are competent and affective to enter the profession. The program is comprised of three parts, Emergency Medical Technician Applied Diploma, Paramedic Certificate, required college and general education courses.

## **Bright Futures Scholarships**



## 16 Academic Credits required include:

- 4 English
- 4 Math (Algebra 1 & higher)
- 3 Sciences
- 3 Social Sciences
- 2 World Languages (in the same language)

- Academic Scholars Award requirements:
- 3.5 Weighted GPA (16 required academic credits)
- 100 hours or community service OR 100 hours paid work
- Qualifying ACT composite, SAT EBRW & Math, or CLT scores
- Florida Medallion Scholars Award requirements:
- 3.0 weighted GPA (16 required academic credits)
- 75 hours or community service OR 100 hours paid work
- Qualifying ACT composite, SAT EBRW & Math, or CLT scores

#### Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award

Pro-rated per hour tuition coverage for a vocational/technical program at a Florida Post Secondary Institution

#### Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA (16 required credit hours)
- 3.5 GPA in a 3-credit vocational program
- 30 hours of community service or 100 hours paid work
- Passing score on a college placement test (SAT 480 Math, 480 Reading, OR ACT 19 Math, 19 Reading, 17 English OR PERT Reading 106, Writing 103, Math 114

Can only be used for Vocational/Technical Degree (does not have to be in the same program that student qualifies in)

- Aerospace Tech I, II
- Agritech I, II
- Digital Media I, II, III
- DCT I, II, III
- Digital Info Tech, Web Design I, II
- Welding

### Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program



## To Encourage students to develop an exemplary level of proficiency in the visual or performing arts.

- Earned a standard H.S. diploma, completed at least 3-year long course in dance, music, theatre, or the visual arts with a grade A or higher in each course
- Meet a minimum of two of the following criteria
  - Successfully completes a fine arts IB, AP, dual enrollment or honors course in the subjects listed above with a grade "B" or higher
  - Participates in district or statewide organized event as a selected student participant for 2 or more years
  - Record at least 25 hours of arts related community service
  - Meet the requirements of a portfolio-based program identifying student as an exemplary practitioner of the fine arts
  - Receives district, state, or national recognition for the creation and submission or an original work of art.

## Get Involved! Community Service

- Not needed for graduation, needed for \$\$\$
   (scholarships, including Bright Futures)
- Complete the community service hours form and have it signed by your supervisor (This form can be found on the guidance page of Godby's website, printed copies also available in the guidance office)
- Keep a copy of all volunteer hours for your records
- Turn the form into your assigned guidance counselor





#### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEON COUNTY

#### BRIGHT FUTURES RECORD OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE OR WORK HOURS

Student's Name: High School: Student's Phone #: Parent Name: Parent Email:		Graduation Year:				
>	Students must complete a program of volunteer service or, beginning with a high school student graduating in the 2022-2023 academic year and thereafter, paid work, as approved by the school board. Students must carn the required volunteer service and/or paid work hours.					
>	Students may identify a social or civic issue or a professional area that interests them and develop a plan for their personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area. Such volunteer service or paid work may include, but is not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on behalf of a candidate for public office.					
>	Students must, evaluate and reflect upon their volunteer service or paid work experience by documenting in writing. The document must be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the organization for which the student performed the volunteer service or paid work.					
>	Students must complete volunteer service hours and/or paid work hours during high school and by high school graduation. Students can log hours starting upon completion of the eighth (8th) grade. Volunteer or work hours carned prior to the student's last day as an eighth (8th) grader will not be accepted. The hours must be documented in writing, and signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, AND a representative of the organization.					
>	Students may not receive academic credit for the volunteer service work performed. Volunteer service hours may not benefit the student financially or materially, or be service to family members defined as: parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nicees, nephews, and spouses, including aforementioned step relations. Paid work hours will not count where a family member is verifying the hours.					
>	Volunteer service hours cannot be hours mandated by the court.					
Total Number of Volunteer Service Hours and/or Work Hours (from page 2):  I verify that the hours listed on this log sheet were volunteer hours and/or work hours as documented.						
Stude	nt Signature:	<u> </u>	Parent Signature:			
For Office Use Only:						
Received by (School Staff):						
Counselor Name:		Total Hours in FOCUS: Date				

Revised: July, 2024

The Bright Futures Scholarship Program is governed by the following statutes and rule.

• Florida Statutes s. 1009-53 – s. 1009-538

- State Board of Education Rule 6A-20.028, Florida Administrative Code

The eligibility requirements in this publication are subject to change with each legislative session.

#### LCS Verification of Community Service Volunteer Hours OR Work Hours Performed in Grades 9-12 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Scholarship	Only Volunteer Service Hours Required	Paid Work Hours OR Combination of Volunteer and Paid Work Hours Required
Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)	100	100
Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)	75	100
Gold Seal CAPE (GSC)	30	100
Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)	30	100

I am submitting (circle one): VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS PAID WORK HOURS

Complete the Volunteer Service and Work Log Below						
Date of Activity	Agency/Place of Activity	Duties Performed	# Hours Worked	Supervisor Signature		
		TOTAL HOURS				
Supervisor's Name: Supervisor Phone #:						
Supervisor's	Signature:	Supervisor Em	ail:			

Supervisor's Name:		Supervisor Phone #:							
Supervisor's Signature	-	Supervisor Email:							
Write a short paragrap	Write a short paragraph on "What did you learn from your volunteering or work experiences?"								



You've Got This!