

# PEDRO MENENDEZ HIGH SCHOOL



**Graduation  
Information**

# GUIDANCE TEAM

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Standard diploma:

- 4 ENGLISH
- 4 MATH – MUST INCLUDE ALGEBRA 1 & GEOMETRY
- 3 SCIENCE – MUST INCLUDE BIOLOGY
- 3 HISTORY – MUST INCLUDE WORLD, US & GOVERNMENT/ECONOMY
- 1 HOPE
- 1 PERFORMING/FINE ART OR ACADEMY CLASS
- 8 ELECTIVES

## Other:

- PASSING SCORE ON **FAST**
- OR CONCORDANT SCORE ON **SAT, ACT, OR CLT**
- PASSING SCORE ON **ALGEBRA 1 EOC** OR **GEOMETRY EOC**
- OR CONCORDANT SCORE ON **SAT, ACT, PSAT, OR CLT**
- MINIMUM OF 2.0 UNWEIGHTED GPA

# Grade Placement

## **To become a sophomore:**

- 5 CREDITS

## **Junior:**

- 11 CREDITS

## **Senior:**

- 17 CREDITS

## **Graduate:**

- 24 CREDITS



# TESTING

## Fast:

- Need a LEVEL 3 TO PASS
- IF YOU HAVE NOT PASSED, YOU NEED TO:
  - SIGN UP FOR THE **ACT, SAT, OR CLT**
- **ASAP!!**
- [WWW.ACT.ORG](http://www.act.org) FOR **ACT**
- [WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM](http://www.collegeboard.com) FOR **SAT**

## ALG 1 or Geometry EOC:

- Need a LEVEL 3 TO PASS
- IF YOU HAVE NOT PASSED, YOU NEED TO TAKE THE **PSAT!**
- OFFERED EVERY OCTOBER
- Free for 10<sup>TH</sup> graders

# OTHER ASSESSMENTS

## **ASVAB**

- OFFERED APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, SEE MRS. BRANSFORD IN GUIDANCE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP

## **ACT and SAT**

- IF YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH, TALK TO YOUR COUNSELOR FOR WAIVERS TO PAY FOR THESE TESTS (2 FOR EACH TEST MAXIMUM)

# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

## Free scholarship for Florida institutions only!!

- APPLICATIONS OPEN ON **OCTOBER 1**
  - EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU'LL BE GOING TO SCHOOL OUT OF FLORIDA, APPLY ANYWAY!
  - EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU WON'T QUALIFY, APPLY ANYWAY!
  - EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE, APPLY ANYWAY!
- ONCE YOU APPLY, YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY GRANTED THE SCHOLARSHIP AS LONG AS YOU MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS
  - **ACT/SAT/CLT** score
  - COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS (**MINIMUM 75 HOURS**)
  - GPA
- [HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV/H/APPLY-FOR-AID/FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/H/apply-for-aid/fafsa) AND [HTTP://WWW.FLORIDASTUDENTFINANCIALAID.ORG](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)

# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

## Florida academic scholars


- 1340 SAT/29 ACT (COMPOSITE)
- 100 HOURS
- 3.5 GPA (ACCORDING TO BRIGHT FUTURES)

## Florida medallion scholars

- 1210 SAT/25 ACT
- 75 HOURS
- 3.0 GPA (ACCORDING TO BRIGHT FUTURES)

## Gold seal vocational

- 30 HOURS
- 3.5 UNWEIGHTED GPA IN AT LEAST 3 VOCATIONAL CREDITS



THESE SCHOLARSHIP  
LEVELS REQUIRE 2  
YEARS OF THE SAME  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE



# COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

## 0 hours required for graduation

- EITHER 75 OR 100 HOURS TO QUALIFY FOR BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP
- FOR BRIGHT FUTURES, YOU CAN USE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS **AND/OR** PAID WORK HOURS
- HOURS MUST BE APPROVED A MINIMUM OF 10 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY
- SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR APPROVAL
- YOU CAN FIND THE NEEDED FORM ON SCHOOLGY OR IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

# COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

## See counselor for:

- HELP WITH APPLICATIONS
- RECOMMENDATIONS
- GRADES
- TURNING IN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

## Talk to your family about:

- SCHEDULING COLLEGE VISITS
- FINANCES (COMMUNITY COLLEGE VS. UNIVERSITY, IN-STATE VS. OUT-OF-STATE, ETC.)

## Talk to your coach and/or coach McCool about:

- NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE - IF YOU WANT TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE
- [WWW.2POINT3.ORG](http://WWW.2POINT3.ORG)

## Scholarships:

- GUIDANCE SCHOOLOGY PAGE
- XELLO
- [HTTPS://WWW.FASTWEB.COM](https://WWW.FASTWEB.COM)
- [HTTPS://WWW.GOINGMERRY.COM](https://WWW.GOINGMERRY.COM)

# COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- MOST 4-year COLLEGES USE **COMMONAPP** – ONE WEBSITE WHERE YOU CAN APPLY TO MANY COLLEGES, ONLY HAVING TO FILL OUT ONE APPLICATION
- START YOUR COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ON **XELLO** – YOU ALREADY HAVE A FREE ACCOUNT, LOGIN THROUGH **clever**
- WHEN YOU START APPLYING TO COLLEGES, YOU'LL NEED TO CONNECT YOUR **COMMONAPP** AND **XELLO** ACCOUNTS SO THAT YOUR COUNSELOR AND TEACHERS CAN COMPLETE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS
  - YOU NEED TO GIVE YOUR RECOMMENDERS AT LEAST 2 WEEKS NOTICE BEFORE THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION IS DUE!
  - GIVE THEM A SHORT RESUME ABOUT YOU SO THEY HAVE IDEAS TO WRITE ABOUT!
- SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR HELP WITH THIS PROCESS

# COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS



## **Types of applications:**

- EARLY DECISION - BINDING!
- EARLY ACTION
- REGULAR DECISION
- ROLLING ADMISSIONS

## **Test scores**

## **Transcripts/SSAR**

## **Recommendation Letters**

## **Essays**

# COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

## **Financial aid**

- FAFSA IS REQUIRED TO BE FILLED OUT EVERY YEAR OF COLLEGE, STARTING THE YEAR YOU APPLY!
  - YOU MUST MAKE AN ACCOUNT AND FILL OUT THE APPLICATION USING YOUR PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' TAX INFORMATION FOR LAST YEAR
  - THIS IS HOW YOU QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS AND LOANS
- BRIGHT FUTURES
  - WE APPLY WITH YOU SENIOR YEAR IN DECEMBER/JANUARY, NO NEED TO DO IT ON YOUR OWN
- SCHOLARSHIPS
  - WE POST ON SCHOOLGY & XELLO ALL THE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WE GET
  - YOU CAN ALSO USE WEBSITES LIKE FASTWEB & GOINGMERRY TO FIND YOUR OWN

QUESTIONS?