

Springstead High School Class of 2020 **2019-20 Senior Year Checklist**

____ Visit the Springstead Guidance webpage for important information regarding SHS courses, **see your credit check online**, planning for your future, testing information and career information and assessments. This important webpage will link you to the information stated below.

____ Continue to take challenging, rigorous courses with a focus on your post-secondary plans. Yes, colleges do look at senior courses, including rigor and grades! Universities are looking for students with high honor point averages, high SAT and/or ACT test scores AND a bare minimum of **18 academic credits**. **Academic credits** are in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language.

____ A senior should take the SAT and the ACT college entrance exams. These tests are required for most 4-year colleges and universities. Concordant scores for the FSA-ELA and Algebra 1 EOC can also be met with these tests. Register for the SAT and ACT online. Fee waivers (if applicable) are available in the Guidance Office. SAT online information is at www.collegeboard.org and ACT online information is at www.act.org. SHS's CEEB number is 101624 and we are a test site for ACT and SAT. Free test prep is available on the internet at www.collegeboard.org (SAT), www.khanacademy.org (SAT) and www.act.org (ACT). There are also private companies available for a fee that provide test preparation.

ACT Dates	Registration Deadlines	SAT Dates	Registration Deadlines
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	August 24, 2019	July 26, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019	October 5, 2019	September 6, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2019	March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2019	May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020

*fee waivers are available for students in need – see your counselor for details

____ Undecided about what you want to do in the future? Go to www.mycareershines.org. This will give you suggestions of possible future careers you may want to investigate further based on your interests.

____ Students will need to take and pass one complete course online for the 24 credit standard diploma. Most students achieve this through Hernando eschool or Florida Virtual School. The website is ehernando.weebly.com; if redirected to FLVS, be sure to choose Hernando as the servicing virtual school.

____ Check the website www.floridashines.org for COLLEGE INFO and to see your own transcript evaluation and your BRIGHT FUTURES GPA! Create your own login ID and password. This is also an excellent resource for researching Florida colleges and careers and interest exploration.

____ The SHS webpage also has scholarship information. Click the scholarship link for information regarding local scholarships and national scholarships/clearinghouses. The site is updated as local applications become available.

____ SHS hosts university and college representatives during the school day. Listen to the announcements or check the Guidance Office Bulletin board outside the guidance office for dates and times, as well as sign-up sheets to attend the meetings.

____ Prepare a résumé of school/community activities, awards, honors, and work experience. Anyone you ask to write a letter of recommendation for you should be given a copy of your resume. Remember to give that person a minimum of two weeks to write the letter! Brag sheets are available in guidance and on the SHS website and are useful for a personalized recommendation letter.

____ Transcripts for colleges are requested online on the SHS Guidance website.

____ Explore the Florida Department of Education's financial aid website through the Office of Student Financial Assistance. This site will give students a preview of state grants, scholarships, and loans (including the Bright Futures Scholarship Program) available for post-secondary education. The website address is www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org.

____ **FAFSA** is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and can be completed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. All students wanting to continue their education after high school are encouraged to complete the FAFSA in order to see eligibility for financial aid at the post-secondary level. The FAFSA application opens **October 1** and should be completed as soon as possible.

____ Complete the community service hours needed for Bright Futures, our state scholarship program. See SHS Guidance website for details and to access your BF evaluation. Volunteer packets are available in the guidance office. Students should apply now for Bright Futures at www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org. Courses and GPA must be completed by graduation (June 1, 2019) and students may meet test requirements through June 30, 2019

Bright Futures Requirements for the Class of 2020

High School Graduation Year 2019	SAT (Verbal and Math Only)	ACT (Composite Score)
Florida Academic Scholars (100 Volunteer hours) 3.5 Minimum Weighted Grade Point Avg.	1290	29
Florida Medallion Scholars (75 Volunteer hours) 3.0 Minimum Weighted Grade Point Avg.	1170	26

____ Dual enrollment is available at PHSC to students with 3.0 GPA and the required test scores. Visit the SHS Guidance webpage for information and instructions on the enrollment process and course offerings.

Dual Enrollment Requirements

ACT	19 Reading	17 Writing	19 Math (Int. Algebra) 21(College Algebra)
SAT	24 Reading	400 Math (Int. Algebra)	420 Math (College Algebra)
PERT	106 Reading	103 Writing	114 Math (Int. Algebra) 123 Math (College Algebra)

____ The senior RED form is located in the guidance office and used to track college acceptances and scholarship money earned. Please submit documentation so that we can celebrate your accomplishments. This form can be updated often as you receive information.

____ Graduation will be here soon! Whether you plan to work and earn money, enlist in the military, attend vocational school or attend college – have a plan!