

Student Success

**How to Succeed in High
School &**

Make It In College



**Your Critical
Action Plan**

It's So True...

**“The BEST way to
predict the future is
to create it!”**

~Peter Drucker



FIRST STEP...

Create a great filing system!

- **Requirements & Coursework**
- **Achievement Tests and Grades**
- **Volunteer Hours**
- **College Interests**
- **Scholarship Information**



Know the basics!

- **Obtain a current academic flyer from fldoe so you know the high school graduation requirements.**
- **Obtain a graduation check form high school counselors use to track your progress.**

**No one should have more interest in you than YOU. This is YOUR future.
Plan it. Own it.**



Attendance DOES matter!

- **Students who have 10-15 absences must take a county approved exam to demonstrate mastery. If the exam is passed with a 60 or above, the exam grade will be averaged in with 2 nine-week grades to determine the semester average.**
- **If the student makes a failing grade on the exam, the student will receive an “F” for the semester and credit will be withheld.**



More on Attendance...

- **“Excused” vs “Unexcused” DOES NOT MATTER!**
- **10 minutes tardy to class counts as an absence. BE ON TIME.**



Skyward

**The Skyward system
should be used to
track grades and
absences. Sign up!**



Updated Contact Information

**Make sure we have your
current information on file:**

- **Phone Homes**
- **Daily Attendance Report**



Define Your Goals

- **Val, Sal**
- **Summa or Magna Cum Laude**
- **Talented 20**
- **College Athlete**



- **AP Classes**
- **Dual Enrollment**
- **Foreign Language**
- **Academy Completer**



- **Join Clubs**
- **Play Sports**
- **Volunteer**



PREPARE TO TAKE LOTS OF TESTS

- **PSAT ~ OCTOBER 19**
- **ACT**
- **SAT**



DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

- **Get help when you need it.**

www.gomath.com

www.bjpinchbeck.com

www.biography.com

www.khanacademy.org



Get To Know Your Teachers

- **These are the people you will need to write you recommendations for summer programs, classes, scholarships and college applications.**

Participate in class.

Come prepared.

Ask and answer questions.



Take Personality/Interest Inventories

- Use this time to figure out what you are interested in. College & Career choices will come quickly!

www.collegegrazing.com

www.collegetrends.org

www.princetonreview.com/colleges-majors.aspx



“Dream” Colleges

Start making your list now.

- **What are their admission requirements?**
- **Are you taking the right courses now?**



Know What Colleges Are Looking For

- **GPA/Class Rank**
- **SAT/ACT Scores**
- **Extra~curricular activities**
- **Your essays**
- **Teacher/counselor recommendations**



Want to be a college athlete?

- **Understand it's student first, athlete second.**
- **Visit the NCAA website so you know what it takes.**
- **Go to college camps to be seen.**
- **Work year round.**
- **Never quit.**



Scholarship Searches

College is expensive.

- **Start searching now for money.**
- **Visit the Bright Futures website.**
- **GPA & volunteer experience are critical.**



Bright Futures-Plan Now

Florida Academic-

- ✓ **1290 SAT or 29 ACT**
- ✓ **3.5 weighted GPA**
- ✓ **100 hours community service**

Florida Medallion-

- ✓ **1170 SAT or 26 ACT**
- ✓ **3.0 weighted GPA**
- ✓ **75 hours community service**



Bright Futures Continued

Gold Seal

- ✓ SAT Rdg 440 and Math 440 or
- ✓ ACT Rdg 19, English 17, Math 19 or
- ✓ PERT Reading 106, English 103, Math 114
- ✓ 3.0 weighted GPA
- ✓ 3.5 in required minimum CTE courses
- ✓ 30 hours community service



Stay Informed

- **Stay updated on Skyward**
- **Get the daily bulletin**
- **Like/follow the CMHS Facebook page**
- **Visit the school website, regularly**
- **Meet with the guidance counselor, Devon Weaver**
- **Meet with the graduation coach, Katie Corbin**
- **Email teachers~regularly**
- **Contact coaches**

BE PROACTIVE





BEST WISHES!

Thank you for coming