 College & Career Planning Tip Sheet

 LOLHS 2018-19

9th Grade

* Make a Four-Year Plan of courses you need and want to take before graduation.
* Meet with your school counselor and discuss course options for next year.
* Join a club and/or other extracurricular activities.
* Review the requirements for Bright Futures Scholarship and set yearly goals for meeting the requirements.
* Begin talking to your parents and other adults you know about their careers and career paths.
* Meet with Ms. Colón to take career assessments and learn more about your career interests and skills.
* Begin talking to your family about any interests in college or technical school and discuss options and goals for financing a post-secondary education.
* Check Ms. Colón’s Scholarship Newsletter each month and begin applying to scholarships (Yes – there are some scholarships available as early as 9th grade!)
* Begin researching community service opportunities if you have not started volunteering already.

10th Grade

* Take the PSAT in October (all Sophomores are automatically registered for the test and will take it during the school day at LOLHS).
* Continue to stay involved in extracurricular activities and take on leadership roles when possible.
* Document all community service hours and turn in to Ms. Colón.
* Meet with Ms. Colón in the CCL rm 501 to discuss careers you are interested in and appropriate career paths.
* Conduct informational interviews or job-shadow with individuals who work in career fields you are interested in.
* Utilize SAT and ACT practice web sites to prepare for the exams.
* Consider adding honors and/or AP courses to your schedule next year.
* Meet with your counselor to discuss options and requirements for Dual Enrollment at PHSC. Eligible students may begin taking courses toward their Associate’s Degree or toward a technical certification at no cost.

11th Grade

* Register for the PSAT/NMSQT at LOLHS in October (See Student Services if you need a fee waiver).
* Register for the SAT and/or ACT. (If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, see Ms. Colón for a fee waiver.) It is recommended that students take each exam at least once. Many students will then re-take the exam they performed the best on.
* Attend College and Career Night, on-campus presentations, and fieldtrips to learn ALL of your options for post-secondary education. Check Ms. Colón’s website for upcoming events.
* Schedule tours of the colleges and technical schools you are most interested in.
* Review and compare your ACT/SAT results. Plan to retake if desired, then practice, practice, practice.
* Make a list of schools you would like to apply to along with application and financial aid deadlines.
* If you are interested in a career in military, meet with our military representatives and take the ASVAB.

12th Grade

* Verify your community services hours on myStudent, and finish up any hours required for Bright Futures.
* Retake the SAT or ACT if higher scores are needed for Bright Futures or college admissions.
* Take and/or retake the PERT if higher scores are needed for college readiness (see Ms. Colón for cut scores).
* Take the TABE if the technical school you plan to attend requires it.
* Apply to your college of choices (university, community/state, technical) by the appropriate deadline.
* Attend a Financial Aid presentation in the Fall and complete the FAFSA (opens Oct. 1) www.fafsa.ed.gov.
* Submit your application for Bright Futures and continue to apply for other scholarships.

 \*\*FOLLOW MS. COLON FOR UPCOMING COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS!\*\*

WEBSITE: <http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/sfraneco>

Twitter: @LOLHS\_CRC Remind: @lolhsCCL

College and Career Exploration - [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org) [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org)

Bright Futures Scholarship

The Bright Futures scholarship can help you fund **up to 100% of your post-secondary education**! There are four different awards: **Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars, Gold Seal Vocational Scholars, and Gold Seal CAPE Scholars.** All awards are based on student GPA, test scores, and completion of community service hours. You can find the **complete eligibility requirements**, including minimum criteria for each award at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm).

\*For other scholarship opportunities, check out the LOLHS Monthly Newsletter posted on the College & Career Lab website.

ACT Test Dates 2018-19

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| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Fee Required |
| September 8 | August 10 | August 11-26 |
| October 27 | September 28 | September 29-October 14 |
| December 8 | November 2 | November 3-19 |
| February 9 | January 11 | January 12-18 |
| April 13 | March 8 | March 9-25 |
| June 8 | May 3 | May 4-20 |
| July 13 | June 14 | June 15-24 |

For ACT registration and test practice materials, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

SAT Test Dates 2018-19

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| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration |
| August 25 | July 27 | August 15 |
| October 6 | September 7 | September 26 |
| November 3 | October 5 | October 24 |
| December 1 | November 2 | November 20 |
| March 9 | February 8 | February 27 |
| May 4 | April 5 | April 24 |
| June 11 | May 3 | May 22 |

For SAT registration and test prep materials, visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

\*\*Juniors and Seniors who qualify for free/reduced lunch are eligible for 2 fee waivers per test. See Ms. Colón for test fee waivers.

Have more questions? Contact Ms. Colón, College and Career Specialist

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