

# **Freshmen and Sophomore Parent Night**

**Gulf Coast High School**

**Fall, 2007**

# Counselors

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Role of the counselors
- Planning for the future
- Attendance & Credit Denial
- Grades/Grade Calculation/Grade Classification
- Graduation requirements/Graduation Plans
- Bright Futures/Local/State/National Scholarships
- Planning for the Future
  - PSAT/PLAN/College Admissions Tests
  - [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org)
  - Guidance Web Site
  - Dual Enrollment
  - Community Service

# School Counselors assist with:

- Course selection and schedules
- Monitor Graduation Requirements
- Testing results and interpretation
- Personal/social concerns
- Career planning and MAI/ course selection
- Future planning for college, military, or technical and vocational school
- College information
- Scholarships

# FACTS.ORG

Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students

FACTS.org  
it's all academic

Florida's official online student advising system

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- High School Planning
- College/Career Tech Planning
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- Admissions
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- Fees & Payments
- Records & Registration
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Welcome! FACTS.org is Florida's official online student advising system! High school students, college students, parents, and even counselors can use the services provided on this website to help plan and track educational progress in Florida! FACTS.org is provided free by the Florida Department of Education to help students make informed choices about their education.

With FACTS.org, you can:

- Determine career objectives
- Evaluate high school progress
- See high school course summary and grades
- Learn about higher ed opportunities in Florida
- Apply to college online
- Choose the right major
- Access college transcripts and grades
- Track progress towards college graduation
- Determine what matters in bachelor's degree completion

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Choices PLANNER Explore Careers

Make a Plan... Win a Laptop

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# GCHS Guidance Website

GULFCOASTSHARKS.COM - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.gulfcoastsharks.com/

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## Gulf Coast High School Guidance Office

Welcome to the Gulf Coast High School  
Guidance Office Web Site!

[College visit Schedule](#)

[New Scholarship list](#)

**Guidance Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday 7:00 AM- 3:00 PM

**New Enrollments:**  
Please visit the district website for enrollment information (see link below) All documents/information must be presented at the time of enrollment in order for the student to be registered.

**Address Changes:**  
If you moved during the summer or will move during the school year, please complete a change of address form(form download [english,spanish](#)) and submit this with 2 proofs of residence to Mrs. Lopez, the Guidance Secretary.

**Parent and Student Nights:**  
The Guidance Department is pleased to present Family and Student Information Nights. Topics will include graduation requirements, college applications/admission policies, the Bright Futures Scholarship Program, post-secondary opportunities and much more. The dates are as follows:

**Home Page**

**College & Career Information**

**Upcoming Events**

**Parent Night Information**

**Course Selection Information**

**Graduation**

**SAT / ACT**

**Staff**

**Scholarships**

**School Profile**

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# Attendance Policy

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# Excused Absences

- Students can make-up work
  - Pre-arranged religious holidays, verified funerals, medical appointments, legal appointments, and all school related activities, including ISS.
  - These absences do not count toward credit denial

# Validated Absences

- Work may be made up for credit. However, these absences still count towards credit denial.
- Brief illness, appointments, family business, enhanced assist – a phone call or note are required for the absence to be validated

# Unexcused Absences

- Absences will count towards credit denial and student will receive a failing grade for all work missed.
- Cutting class, truancy, tardiness of 50% or more minutes to class, out of school suspension, not attending Enhanced Assist

# Credit Denial

- What is Credit Denial?
  - Absences in any class in excess of 4.5 days per 9 week term. Credit or half credit will not be given if there are any F's on the report card and the student has the excess number of absences

# What do I do if I get credit denial?

- Make sure I come to school and bring a note or have a parent call when I'm absent
- Make sure I do my make-up work if I'm allowed.
- Make sure I don't get any F's on my report card. This includes mid-terms and final exams.
- See Mrs. Cassidy in the Attendance office for a [Credit Denial Appeal Form.](#)

# Grades

- Calculation of GPA's
  - State unweighted for graduation
  - County weighted for class ranking
  - Recalculated for universities and Bright Futures
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- Report Cards

# Calculate Grades

- Full Term or 1.0 Credit Course  
Quality Points

A	35-40 Points
B	25-34 Points
C	15-24 Points
D	5-14 Points

<b>Q1(x2)</b>	<b>Q2(x2)</b>	<b>E(x1)</b>	<b>Q3(x2)</b>	<b>Q4(x2)</b>	<b>E(x1)</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>= 32 Points = B</b>					

# Calculating Grade Point Average

- Using final grades in the course-divide total points by number of semesters

## Final Grades

1.0 English 1      B      3 Points      (6)

1.0 Integ. Sci.      C      2 Points      (4)

0.5 Career Res.      A      4 Points      (4)

0.5 Crit. Think.      B      3 Points      (3)

1.0 Algebra 1      A      4 Points      (8)

Total: 25 points divided by 8 semesters=3.125 GPA

# Weighted Calculations

- **Honors**

- add .02 points to each semester with grade of “C” or better

- Ex. English 1 Honors

- Grade “A” 4.04

- **Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment**

- Add .04 points to each semester with grade of “C” or better

- Ex. Biology 1 honors (AP) with AP Biology

- Grade “A” 4.16

# Grade Classification

- To be classified a **sophomore**, a student must accumulate **6.0** credits
- To be classified a **junior**, a student must accumulate **14.0** credits
- To be classified a **senior**, a student must accumulate **20** credits and have an unweighted GPA of **1.9**

# Academic Concerns

- What to do if student is having academic difficulties
  - Parent/Student should contact the teacher (email)
  - [www.gradebook.collier.k12.fl.us](http://www.gradebook.collier.k12.fl.us)
    - Username: 6 digit student number
    - Password: Birth month and day
    - Keep up with grades so there are no surprises at the end of a grading period when it is too late
  - Arrange tutoring with the teacher
  - Tutoring at lunch through NHS
    - Tu/Th Math & Wed/Fri All other subjects
  - Arrange Private Tutoring

# High School Graduation Program Options

- 24 Credit Traditional  
for classes of 2007-09
- 30 Credit Traditional for  
class of 2010 & beyond
- 18 Credit College Prep
- 18 Credit Career Prep



# 30 credit Traditional Plan for Class of 2010

■ English	5.0 cr
■ Math (with Algebra 1 or equivalent)	4.0 cr
■ Science (2 with labs)	4.0 cr
■ Social Studies (WH, AH, Econ/Gov)	3.0 cr
■ Practical Arts or Perform. Arts	1.0 cr
■ Life Management Skills (Health)	.5 cr
■ Physical Education (PF & Elect)	1.0 cr
■ Elective Credits	11.5 cr
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■ Total Credits	30.0 cr

Pass the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade FCAT  
2.0 unweighted cumulative GPA

# 30 credit Traditional Plan for Class of 2011

- English 5.0 cr
- Math (with Algebra 1 or equivalent) 4.0 cr
- Science (all with labs) 4.0 cr
- Social Studies (WH, AH, Econ/Gov) 3.0 cr
- Fine Arts (Music, Drama, Dance, Art) 1.0 cr
- HOPE 1.0 cr
- Major Areas of Interest 4.0 cr
- Elective Credits 8.0 cr

**Pass the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade FCAT**  
**2.0 unweighted cumulative GPA**

# 18 Credit College Prep Plan

## 18 Credit Career Prep Plan

- Only students who scored level 3 on Reading, Math and Writing FCAT can choose one of these accelerated plans at the end of the Freshman year.
- Parents and students need to talk directly to your counselor about this option

# Planning for the Future

- Rigor of Schedule
- PSAT/PLAN/College Admissions Tests
  - Freshmen will take the PLAN Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Sophomores & Juniors will take the PSAT on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>
- All students that plan to attend college should take the SAT and/or the ACT in the Spring of their Junior year
- [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org)
- Guidance Web Site [www.gulfcoastsharks.com](http://www.gulfcoastsharks.com)
- Refrigerator Art (Upcoming Events)
- Dual Enrollment

# Community Service

- Not Required for graduation
- Most scholarships and many college applications will ask for or require it (depth & breadth)
- Cannot be affiliated with religious or political organizations
- Must obtain prior approval from your guidance counselor
- Forms available in the guidance office

# Bright Futures Scholarships

- Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (75% tuition)
- Florida Medallion Scholars (100% tuition at community colleges and 75% at state colleges)
- Academic Scholars (100% tuition)

# Gold Seal Programs

- Drafting (I,II,III)
- Communications Technology (I, II, III)
- Early Childhood (I,II,III)
- Teacher Assisting (I,II,III)
- Computing and Web Design (I,II)
- Culinary Arts (I,II,III)
- Medical Academy (3 courses)
- Sports & Entertainment Academy (3 courses)

# Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology

- Administrative Assistant 11, 12
- Patient Care Assistant LPN 12
- Culinary Arts 11, 12
- Computer Electronics Tech. 11, 12
- Automotive Services Tech. 11, 12
- Marine Services Tech. 12
- Early Childhood Ed. 11, 12
- Aviation Maintenance 12

# Chart Your Course to Success

I can be successful if I:

Attend class & be on time	Listen to announcements & be involved in school	Bring materials	Take part in discussions
Pay attention	Follow directions	Begin assignments	Stay on task
Complete assignments	Work independently	Talk at appropriate times	Follow School rules

# Charting your future course

- [www.Facts.org](http://www.Facts.org)
- [Bright Futures](#)
- [www.gulfcoastsharks.com](http://www.gulfcoastsharks.com)

