



Senior Road Map

Use this Road Map to navigate your senior student through the academic year. It is recommended that you refer to this Road Map at least once during every grading period. **Please reach out to your College Success Coach with any questions.**

Contact Information:

College Success Coach:

Name: _____
Phone: (____) - _____
Email: _____

School Counselor:

Name: _____
Phone: (____) - _____
Email: _____

Student/Mentee:

Name: _____
Phone: (____) - _____
Email: _____

Mentor:

Name: _____
Phone: (____) - _____
Email: _____

What days are you planning to have your mentoring sessions? (Circle)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Class Period: _____

Time: __ : __

What is the student's status in the Take Stock in Children program? (Circle)

Active Warning Probation

GPA Goals:

Current GPA: _____

1st Semester GPA Goal: _____

1st Semester GPA Actual: _____

2nd Semester GPA Goal: _____

2nd Semester GPA Actual: _____

Cumulative GPA Goal: _____

Cumulative GPA Actual: _____

Community Service:

Where would you recommend your student to volunteer (if they have not volunteered anywhere already)? How many more community service hours do they need to graduate/qualify for scholarships? Remind your student to get the required volunteer form from their guidance counselor's office or online and that they log their hours every semester.

Bright Futures Academic Scholarship: 100 hours of community service

Florida Medallion Scholarship: 75 hours of community service

Gold Seals Scholarship: 30 hours of community service

How many community service hours does your student have so far? _____

College Preparation (Quarter 1/Quarter 2):

What Universities/Colleges/Vocational Schools does your student want to attend? Identify at *least* 3 schools to apply to.

Four Year University Requirements:

Average scores to get into some Florida Universities.

School	SAT score range	ACT score range	GPA range
University of Florida (UF)	1220 - 1390	27 - 32	3.5 - 3.75+
Florida State University (FSU)	1190 - 1390	26 - 30	3.25 - 3.5+
University of South Florida (USF)	1150 - 1310	24 - 29	3.0 - 3.75+
University of Central Florida (UCF)	1150 - 1320	24 - 29	3.0 - 3.75+

Schools to Apply To:

	School	Intended Major/Program of Study	Application Due Date
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

College Essays:

How are your student's writing skills? If they need assistance with writing a college essay, find resources to strengthen their writing skills. Most college applications require a short essay. Students are often given a question or a prompt and asked to write a short essay. Identify the schools they intend to apply for and start working on the essay questions.

Recommendation Letters:

If your student has not received letters of recommendation yet, help them identify at least three people that they could receive letters of recommendation from, and then ask those people for letters. Many schools require letters of recommendation in the application process.

People for letters of recommendation:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

High School Resume:

You will likely need a resume for college applications and scholarships. Create a resume with all awards, achievements, paid or volunteer work, extracurricular activities, classes take, fluent language(s), technical skills, and any job experience.

Standardized Testing:

What are your student's current SAT/ACT scores? Based on the schools they want to get into, do they need to retake the exams? Make sure your student contacts their guidance counselor for a fee waiver for the exams.

- The **SAT** is scored from 400 - 1600. There are two sections: one for math and one for reading and writing. Each section is scored from 200 - 800.
- The **ACT** has four sections (English, math, reading, and science). Each subject area is given a scaled score between 1 and 36 – those area scores are then averaged into your composite score, which also ranges between 1 and 36.

*The **Super Score** is the combination of your best scores based on the subsections. For example, let's say that the student takes the SAT twice: their highest math score is from their first exam (620) and their highest reading and writing score is on the second exam (650). That would mean that their super score is a 1270. The super score is used for both the SAT and ACT, however different schools have different policies on super scoring.

SAT Reading & Writing	SAT Math	Composite	Super Score

ACT English	ACT Math	ACT Reading	ACT Science	Composite	Super Score

What dates will you take the SAT: _____

What date will you take the ACT: _____

Does your student need to retake the SAT/ACT? (Circle) YES NO

When will the student retake the SAT/ACT? _____

FAFSA:

Seniors can submit their **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** as early as **October 1st**. To receive priority aid, students should submit the FAFSA **no later than December 31, 2019.**

All seniors need to complete the **2019-2020** FAFSA. For students entering college for the 2019-2020 school year, your parent/guardian's 2018 income tax records are needed. When attending college, the FAFSA needs to be filed for EACH year attending college.

- Students & parents will first need to create an ID: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- More information about the FAFSA: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

**If a student qualifies for Free & Reduced Lunch, they could potentially qualify for free federal aid/grants if they submit their FAFSA before December.*

TSIC Workshops:

Seniors will be **required** to attend at least the events listed below.

- **Fall Senior Workshop: Mandatory**
 - October 12, 2019 – Location/Time TBD
- **FAFSA Workshop: Mandatory**
 - Offered at multiple times and locations – see your College Success Coach for more information.
- **Spring Senior Workshop/Celebration: Mandatory**
 - May 16, 2020 – Location/Time TBD

Scholarships:

The Take Stock in Children scholarship will not cover all costs of going to a college or university. Applying for additional scholarships should be a priority in your senior year. Every month, a new “Scholarship Matrix” is available in the Guidance office at your high school. Every month you should identify at least three scholarships that you may be eligible for and apply!

Scholarship Websites:

- **FastWeb.com**
- **Hillsborough Education Foundation** also offers **Senior Scholarships** – Applications open in November and all TSIC students are strongly encouraged to apply - <https://www.educationfoundation.com/types-of-scholarships>
- **Unigo.com**
- **College Vine** - <https://blog.collegevine.com/applying-to-college/scholarships/>

**Check for scholarships at the schools you are apply for – many scholarships are school specific.*

Clubs/Sports:

Is your student involved in any extra-curricular activities? Make sure they are still involved in at least **one** club or sport during their senior year and encourage them to get involved in more if they have time.

<i>Clubs</i>	
<i>Sports</i>	
<i>Extracurricular</i>	

FSA Scores:

Has your student passed the FSA **OR** have they received the equivalent score on the SAT/ACT/PERT? The passing score for the FSA ELA is **350** and the passing score for the FSA EOC is **497**. ****Passing the FSA is a graduation and a TSIC requirement****

If you aren't sure, make an appointment with your guidance counselor to find out.

Career Readiness:

Does your student already have an intended career path? If so, what steps are they taking to pursue that career? If they do not, go to <https://mycareershines/kuder.com> and research different career paths with them.

Email:

Important information from TSIC/HEF and from colleges will be emailed to you so it is important to check your email regularly! Also, make sure you have a professional email address. [Example: john.smith@mail.com or ajohnson@mail.com]

Remember:

No senioritis! Be diligent in keeping up with deadlines for any paperwork the colleges require. Keep working hard in your classes so that your final transcript will be acceptable to your college and it reflects all your efforts!

Senior Timeline

August	First day of the first semester is August 12, 2019 . This is a good time for your student to start applying to colleges/universities.
September	Make sure your student keeps their grades up. Remind your student that to get into the school that they want to attend, they need to have good grades for their senior year. Attend the mandatory Senior Workshop.
October	October is the end of the first grading period. FAFSA application is now open. Make sure your student has their parent/guardian tax information for the application and have the application submitted as soon as possible.
November	Thanksgiving break is November 25, 2019, – November 29, 2019. If your student has not already picked a school, this would be a good time to apply to some other schools. If your student has not applied for the Bright Futures, Florida Medallion, or Gold Seal Scholarships, encourage them to do so – the College & Career Counselor can help them with this process if they are eligible.
December	December is the end of the second grading period and the first semester. Winter break is December 23, 2019, – January 3, 2020. Your student should decide soon where they want to attend college and the FAFSA should be submitted by December 31, 2019, to get priority aid.
January	Students return to school. Make sure your student stays diligent with remaining classes. Research scholarships with your student and have them apply for a few more scholarships. Set a goal of applying for 3 scholarships a month.
February	Make sure your student keeps up the hard work. This is a good time to make sure they have all the necessary requirements for graduation and college admission.
March	End of the third grading period. Spring break will be March 16, 2020, – March 20, 2020 and is a good time for your student to decide which college they want to attend.
April	Keep up with school work. Remind your student that if their GPA drops below their college's expectation, their admission to the college could be revoked. Stay focused!
May	End of the fourth grading period and the second semester. Make sure your student is prepared for graduation and starts preparing for the transition into college! Seniors are required to attend the end of year TSIC Senior Celebration to receive important information about using their Florida PrePaid Scholarship.