Helpful Action Steps for Senior Year

A Guide for Parents

01

Test & Apply Early

- Encourage your child to take the SAT, ACT or CLT exams early and retake them for higher scores.
- Have them complete and submit their college applications/Common App.
- Make sure they connect their Scoir account to their Common App account.
- Parents should also connect to their student's Scoir account.

Testing opens doors!

- Beyond the graduation requirement
- Increase scholarship opportunities
- Strengthen college acceptance options

02

Complete State & Federal Financial Aid Applications

- Help your child complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA; aka Bright Futures Application).
- Support them in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Both FFAA & FAFSA open October 1st
- Parent information on the FAFSA is necessary & mandatory to complete the application.

Financial aid can make college more affordable!

Don't miss important deadlines. Completing both the FFAA and FAFSA maximizes opportunities for grants, scholarships and financial aid.

03

Meet with your Counselor & CAP Advisor

- Encourage your child to connect with their counselor to ensure that graduation requirements are being met.
- Have them connect with the CAP Advisor to plan the transition from high school to their postsecondary plan.
- If your child is feeling overwhelmed or anxious, encourage them to seek help. Talk to a trusted adult and manage stress constructively.

Their well-being matters!

Academic success is important, but so is mental health. Help your child stay balanced and supported during this exciting (and busy) time.

Visit **studentservices.dadeschools.net** to access the College Assistance Program resources.

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