

**2011-2012**  
**Sophomore Information Sheet**

***Sophomore Credit Checks officially begin in December***

**Counselor Changes:** This year we've had a change in counselor "alpha" assignment. The new designations are:

Marilyn Gunther	ESE	(9-12)
Ellen Roberts	A-Z	(9 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
Marcia Lightsey	A-ED	(10-12)
Katisha Byrd	EF-LOF	(10-12) & Operation Diploma
Nicola Williams	LOG-REG	(10-12) & Guidance Director
Deborah Nash	REH-Z	(10-12)

**Important Graduation Information**

Beginning with the class, the Class of 2009, seniors must complete all 26 required credits for graduation and have at least a 2.0 unweighted grade point average in order to march with their class. **Students will no longer be allowed to participate in graduation if they are short any credit!!**

**Graduation Requirements**  
**Class of 2014 (Current 10<sup>th</sup> Grade):**

26 total Credits

- 4 English
- 4 Math (must be earned 9-12 grade including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or higher)
- 4 Science (earned in courses with lab component one of which must include Biology)
- 3 Social Studies
  - 1 World History (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - 1 American History (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - .5 American Government/ .5 Economics (12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- .5 Personal Fitness
- .5 Physical Education elective
- 1 Fine /Performing Art
- 9 Total Elective Credits (suggested minimum of 2 credits in World Language)
- Passing FCAT 2.0 Reading Level 3 and Algebra 1 EOC (30% of Course Grade)

***Scholars with Distinction***

- Cumulative weighted 3.75 GPA
- 3 Years in the same World Language
- Completion of 6 credits in Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes with "A" and "B" grades (up to two "A" and "B" credits earned in Dual enrollment may be applied)
- Completion of 1 credit in Experimental Research (or equivalent) with an "A" or "B"

## Bright Futures

Please note changes have been made to the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

**STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FAFSA FORM IN JANUARY OF THE SENIOR YEAR AT THE WEBSITE FAFSA.GOV TO QUALIFY FOR BRIGHT FUTURES.**

*Test score requirements have changed:*

FAS: 1290 SAT or 29 ACT

FMS: 1170 SAT or 26 ACT

GSV=: SAT: 440 CR/440 M

ACT: Reading 18, English 17, Math 19

CPT: Sentence Skills 83, Algebra 72, Reading 83

*All award levels require community service:*

Florida Academic Scholar (FAS)	= 100 hours
Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)	= 75 hours
Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)	= 30 hours

**Community Service:** Students can earn one half-credit towards graduation through volunteer service at an approved agency. Community service is also mandatory for the Florida Academic Scholars Award. Volunteer work must be at an approved agency and all paperwork must be completed **before** beginning any community service. The list of approved community service agencies is available on the Oviedo High School website under Guidance. See your counselor if you have questions.

**FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test):** The Reading FCAT 2.0 is required for graduation with a passing level 3 score. Students will take Reading between March and April of 2012.

**EOC (End of Course exam):** The Algebra I EOC is the math requirement for graduation for sophomores. The EOC counts as 30% of the final grade in the Algebra course.

### PSAT

Oviedo High School will be hosting a PSAT parent information session on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Media Center. Parents will learn more about the importance of the test and how to read the score reports. Also, information on how to use the score reports to plan high school classes will be provided.

- **My College QuickStart:** All sophomores should have taken the PSAT exam in October. The score report from the PSAT exam provides a free access code for an SAT prep program called My College QuickStart sponsored by the College Board @ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

## The Road to College

**College Prep Curriculum:** Any student planning to attend a **four-year state university in Florida** must have a minimum of 20 credits including:

4 units in English	3 units in Social Studies
4 units in Math (including Algebra I, II, Geometry, and higher)	2 units in the same Foreign Language
3 units in Science (should include lab sciences)	4 units Academic Electives

**The College/Career Room:** College catalogs, view books, videos, financial information, and applications are available in the college/career room. The College Room is located in building 1.

### **Course Waivers/ Substitutions**

- a. Please see high school guidance counselor regarding the waiver/substitution options.
- b. Students using a waiver or substitution may need to substitute other courses to meet the required number of credits for graduation.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Waiver/ Substitution applies to</b>
<p><b>Athletic Participation:</b> Students who participate in interscholastic sports at the junior varsity or varsity level for two years (2 full seasons) and pass the competency test on personal fitness with a grade of "C" or better shall satisfy the ½ credit of Personal Fitness and ½ credit of elective physical education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must <u>not</u> have taken or be enrolled in the Personal Fitness Course to be eligible for the waiver.</li> </ul>	Physical Education graduation requirement including Personal Fitness.
<p><b>Marching Band:</b> Completion with a grade of "C" or better of one semester in an official marching band class (Band I – VI) or in a physical activity class that requires participation in marching band activities as an extra curricular activity shall satisfy the ½ credit of elective PE credit. The student must still take Personal Fitness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This waiver may <u>not</u> be combined with the waiver for Personal Fitness through athletic participation.</li> <li>• Marching band season is the first semester of the year only.</li> </ul>	Physical Education graduation requirement but <u>not</u> Personal Fitness.
<p><b>Dance:</b> Students who complete one semester of dance satisfy the ½ credit in physical education <u>or</u> ½ in performing fine arts (may not count for both requirements). This may <u>not</u> be used to satisfy the Personal Fitness requirement or the requirement for adapted physical education under an IEP or 504 Plan.</p>	Physical Education graduation requirement but <u>not</u> Personal Fitness or Performing Fine Art.

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<p><b>JROTC/Performing Fine Arts/Physical Education:</b> Completion of two years in a ROTC class, a significant component of which is drills, shall satisfy the one credit requirement in physical education (<u>not</u> Personal Fitness) and the one credit requirement in performing arts.</p>	<p>Physical Education graduation requirement (<u>not</u> Personal Fitness) and Performing Fine Arts.</p>
<p><b>JROTC/ Marine Science:</b> Upon completion of the JROTC Maritime Science program (Coast Guard, Air Force, or Navy), including Maritime Science I, II, III, and IV, students may substitute on a curriculum equivalency basis, one JROTC credit for Marine Science I to satisfy one of the three science requirements needed for graduation.</p>	<p>Science graduation requirement.</p>
<p><b>JROTC/ Physical Science:</b> Upon completion of the JROTC Naval Science program, including Naval Science I, II, and III, or the JROTC Aerospace Science program including Aerospace Science I, II, and III, students may substitute on a curriculum equivalency basis, one JROTC credit for Physical Science to satisfy one of the three science requirements needed for graduation.</p>	<p>Science graduation requirement.</p>