

BRIGHT FUTURES CHANGE FOR IB STUDENTS

In October, 2016, the Florida Department of Education instituted a change in service requirements for students who obtain their IB Diplomas. Previously, students who obtained their diplomas could use their Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) hours to meet the service requirements to qualify for Bright Futures. Because of changes to the CAS program, students are no longer able to use all their CAS hours to be eligible for the scholarship funds. Only service hours will count toward the required number of hours, and the service hours must be community service. CAS service hours will count toward the Bright Futures requirement if they meet the guidelines for service as outlined by the Florida Department of Education. This is an immediate change and affects the graduating class of 2017 as well as all subsequent classes.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for the scholarship funds, students must adhere to the following:

Class of 2017: complete an additional 50 service hours by graduation.

Class of 2018:

- 11th grade – 50 service hours
- 12th grade – 50 service hours

Class of 2019:

- 10th grade - 35 service hours
- 11th grade – 35 service hours
- 12th grade – 30 service hours

Class of 2020:

Beginning with the Pre-IB class of 2020, students will need to complete the following service hours each year:

- 9th grade – 25 service hours
- 10th grade – 25 service hours (for a total of 50 hours)
- 11th & 12th grade – 50 service hours (CAS service) over the 2-year period (for a total of 100 hours)

Service Hours Requirements for Bright Futures

1. Students must complete volunteer service hours during high school and by high school graduation.
2. Service hours may include, but are not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on behalf of a candidate for public office. *Note that IB does not allow political affiliations and working on behalf of a candidate for public office will NOT count for CAS hours.
3. The hours must be documented in writing, and signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the organization. All copies of documentation must be turned in to Mr. Crisci, LPA's registrar.

Eligibility requirements for students who are awarded their IB Diplomas

Award	GPA	ACT®/SAT®	SERVICE HOURS
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	N/A	N/A	100 hours

Eligibility requirements for students who complete the IB curriculum, but are NOT awarded the IB Diploma

	GPA (unweighted)	ACT®/SAT®	Service Hours
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	3.5	29/1290	100
Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)	3.0	26/1170	75

Students having additional questions or concerns may speak with me after school in room 207, or they may e-mail me at tara.jensen@stlucieschools.org.

Sincerely,

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