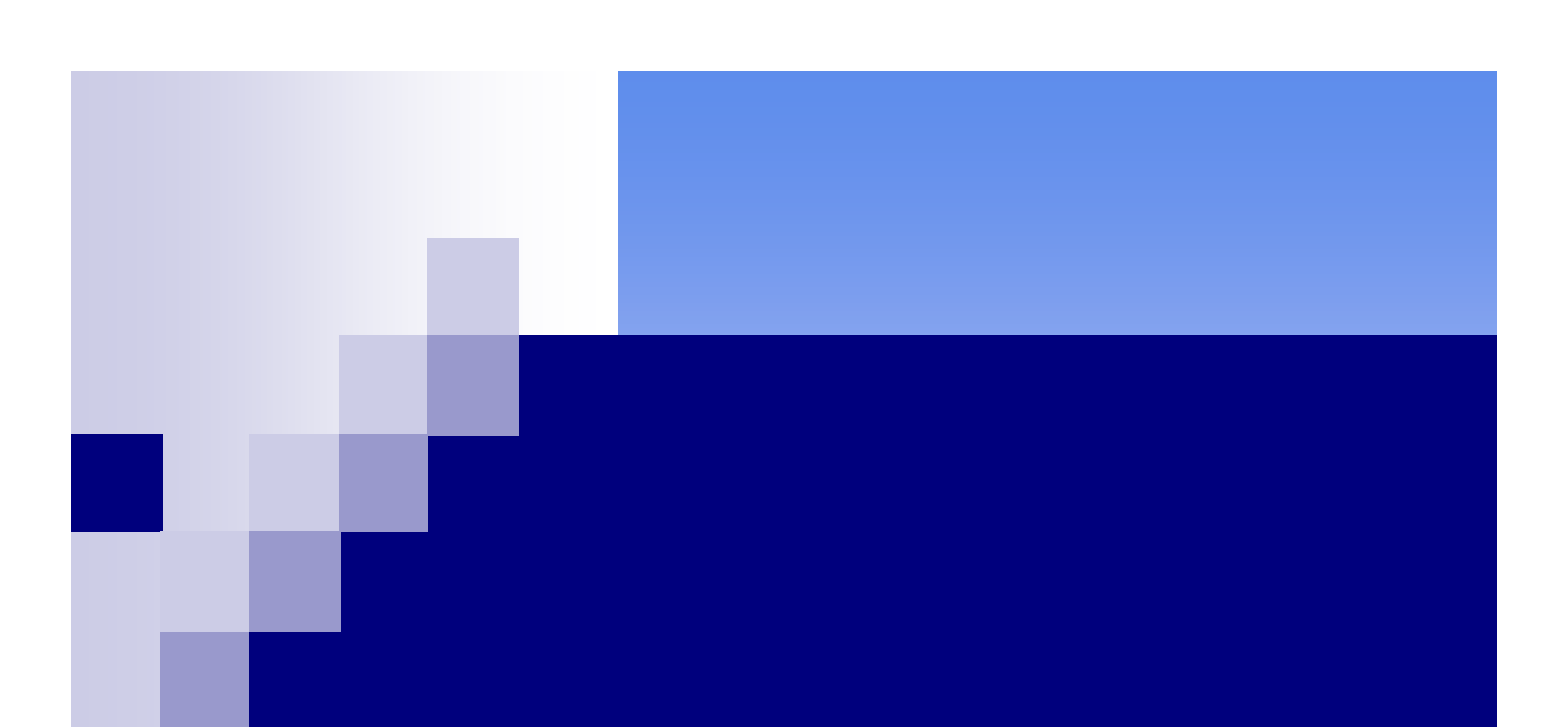




# Guidance Night

February 2010



For I know the plans I have for you," declares  
the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to  
harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.  
Jeremiah 29:11

# Agenda

- Bright Futures
- State Graduation Requirements
- Graduation Tracks
- Test Prep
- Choosing and Planning for College
- Questions



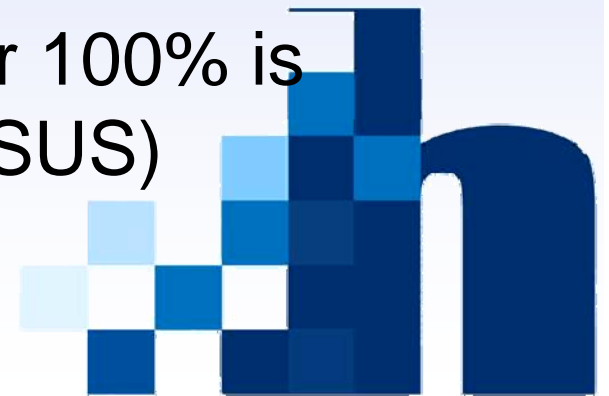
# Bright Futures

- Qualifications: 100%
  - 3.5 GPA
  - 1270 SAT or 28 ACT
  - 75 Hours Community Service
- Qualifications: 75%
  - 3.0 GPA
  - 970 SAT or 20 ACT
  - No Community Service Hours Required



# Bright Futures: What You Really Need to Know

- GPA is based on CORE CLASSES
  - 4 English, 4 Math (Algebra I and above), 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 Foreign Language
- SAT / ACT can be taken as many times as you like (we will talk about this later)
- Accepted at all public and most private colleges in Florida, but the 75% or 100% is only at the 11 State Universities (SUS)



# College Prep Track

- Math should all be Algebra I and higher
  - Sequence: Alg. I, Alg. II, Geometry, Pre Calculus
- Science – Physical Science, Biology, Marine Science, Chemistry
- Foreign Language – Spanish I and II
- Some Honors Classes



# Advanced College Prep

- Calculus
- Physics
- AP English
- Many Honors Classes



# Graduation Requirements

## ■ State of Florida

- 4 English
- 4 Math (Algebra I required)
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 1 Performing Art
- 1 PE

## ■ State of Florida University System and Bright Futures

- 4 Math (Algebra I and higher)
- 2 Foreign Language

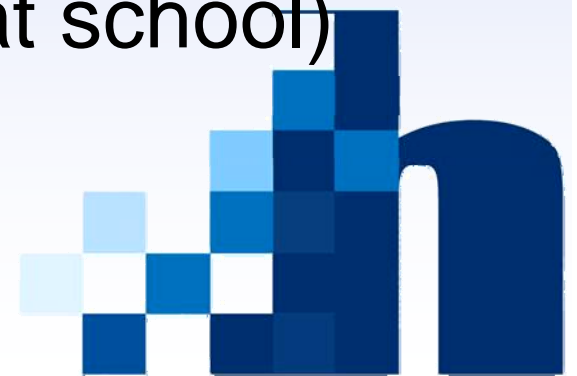
# Mile Markers

- Report Cards
- Standardized Testing done in April
- EXPLORE for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders
- PSAT for Sophomores and Juniors
- ASVAB for Juniors



# Test Prep

- Mr. Canning offers an SAT Prep class usually once or twice a year
- Other Personalized Prep
- Broward College as well as other institutions are always offering prep classes (juniors and seniors are made aware of these opportunities at school)



# College: Here We Come

- What is important?
  - GPA
  - SAT / ACT Scores
  - Rigor of Schedule\*
  - The “All-Around” Factor
- When should we start looking?
  - NOW!!
- When should we start applying
  - Late Summer between Junior and Senior year
  - Before Christmas of the Senior year (ideally)

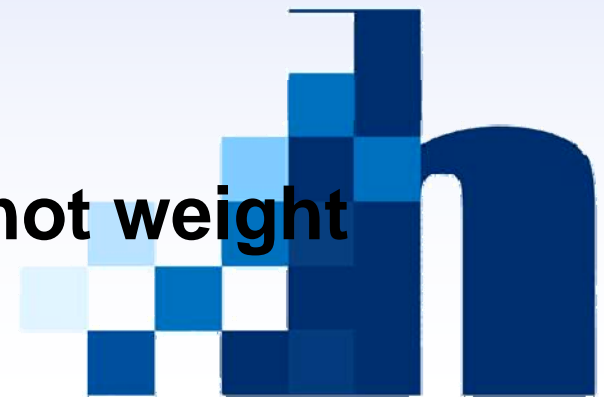


# Improve My Chances

## ■ Academic Programs

- Honors Courses – GPA is bumped 1 point (example = 2.0 (C) bumped to 3.0 (B))\*
- Dual Enrollment – Broward College, PBCC, FAU – Courses must be approved by Administration – Grade is treated like Honors
- Advanced Placement (AP) – GPA is bumped 2 points – 2.0 bumped to 4.0\*

- **\* BF and some universities will not weight this much**



# Improve My Chances cont'd.

## ■ SAT / ACT

- Practice tests should be taken seriously (PSAT, PLAN, EXPLORE)
- Know the differences of the tests and when to take them
- Remember Test Prep Classes
- Prepare, PREPARE, **PREPARE!!**



# Choosing a College

- What factors are important (sports, location, population, etc.)
- Don't be afraid to look outside the bubble (i.e. Florida)
- Be open to Christian Colleges



# Planning and Paying

- First and Foremost: the FAFSA – (see article)
- Second: Financial aid packages from your particular schools
- Third: Scholarships (from the school, from outside the school)
- Fourth: Student Loans



QUESTIONS?

