Seniors are encouraged to make appointments with School Counselors to review status for Graduation.  Counselors do a review of every senior twice a year: once in September and once in late February after second semester.  Senior Status letters are mailed home to the address on file for all seniors and any IB senior not on track at the beginning of the year in September.  A second senior status letter is mailed home to all seniors not on track in late February.

**Graduation Information:**  
**Cap and Gown Pick-up** will be on Thursday, June 9th  from 2:30pm - 3:30pm in front of the Hungry Ram.  All debt must be paid in full before they can be picked up.  Only the student or relative can pick up the cap and gown.  Caps, tassels, and medallions can be purchased at this time as well.    
   
**Graduation Practice** is on Friday, June 10th at 1pm at the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.  Practice is mandatory for those participating in Graduation.  
   
**Graduation** is on Saturday, June11th at 6pm.  Seniors need to report at 4pm at the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.  Guests can enter at 5:30pm with a ticket.  Ceremony will begin at 6pm and should end about 9pm the latest.  No banners, balloons, or noise makers are allowed in the building and will be taken.  
   
**Diplomas** can be picked up by the student or relative starting on Monday, June 13th.  On June 13th they can be picked up between the hours of 8am - 12pm.  After the 8th they can be picked up Monday thru Thursday from 8am - 3pm during the summer.  Seniors should remember to turn in final transcript requests by June 5th.

***(Diplomas use the legal name on the birth certificate.  If you have had a legal name change, you MUST submit the proper paperwork from the courts before January of each year.)***

**Senior Pictures**

Stan Wilkinson, Inc. is our photographer for our Senior Portraits.  Seniors should receive a reservation date and time in the mail.  If you do not receive one before school begins, you can contact them at 352-378-8411 or at info.swiphoto.com.  They are located at 3710 NW 51st Street, Suite B in Gainesville, Fl.

**Graduation Senior Pictures**

*GradImages is the official photographer for our Commencement. Proofs will be sent to your home and via email within three to five days after graduation. Pictures can be ordered online, by phone or by mail. Graduation Images can be contacted at 800-261-2576 or via email at*[*www.gradimages.com*](http://www.gradimages.com/)*.*

**Prom Information**

Date: **TBA**  
Time: 7:30pm - 11:30 pm approx  
Location: TBA

Tickets go on sale usually in February.  Only classified Juniors and Seniors may purchase prom tickets.  They start usually at $35.00 per ticket and raise $5.00 each week until Prom or sold out, whichever comes first.  Students can be bring dates from other schools but they must be under the age of 21.  All parties MUST bring a picture ID for entrance into Prom.

**Grad Bash**

Date: **TBA**

Time**: Leave school at 4pm and return the next morning at 4am**

Location: **Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure**

Tickets range from $110 - $120 and go on sale generally in January during lunch time.  Only classified seniors may purchase a Grad Bash ticket.  Depending on the number of buses, that will determine the number of tickets available for purchase.  Once tickets are purchased by the school, there are no refunds for the tickets.

**Graduation Speech Tryouts**

Date**: TBA**

Time: **2:45pm- 3:00pm**

Location:**EHS Auditorium**

Please bring 2 copies of the speech.  It should be no longer than 3 minutes.  Speeches should be all encompassing of the senior class and Eastside High School.  We encourage you to have an adult hear the speech prior to try-outs.

**Scholarships**

Visit the Scholarship Page for more information

**Financial Aid Help**

Seniors are given the opportunity to fill out their Bright Futures, State of Florida Financial Aid, and to sign up for the FAFSA Pin via their English classes in late December or early January.  Two financial aid help sessions are provided in February to help students and parents help file their FAFSA form.  It is IMPORTANT to have filed your taxes prior to filling out your FAFSA information. We encourage you to file as early as possible.

**FAFSA--Federal aid that MUST be filed prior to any aid being awarded**

This cannot be done until after January 1st of each year.  You should have your previous year's taxes filed as early as possible in order to file your FAFSA.  FAFSA is required for all federal aid including Bright Futures.  This should be error free.

1. Go to <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org>
2. Choose State Grants, Scholarships, and Applications on the left hand side
3. Choose Apply Here on the top tab
4. Then choose FAFSA –Free Application for Student Aid
5. Then under Before Beginning FAFSA Step 1 choose Students and Parents Apply for Pin
6. Follow remainder of steps online

**Bright Futures**

1. Go to <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org>
2. Choose State Grants, Scholarships, and Applications on the left hand side
3. Choose Apply Here on the top tab
4. Choose Initial State Student Application
5. Proceed to filling out information. It is important to answer correctly.

**Senior Exams for the Spring:**

Exams are given during the normal class period and cannot be altered.  If a senior stays after exams, they MUST attend their normal class schedule.

* Wednesday, 6/: Periods 5 and 6 will be given in normal class periods
* Thursday, 6/: Periods 3 and 4 will be given in normal class periods.  Students are allowed to check-out of school following their 4th period exam.
* Friday, 6/: Periods 1 and 2 will be given in normal class periods.  Students are allowed to check-out of school following their 2nd period exam.
* Last day for Seniors is June xx, 2016.  Seniors are not allowed on campus after this day until Summer.
* Seniors should remember to put in "Final Transcript Request" before they leave at the end of the day on the last day.  Transcripts are not automatically sent without a request.