Welcome Back to School Take Stock in Children Scholars!

We are excited to begin this school year with you and want to let you know we will be providing everything we can to support you including encouragement from our great volunteer mentors, college success coaching from the Take Stock in Children staff and an invitation to participate in some informative virtual workshops. Your coaching and mentor meetings will be in-person if possible with additional options for virtual meetings. More information will be coming from your school counselor and community liaisons. For now, please look over the important requirements listed below to keep your scholarship in good standing. We are looking forward to a successful semester with you!

**HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL AS A TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLAR:**

- Complete your annual thank you letter online by October 15 by scrolling down to the link on www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic
- Maintain a “C” or better in all classes
- Meet with your mentor as scheduled and communicate with school staff if you cannot keep your meeting time
- Communicate with your TSIC coach as scheduled and if you have any questions we can answer
- Keep absenteeism to less than seven unexcused absences per quarter and have no out of school or less than 5 in-school suspensions
- Participate in TSIC events and workshops, as scheduled

**Now Accepting Applications!**

We are accepting new applications for the Take Stock in Children program from September 1-December 17. If you have siblings, family, or friends in grades 6—9 that meet the requirements of the program, please have them apply HERE!

**HELPFUL TIPS AND RESOURCES**

- Explore your PCS Clever account and all it has to offer [https://www.pcsb.org/clever](https://www.pcsb.org/clever)
- KHAN Academy & SAT Test Prep [https://www.khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)
- Algebra Nation [https://www.algebranation.com](https://www.algebranation.com)
- Join school clubs and get into leadership roles
- Ask your school counselor about tutoring services
- Use the Student Success Roadmap below to stay on track
# School Assignments by Take Stock in Children
## College Success Coach
### 2021-2022

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### MIDDLE SCHOOLS
- James B. Sanderlin K-8
- Lealman Innovation Academy
- Madeira Beach Fundamental
- Meadowlawn Middle
- Oak Grove Middle
- Osceola Middle
- Seminole Middle
- Azalea Middle
- Clearwater Fundamental
- Dunedin Highland Middle
- Academie da Vinci
- Carwise Middle
- Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy
- East Lake Middle
- Palm Harbor Middle
- Tarpon Middle
- Clearwater Intermediate
- Morgan Fitzgerald Middle
- Largo Middle
- Pinellas Preparatory Middle
- Safety Harbor Middle
- Alfred Adler Academy
- Bay Point Middle
- Disston Academy
- John Hopkins Middle
- Pinellas Park Middle
- Thurgood Marshall Middle
- Tyrone Middle

### HIGH SCHOOLS
- Boca Ciega High
- Northeast High
- Seminole High
- Dunedin High
- Lakewood High
- St. Pete Collegiate North
- Countryside High
- East Lake High
- Palm Harbor University High
- St. Pete Collegiate South
- Tarpon Springs High
- Hollins High
- Largo High
- Osceola Fundamental High
- Pinellas Park High
- Clearwater High
- Gibbs High
- NorthStar Academy
- Richard O Jacobson Tech High at Seminole
- St. Petersburg High

### ELEMENTARY/COLLEGE/OTHER SCHOOLS
- Pinellas Virtual Full-time
- St. Petersburg College — Early College/Early Admissions
- Florida Cyber Charter Academy
- Florida Virtual Full-time
- Tarpon Elementary
- Tarpon Fundamental Elementary (application support)
- 74th Street Elementary (application support)

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2021-2022 Annual Update and Thank You Letter
This link is on our website, www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic. Scroll down to the section for Middle and High School students and click the box for Sponsor Letter. The letter is due by October 15, 2021.

2021-2022 Take Stock in Children Coaching
TSIC scholars will meet with their TSIC coach once a semester if they are in grade 6-10 and once each quarter in grades 11 and 12 to explore college and career readiness. The TSIC coach is employed by the Pinellas Education Foundation or Pinellas County Schools and is not the same as a volunteer mentor. Additional academic coaching sessions may be required depending on student grades, behavior and attendance.

2021-2022 Take Stock in Children Mentoring
In-School — 2 Per Month Required (15 Meetings Minimum)
Fifteen (15) individual mentoring sessions should be coordinated and completed through the school liaison with an individual mentor or in small groups. There are 4 ways to participate:

1. Face-to-Face over lunch break with individual mentor
2. Zoom/Teams (coordinated and facilitated by liaison over lunch)
3. 3. Use the TSIC Chat App on a phone or computer, www.takestockinchildren.org
4. Live or recorded Career Conversations (look for posted events in Teams, credit will only be given for three of these per year) Link to recorded Career Conversations: https://www.pcsb.org/Page/16143

Supplemental Group Mentoring Sessions on Mondays
This is for students who don’t have a mentor yet and students who need to catch up on their required two sessions each month. **If the student is on track with two mentoring sessions each month, attendance is optional.**

Group mentoring — Mondays at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Students must register to get meeting link, and cameras must be on for credit. Link to register: https://calendly.com/tsic/group-mentoring-all-students

For mentoring questions, please contact Dee Mortellaro, dee.mortellaro@pinellaseducation.org, office phone: (727) 588-4816 x, 2102, text only (727) 619-4333.
My College Success Coach is ___________________________________________________________
Contact Phone: (______) - ______________________ Email: _______________________
What date did/will you meet with your College Success Coach?
Semester 1 Date: ________ Semester 2 Date: ________

1st Semester
• Maintain “Active” status according to the Take Stock requirements for the 1st Semester.
• Circle your current Status. ACTIVE  WARNING  PROBATION 1  PROBATION 2
  • Create a GPA goal to reach for each semester
  • GPA Goal Semester 1:
  • GPA Goal Semester 2: ______

Ask your guidance counselor about the Career and Education Planning that during sixth, seventh or eighth grade.

Go to BigFuture, College Board site: www.BigFuture.collegeboard.org or https://roadtripnation.com/edu/careerfinder to explore career options and start planning for college. You can create a username and password to save it throughout your middle and high school career.

Account Name: _________________________ Password: _________________________
• Start investigating where you would like to serve the community. Community service hours are needed for every level of Florida Bright Futures scholarships. 30 hours are required for Gold Seal, 75 hours are required for the Medallion level, and 100 hours are required for the Academic Scholar level. Not required in middle school, but some students begin volunteering in seventh and eighth grades.
• You can review all Bright Futures requirements at http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/
• Create a middle school resume and include your awards, achievements, paid and/or volunteer work, extracurricular activities, classes taken, fluent language(s), and technical skills. Be sure to highlight “leadership” activities because colleges often want to know and they are an important component for some scholarships.

• Visit the following websites to gain insight for college planning:

• Explore colleges and different areas of study that interest you; visit www.BigFuture.collegeboard.org

• Explore career options; visit https://roadtripnation.com/edu/careerfinder

• Consult your teachers for ways to improve on classes and future tests

Second Semester

• Maintain “Active” status according to the Take Stock requirements for the Second Semester.

  Circle your current Status. ACTIVE   WARNING   PROBATION 1   PROBATION 2
  • Did you reach your 1st semester GPA goal? _____ Yes _____ No

• Consider becoming involved in the leadership (i.e.: president, secretary, treasurer, etc.) of the club in which you participate.
  • Are you on track to reach your 2nd semester GPA goal? _____ Yes _____ No
  • Update your middle school resume with awards, achievements, paid and/or volunteer work, extracurricular activities, classes taken, fluent language(s), and technical skills

• Explore the website of the high school that you will attend in 9th grade. See their requirements for Bright Futures volunteering and explore some of the sports, clubs or civic organizations that you may be interested in participating.

• If possible visit the high school with your parent to understand the “lay of the land” and where the guidance office is located.

If you have any questions throughout the year, contact your Take Stock in Children College Success Coach!