



2024-2025 TSIC Middle School Agenda for Mentors

The agenda is used by TSIC Coaches to discuss goals and is made available for mentors to use as an extra resource tool during mentoring sessions.

COACH INTRODUCTION: Be certain to introduce yourself as their College Success Coach. Let them know why you are meeting with them and your role vs. their mentor. **Remind them you are not their mentor.** Your role as College Success Coach is to help them stay academically qualified, stay on track to their pathway to college, and be prepared to apply successfully and enroll in college.

Quarter 1

Back to School Event Workshop & Coaching Meeting Topics

1. **Welcome** students back and introduce yourself. Maybe give a fun fact about yourself.
2. **Coaches to have students fill out sign in sheet.** Have them sign in on the Back-to-School (B2S) Workshop sign in sheet.
3. **Provide quick program stats** of TSIC Results and how the program makes a difference.
 - a. High school graduation rate for TSIC is @ **97%**, non TSIC are at 71%
 - b. TSIC college enrollment rate @ **92%**, non TSIC are at 50%
 - c. TSIC college graduation rate @ **70%**, non TSIC are at 29%

Clubs, Activities, Sports, & Volunteering

Being involved in clubs, volunteering, tutoring, or participating in athletics, band, chorus, or theater can show leadership and is often considered when applying to college or university. It also helps when applying for other scholarships.

Having leadership experience:

- Shows a willingness and ability to take on responsibility
- Indicates that your peers believe in the student's success and leadership ability
- Revels confidence and courage to be a leader
- Demonstrates dedication and commitment

Mentor Meetings, TSIC App, and Career Conversations

Must have 2 meetings per month. Students who do not meet expectations will be placed on a lower probation level and risk losing scholarship. Virtual options are available.

Student's Responsibility:

- Maintain C's or better
- Meet with Mentor 2x a month & attend required coaching sessions each semester
- Remain Crime & Drug free
- Refrain from receiving referrals
- Miss less than 10 days of unexcused absences

- Check email regularly and respond to coach

Email your coach or TSIC@pinellaseducation.org if contact information changes or has questions.

Quarter 1, cont'd

Coaches – It would be helpful, but not required, to invite a school counselor to talk about the academies for 10-15 minutes. Otherwise, see below for the PCS Career Academies to go over based on asking students their interests.

Your Future Career & High School Academy

Go to <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.

Take a 5 minute FREE career test at Career One Stop! <https://www.careeronestop.org>

**List of Pinellas County Schools High School Career Academies List on pages 3-4 for 2024-2025

Explore Colleges

Explore colleges and different areas of study that interest you; visit www.floridashines.org , <https://gettherefl.com/> , or <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

TSIC Virtual Mentoring Options

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If in 8th grade, be sure to attend meetings about special programs at high schools to see if you want to apply to an academy to learn a career trade while in high school. Applications may be due as early as, November/December.

Pinellas County Schools High School Career Academies

Architecture, Construction and Electricity

- Dunedin High - [Academy of Architecture, Robotics and Construction Technology \(ARC\)](#)
- Lealman Innovation Academy - Building Trades and Construction
- Richard O. Jacobson Technical High - [Construction Technology](#) and [Electricity](#)
- St. Petersburg High - [Center for Construction Technologies](#)

Arts – Digital, Performing and Visual

- Clearwater High - [Fine Arts and Media Education Academy \(FAME\)](#)
- Gibbs High - [Pinellas County Center for the Arts \(PCCA\)](#)
- Hollins High - [Academy of Entertainment Arts](#)
- Richard O. Jacobson Technical High - [Commercial and Digital Arts Program](#)
- Tarpon Springs - [Leadership Conservatory for the Arts](#)

Automotive, Manufacturing, and Marine Technology

- Largo High - Automotive, Welding, & Drafting Academy
- Northeast High - [Automotive Academy Automotive Service Technology](#)
- Richard O. Jacobson Technical High - [Marine Service Technology](#)

Business Management & Technology and Finance

- Boca Ciega High - Business and Design Academy
- Clearwater High - [Career Academy for International Culture and Commerce](#)
- Clearwater High - [Sports, Hospitality, and Recreational Education \(SHARE\)](#)
- Dunedin High - Academy of Business, Art and Technology
- Dunedin High - [Junior Achievement 3DE Program](#)
- East Lake High - [Academy of Business Careers](#)
- Gibbs High - [Business, Entrepreneurial, Technology Academy \(BETA\)](#)
- Largo High - Academy of Business, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Insurance, Technology
- Northeast High - [Academy of Finance](#)
- Palm Harbor University High - [Career Academy of Business Administration and Management \(CABAM\)](#)
- Pinellas Park High - Academy of Graphic Design and Business
- St. Petersburg High - [Junior Achievement 3DE Program](#)

Communications, Journalism, and Multimedia Studies

- Lakewood High - [Center for Journalism and Multimedia](#)

Cosmetology

- Dunedin High - [Cosmetology](#)
- Hollins High - [Cosmetology](#)

Culinary Arts

- [Hollins High - Academy of Culinary Arts](#)
- Lealman Innovation Academy - Culinary Arts
- Northeast High - [Culinary Arts Academy](#)
- Osceola Fundamental High - [Culinary Arts Academy](#)
- Tarpon Springs High - [Jacobson Culinary Academy](#)

Education and Leadership

- Boca Ciega High - Principles of Teaching
- Countryside High - [Early Childhood Certification Program: Countryside Little Cougars Program](#)
- Gibbs High - Early Childhood Education

- Largo High - [Exploring Careers & Education in Leadership \(ExCEL\)](#)
- Seminole High - [Center of Education and Leadership](#)
- Tarpon Springs High - [Early Childhood Education: Tarpon Little Spongers Program](#)

International Studies

- Clearwater High - [Career Academy for International Culture and Commerce](#)
- Clearwater High - [Cambridge Program: Advanced International Certificate of Education \(AICE\)](#)
- Hollins High - [Cambridge Program: Advanced International Certificate of Education \(AICE\)](#)
- Tarpon Springs High - [Cambridge Program: Advanced International Certificate of Education \(AICE\)](#)

Medicine, Public Safety and Law

- Boca Ciega High - [Center for Wellness and Medical Professions \(CWMP\)](#)
- East Lake High - [Academy of Biomedical Sciences](#)
- Palm Harbor University High - [Center for Wellness and Medical Professions \(CWMP\)](#)
- Pinellas Park High - [Criminal Justice Academy](#)
- Pinellas Park High - [First Responders: National Guard Center for Emergency Management](#)
- Richard O. Jacobson Technical High - [Nursing](#)

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

- Boca Ciega High - [Academy of Emerging Technology](#)
- Clearwater High - [Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering, Aerospace, and Mathematics \(STEAM\)](#)
- Countryside High - [Institute for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics \(ISTEM\)](#)
- Countryside High - [Biotech Academy](#)
- Dunedin High - [Academy of Architecture, Robotics and Construction Technology \(ARC\)](#)
- East Lake High - [Academy of Engineering](#)
- Gibbs High - [Business, Entrepreneurial, Technology Academy \(BETA\)](#)
- Lakewood High - [Academy for Aquatic Management Systems and Environmental Technology \(AMSET\)](#)
- Lakewood High - [Center for Advanced Technologies \(CAT\)](#)
- Lealman Innovation Academy - [Diversified Career Technology](#)
- Northeast High - [Academy of Information Technology \(AOIT\)](#)
- Osceola Fundamental High - [Center for Technology, Entertainment, and Design \(CTED\)](#)
- Osceola Fundamental High - [Pre-Engineering - Manufacturing Academy](#)
- Pinellas Park High - [Drone Academy](#)
- Richard O. Jacobson Technical High - [Game and Simulation Academy](#)
- Richard O. Jacobson Technical High - [Veterinary Assisting Academy](#)
- Seminole High - [Academy of E-Commerce](#)
- Seminole High - [Sustainable Engineering Academy](#)
- Tarpon Springs High - [Veterinary Science Academy](#)

Semester 2

What Is Grade Point Average and Why Is It Important?

The most common GPA structure is the 4.0 scale, in which an A equals 4.0 and an F equals 0.0. With a weighted GPA, a student can earn higher than a 4.0 by performing well in AP or honors classes. A student's GPA is calculated by dividing grades earned across the total number of courses taken. The table below shows how a 4.0 GPA scale corresponds to numeric and letter grades.

POINTS	GRADE	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
80-89	B	3.0
70-79	C	2.0
60-69	D	1.0
Below 60	F	0.0

Why is it important to have a high GPA?

- In high school, a student's GPA can make them eligible to take AP, IB, or dual enrollment classes.
 - Which are all opportunities to begin earning college level credit while still in high school.
- The better a student's GPA, the better chances a student has of getting into their college of choice.
- High GPA can help to receive additional scholarships.

Find a Community Service or Volunteer Opportunity

Explain what community service is.

- Community service or volunteering is work done by a person that benefits others.
It is often done near the home where their community reaps the benefits of the volunteer service.
A person does not get paid.

Why is Community Service Valued?

- Colleges appreciate seeing that their applicants engage in volunteer opportunities because it not only gives them a more complete understanding of the applicant, and it shows them that the student is likely to contribute to the campus community. To them, it means that students will be more engaged and involved outside of the classroom.
<https://collegeinitiative.net/>
- Students can learn leadership, problem-solving, time management, communication, and collaboration skills while volunteering.
- It shows a college where a student shares the school's values or mission.
- Can ask school counselor where for a suggestion of where to volunteer.

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