

"I'M GOINGTO COLLEGE" I 2TH GRADE SEMINAR

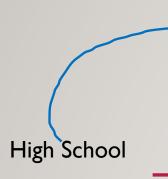
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TONIGHT WE WILL COVER:

- My Roadmap to College Senior year timeline
- College Entrance Exams SAT vs. ACT
- College Options: University and Community/State College
- Application and admissions process
- Brief: Financial Aid and Scholarships (Financial Aid 101 Sept. 26th at 6pm)
- Q & A







MY ROADMAP TO COLLEGE WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

College

FIRST SEMESTER (NOW – DEC)

- Start/complete applications, adhering to priority deadlines
- Retake SAT and/or ACT
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships
- Keep your grades up!

SECOND SEMESTER (JAN – JUNE)

- Continue community service and other non-classroom activities
- Compare financial aid award letters
- Make final decision by May Ist
- Graduate and enjoy the next chapter

SAT	VS.	ACT
Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships	Why take the test?	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships
Reading (65 min) Writing & Language (35 min) Math (25 min. w/o calculator; 55 min. w/ calculator) Essay (Optional) (50 min)	Test Structure	English (45 min) Math (60 min) Reading (35 min) Science Reasoning (35 min) Essay (optional) (40 min)
3 hours w/o essay 3 hours, 50 minutes w/ essay	Length	2 hours, 55 minutes w/o essay 3 hours, 40 minutes w/ essay
5 reading passages	Reading	4 reading passages
None	Science	I science section testing your critical thinking skills, NOT your specific science knowledge
Arithmetic	Math	Arithmetic
Algebra I and II		Algebra I and II
Geometry, Trigonometry, and Data Analysis		Geometry, Trigonometry
Some math questions DO NOT allow you to use a calculator	Calculator?	You CAN use a calculator on all math questions
Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.	Essays	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
Scale of 400 – 1600 (200-800 per area)	How it's Scored	Scored on a scale of 1-36 (each section averaged for an overall composite)

UNIVERSITY

- 12 public universities within the State University System
- Bachelor's degree, approximately 120 credits
- Competitive application process
- Priority deadlines; varied notification plan
- SUS information online: https://www.flbog.edu/board/office/asa/admissionstour.php

4 STATE UNIVERSITIES AT A GLANCE

University	UF	FGCU	USF	UCF
Location	Gainesville	Fort Myers	Tampa	Orlando
Total Enrollment	52,669	14,916	43,542	66,180
% Accepted Fall	38%	62%	39%	42%
Mid-Range GPA	4.4 – 4.6	3.84	4.1–4.3	3.99 – 4.47
Mid-Range SAT	EBRVV/M 1340-1470	EBRW/M 1150	EBRVV/M 1260-1325	EBRW/M 1280-1390
Mid-Range ACT	30–33	23	27–30	27–31

4 STATE UNIVERSITIES AT A GLANCE

(CONTINUED)

University	UF	FGCU	USF	UCF
Superscore SAT and/or ACT?	Both	Both	Both	SAT Only
How to Apply	Coalition or Common App	FGCU online application or Common App	USF online application or Coalition	UCF online application or Common App
When to Apply	By Nov. I	Nov. I for \$\$ Feb. I5 th priority	By Nov. I By 1/15 for \$\$	Fall of Senior Year
Notification Plan	Feb. 28 th	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling
Letters of Recommendation?	NO	NO	NO	NO



STEPS TO APPLY: UNIVERSITY

- I. Submit an application online and pay the application fee (or use a fee waiver if eligible)
- 2. Send your official test scores directly from ACT or SAT/CollegeBoard
- 3. Request that LOLHS send your official transcript to the university (or submit the SSAR, if required). Transcript request can be found on the LOLHS website banner.

All must be received by the college **BEFORE** their deadline date in order for your application to be considered.

Fall 2020 applications are open

2+2 COMMUNITY/STATE COLLEGE ARTICULATION

Pasco Hernando State College

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University of South Florida - FUSE

Santa Fe College

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University of Florida – Gator Design and Construction, Gator Engineering

Tallahassee Community College

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Florida State University - TCC2FSU

Florida Southwest State College

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Florida Gulf Coast University -

University of Central Florida -

DirectConnect

Destination FGCU

Valencia Community College

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COMMUNITY/STATE COLLEGE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.)

- 28 state colleges
- 60 general education credits in Communications, Math, Science, Humanities, Social/Behavioral Sciences
- NOT career specific, generals only
- Designed to transfer to a university

Benefits

- Lower tuition cost
- Smaller class sizes
- Open admissions policy
- Credits will transfer to <u>all</u> state universities; Identified pathways
- Guaranteed admission to a university within the state of FL

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APPLICATION PROCESS: COMMUNITY/STATE COLLEGE

- I. Submit an application online and pay the application fee (or use a fee waiver if eligible)
- 2. Send your official test scores directly from ACT or SAT/CollegeBoard OR take PERT at the college to determine appropriate course placement for English & Math
- 3. Request that LOLHS send your official transcript to the college

Open Admissions!

Recommended time to apply is by March of the student's senior year.

Fall 2020 applications will open November 2019



SAVETHE DATE! FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

What: Financial Aid 101: Paying for College

When: Thursday, Sept. 26th at 6pm

Where: LOLHS Commons

Why: Because you've asked for it!

\$\$ MONEY, MONEY, MONEY \$\$ FINANCIAL AID

"Financial Aid" is ALL funding to pay for college:

- I. Institutional Aid From the college
- 2. Federal Aid FAFSA
- 3. State Aid Office of Student Financial Assistance
- 4. Private Scholarships Seek and find



INSTITUTIONAL AID

How do I get it?

- I. Apply to the college early!
- 2. Have the best GPA and test scores as possible
- 3. Generally you're considered for merit-based scholarships at the time of application. No separate application required.

FEDERAL AID

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Opens October Ist for the 2020 school year
- Need-based grants, Student Loans, Work-Study program

www.fafsa.gov

STATE OF FLORIDA AID

Office of Student Financial Assistance – Florida Financial Aid Application

- Application Opens October Ist
- Many grants and scholarships <u>including</u> Bright Futures
- Scholarship \$ can only be used at FL post-secondary institutions

http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/

FL BRIGHT FUTURES

FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLAR (FAS)

100% of tuition and fees (public institution) \$300/semester stipend for expenses

Requirements:

3.5 weighted GPA (Core classes plus 2cr. WL)29 ACT or 1290 SAT100 hours of community service

FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLAR (FMS)

75% of tuition and fees (public institution) \$300/semester stipend for expenses

Requirements:

3.0 weighted GPA (Core classes plus 2cr. WL)26 ACT or 1170 SAT75 hours of community service

Eligibility must be met by graduation!

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PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Private companies
- Search online to identify opportunities
- Check the CCL blog for a monthly newsletter

http://www.fastweb.com/

http://www.scholarships.com/

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

Questions? Answers!

RESOURCES

Career Assessments: http://www.floridashines.org/

Majors: http://www.findmycollegemajor.org/

SAT: http://www.collegeboard.org/ or http://www.sat.org/

ACT: http://www.act.org/

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