

Welcome to
AICE Junior College Night





Our Goal

To provide you with information and resources to smoothly navigate the college application process.



Characteristics to Consider when Looking at Colleges

- Public vs. Private
- Location: Urban, Rural, or Suburban
- Size: Student to Faculty Ratio
- Cost
- Academic Reputation
- Selectivity
 - Do I meet the school's admissions averages?
- Majors, Minors, Special Programs
- Honors Programs
- School Climate/Feel
- Research and Internship Opportunities
- Athletic Affiliation
- Clubs, Activities, Greek Life
- Study Abroad Programs
- Faith Based
- Career Services



Minimum Requirements to enter a Florida Public University

- 4 English Classes
- 4 Math Courses – Algebra 1 and above, to include Algebra 2
 - Should have Math every year
- 3 Natural Sciences-2 with a lab
 - 4 recommended
- 3 Social Sciences
- 2 World Languages – sequential, in the same language
 - 3 looks better
- 2 other Academic Electives

Admission into Florida's public universities is competitive and students should be doing more than the minimum



Requirements to enter a Florida Public University

Universities like to see **rigorous** coursework

The more academic and weighted classes, the better

Pre-AICE = .5 weight

Honors = .5 weight

AICE = 1 point

AP = 1 point

Dual Enrollment = 1 point

Note on Senior Shortened Day- Rigor in schedule still matters for college admissions



Requirements to enter a Florida Public University

- **For the 2020-2021 Admitted Applicants to FSU:**
 - The average number of high school units students completed for the following subject areas:
 - English: 4.5
 - Math: 5.5 (including PreCalc)
 - Natural Science: 5.0
 - Social Science: 5.0
 - World Language: 3.5



College Search Process

- [Big Future](#)
 - Allows you to put in criteria that you want in a college
 - Example search
- <https://www.floridashines.org/>
- Research on the specific university websites
- Attend college visits through SHS (in person or virtual)- Ms. Coy in Guid.
- Schedule official college visits on own- junior year is the time!





Major/Career Search Process

-It is important to have a General idea of what you want to pursue in college:

-Major Searches- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

-Career Searches- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

It is ok to change your mind- but easier to guide yourself with a path in mind



College Entrance Exams: SAT and ACT

- Universities require the SAT and/or ACT*
 - **All** FL public universities still require test scores
 - *Because of COVID, some schools became test optional
 - *Check with specific school to see if require
 - AICE Diploma does not exempt you from taking these exams for College Admissions
- Recommended to have taken the SAT and/or ACT by December/Winter of Junior year
 - Allows you time to retest



SAT

Two Sections

- **Evidence-based Reading & Writing**
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Writing & Language- grammar, vocab, editing
- **Math**
 - Calculator & No-Calculator sections
 - Algebra I and II, some Geometry and Trigonometry

*No More ESSAY

Score Range

Reading: 200-800

Math: 200-800

Total: 400-1600



SAT

- **Can retake the SAT until you get your desired scores**
- **Many colleges will Super Score**
 - Take the highest section score from multiple tests
 - Check with specific schools to ensure they super score
 - All Florida Public Universities DO Super score
- **Fee waivers for students on free/reduced lunch**
- **Encouraged to answer every question**
 - No penalty for guessing
- **Digital Testing starting next school year**



SAT Dates - www.collegeboard.org

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
Dec 3, 2022	Nov 3, 2022	Nov 22, 2022
Mar 11, 2023	Feb 10, 2023	Feb 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023



The ACT

Four Sections

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science

Optional Fifth Section

- Writing
 - Most colleges DO NOT require- Check with specific colleges

Total Score Range

1-36 per section

Writing: 2-12



The ACT

- Can retake until you achieve your desired scores
- Many colleges will super score - check with specific schools
- Fee waivers available for students on free/reduced lunch
- No penalty for guessing



The ACT Dates- www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
Dec 10, 2022	Nov 4, 2022	Nov 11 , 2022 15 th
Feb 11, 2023	Jan 6, 2023	Jan 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	Mar 10, 2023	Mar 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023



SAT and ACT

- It is recommended to take both the SAT and ACT, then retest on the one you scored better on.
- See [ACT and SAT Score Comparison chart](#)



How to Prep for the SAT and ACT

SAT

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

ACT

www.actstudent.org/testprep

<http://academy.act.org>

Each testing agency has its own book to help prepare





The PSAT

- Total Score range: 320-1520 **Scores available in December**
 - Reading: 160-760
 - Math: 160-760
 - Look at your **National Percentiles** to see how did compared to others who took test
- On a different scale than SAT but the total PSAT score is a direct indicator of SAT score
- PSAT is Not used for College Admissions but is used to compete in the National Merit Scholarship Program- Juniors ONLY
 - The exact PSAT score needed varies from year to year and by State, but it's always the Top 1% of students in each State (about 16,000 juniors) who qualify as **Semifinalists**
 - Notified in September of Senior year if Semifinalist
 - Semifinalists then apply to see if qualify as **Finalists** to earn Scholarship money
 - Use a mathematical equation called the Selection Index to determine who falls in the top 1% in each State- 48-228 SI for FL 2021= 216



Florida State Public University System Matrix

[See Chart](#)

This will show you average admission statistics and prevalent information on each Florida Public University



UNIVERSITIES IN FLORIDA



Example: University of Florida

Type of Applications Accepted	Common App
GPA	4.4 – 4.6 (S) 4.4 – 4.6 (F)
SAT	1240 – 1420 (S) 1370 – 1500 (F)
ACT	28-32 (S) 31-34 (F)





Private Colleges & Universities in Florida

[See Chart](#)

This will show you average admission statistics and prevalent information on each Florida Private University





Example: Stetson University

GPA	3.84
SAT	1120 – 1300
ACT	24-30





Ivy & Elite Universities & Military Academies

- Highly competitive test scores and GPA
 - Check individual school websites to see averages and requirements
 - Average SAT at Ivy's: high 1400s-mid 1500s
- Average acceptance rate at the Ivy's: under 7%
- Essay very important: They want to see how you would fit into their campus environment

Students should thoroughly research when applying to an Ivy, Elite, or Military school as soon as possible and email/see me with Q's



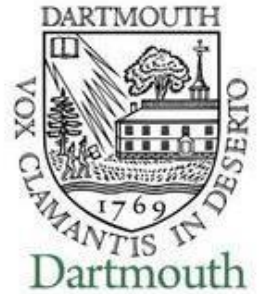
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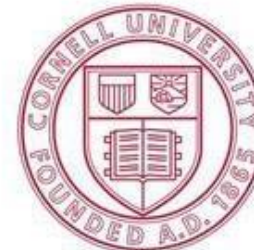
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Dartmouth



Yale



Cornell



BROWN



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Three Main Things Colleges Need

- **Application**
- **Transcript**
- **SAT/ACT Scores**



Application

- What type of application does each college accept?
- Activities section- easy if have a good resume on hand
- Most include an Essay



Transcript

- How does the University want to receive it?
 - Self-reported (SSAR) vs. Request for SHS to send to school
- Request all transcripts via email with our Registrar
 - Franklin, Felicia A. <fafrank1@volusia.k12.fl.us>
 - Student name in Subject Line
 - List of schools in body of email
 - Unofficial sent to you



Test Scores

- Most universities want scores sent directly from the Testing Agency
 - Request before take test when Registering and a timeframe (days) after test
 - Pay to send them after the fact
- Are you allowed to self-report your score and send later?
- Test optional? Check with specific schools
- All Florida Public Universities still require SAT/ACT this year



Essay

- This is your chance to shine and show your individuality
- Don't use the essay to repeat your resume. Write about something that reveals another dimension of your life or personality
- Be descriptive and give details that appeal to the senses
- Don't say what you think the Admissions office wants to hear
- Make sure to get it proofread by parents/guardians, teachers, and/or peers.
 - Do this early on as you all have the same teachers





Essay

Examples of prompts

- Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped shape it.
- Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was the focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.
- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience.



Honors Programs

- Florida Public Universities have an option to apply to an Honors College
- Additional Essay is typically required
- Profile of an Honors Student at UF
 - **GPA: 4.6– 4.7**
 - **SAT: 1490 – 1550**
 - **ACT: 34 – 35**
 - **11,337 Applicants- 1508 Admitted**



Perks of an Honors Program

- Priority Registration
- Special Courses and Seminars
- Exclusive/Separate Housing
- Strong Support System



Common Application

- [Common App Website](#)
- **More than 1000 colleges and universities use this application**
- Extremely user-friendly
- Dashboard helps you easily track deadlines and requirements
- **Only fill it out once and then any member school can access it**
 - Some schools might require supplemental information/parts
- Easily invite teachers, recommenders, and counselors to submit their information
- Can start it early and will roll into following year application



Build Your Resume

• START NOW

- Eases the application process later
- Provide good details
- Quality over Quantity
 - Be involved in things that are meaningful to you
 - Take leadership roles
- RESUME TEMPLATE included in handout packet
- Give a resume to those you ask to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf



Letters of Recommendation

- Check if your school requires any letters of recommendation from teachers/staff- None of FL Public Universities do
- Give teachers/counselors ample amount of time to complete your letter
- Be prepared with your Resume when you ask your teacher



Money for College

- **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship**
 - **FL Academic Scholars Award**
 - Pays for 100% of FL State tuition
 - AICE Diploma
 - **FL Medallion Scholars Award**
 - Pays for about 75% of FL State tuition
- **FAFSA – Federal Student Aid based on financial need**
 - All colleges take it and all students encouraged to complete it
 - Available October 1st of Senior year- can create your PIN earlier- DO THIS!
 - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> - Application
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUis5lityCQ> – Video Overview



Money for College

Scholarships

- Search on your own
 - www.Fastweb.com
 - www.Bigfuture.org
- [SHS Guidance website](#) has a running list
- Binder in Guidance Lobby
- Check with specific colleges for school-based scholarships





Bright Futures Scholarship

- Successfully completing the AICE Diploma = Florida Academic Scholars Award
 - If you have **100 volunteer hours** documented and submitted
 - If you have completed the [Florida Financial Aid Application](#)
- If you do not receive the AICE Diploma, you must qualify the traditional way
- If you do not have the AICE Diploma at the end of your Junior year, you should plan to try to have the test scores and GPA as a back-up



Traditional Way to Qualify for Bright Futures

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /SAT [®])	Service Hours
FAS	<p>4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i></p> <p>4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i></p> <p>3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i></p>	3.50	<p>2021-22 Graduates: 29/1330</p> <p>2022-23 Graduates: 29/1330</p>	100 hours
FMS	<p>3 - Social Science</p> <p>2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i></p>	3.00	<p>2021-22 Graduates: 25/1210</p> <p>2022-23 Graduates: 25/1210</p>	75 hours

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>



AICE Diploma and Bright Futures

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)		Service Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2021-22	2022-23		
National Merit® Finalists and Scholars			100 hours	FAS
			75 hours	FMS
National Hispanic Scholars			100 hours	FAS
			75 hours	FMS
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) - Diploma			100 hours	FAS
			75 hours	FMS
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma			100 hours	FAS
			75 hours	FMS

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How to Apply for Bright Futures

No matter which way you qualify, **Everyone** must apply for Bright Futures by filling out the Florida Financial Aid Application by their high school graduation date

Online application opens **October 1st of Senior year**

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org



Wrapping Up

- It is so important for you to stay organized in this process to ensure you meet the deadlines that each individual college you are applying to sets.
- Visit Colleges and Ask Questions
- Start Early
- Apply to a wide range of schools
- Reach and safety schools

Questions?



Thank You

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