

Strawberry Crest High School



Senior Handbook For Success 2010–2011

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2010

Important Dates

2011

Holidays

September 6	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
December 20-31	Winter Break
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
January 18	Non-student Day
March 7	Strawberry Festival
March 18	Non-Student Day
March 21	Non-Student Day
April 22	Non-Student Day
April 25-29	Spring Break
May 30	Memorial Day



Early Release Dates

September 15	September 29	October 13
October 27	November 10	December 8
January 12	January 26	February 9
February 23	March 9	May 11

Grading Period End Dates

End of First Grading Period	October 22
End of Second Grading Period	January 14
End of Third Grading Period	March 17
End of fourth Grading Period	June 10



School Events



Homecoming Game	September 24
Homecoming Dance	September 25
Cap & Gown Meeting	November 9
Prom	April 23
Grad Night	April 30
Senior Send-Off	June 1
Graduation Rehearsal	June 9 @ 9:30-11:30
	Sun Dome
Graduation	June 9 @ 7:00pm
	Sun Dome

FOOTBALL

September 10	ANCLOTE
September 16	KESWICK
September 24	KING
October 1	@ St. Pete Catholic
October 8	@ Middleton
October 16	JESUIT
October 22	STEINBRENNER
October 29	@ Lennard
November 6	ROBINSON
November 12	@ Durant



Graduation Requirements and Importance of Grades



Graduation Requirements

Class of 2011 & after

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits (Algebra 1 & higher)
- 3 Science Credits
- 3 Social Studies Credits
- 1 HOPE (health & PE combo) Credit
- 1 Performing Fine Art Credit
- 2 Foreign Language (college prep) Credits
- .5 Reading Credits
- 4 Elective Credits



Graduation Benchmarks

- Program of Study/Major
- 24 required credits
- *2.0 GPA (unweighted)
- FCAT - Reading/Math/Writing

*eligibility GPA for athletics & activities

GRADES COUNT!!

- Semester averages make up your transcript
- Semester average is made up of 3 items....1st 9 weeks grade, 2nd 9week grade and semester exam
- Honors and Advanced Placement courses add “extra” points to your semester average



What Colleges Look For....

- Difficulty of curriculum
- Grade Point Average
- SAT or ACT scores
- Class Rank
- Application essay
- Extracurricular Activities
- Recommendations (upon request)
- Interviews (upon request)



PLAN YOUR FUTURE NOW

Strawberry Crest College Resources

www.facts.org

This will assist you with college applications, scholarship opportunities & job applications.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

1. Awareness of credits achieved
2. Awareness of credits missing
3. Allows ANY & ALL students an awareness of their personal education achievements
4. Awareness of SAT/ACT/CPT Scores
5. Bright Futures Scholarship Checklist

Explore the information provided to make sure you have the credits & scores you need to succeed!

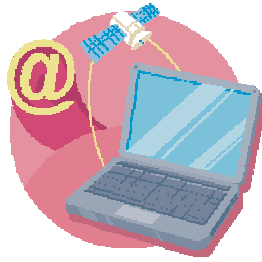


* Be Active in choosing your high school Classes*



LOGIN PROCEDURES

1. www.facts.org
2. Click on High School Planning - Click on High School Academic Achievement Evaluation
3. Scroll Down - Choose New User
4. Create Your LOGIN
Suggested Login - use your first name & last initial.
Password - use your student number.
5. Complete Short Form - Personal Data
Name as is on school documents
Date of birth
Student ID- Social Security Number
County - Hillsborough
School - Strawberry Crest High School



Important WEB SITES

School website

<http://strawberrycrest.mysdhc.org/>

Scholarship Search Sites

www.fastweb.com www.scholarships.com www.brokescholar.com
www.hispanicfund.org www.uncf.org www.ronbrown.org

Bright Futures & Florida Financial Aid Application

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

www.facts.org (Students can see an evaluation for Bright Futures and apply to Florida schools.)

College, Scholarship, & Other Financial Aid

www.facts.org (student can apply to most Florida public universities here.)

www.knowhow2go.com (resources for students in all grade levels)

www.collegeanswer.com/

www.salliemae.com

Testing Information (register for tests, study aids, research colleges & scholarship)

www.collegeboard.com

www.actstudent.org

Federal Aid Application - (FAFSA on the web)

www.pin.ed.gov - pin number for FAFSA electronic signature www.fafsa.ed.gov – application

www.studentaid.ed.gov - (Publications such as The Student Guide or Funding Your Education)

Athletic Clearing house

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

U.S. Armed Forces

www.myfuture.com

www.militarycareers.com

Career Information

www.acinet.org

www.bls.gov/oco

CAUTION!!! DO NOT use www.FAFSA.com for the Federal Aid Application.
This site **CHARGES** a fee for their services. The correct site is listed above.

Strawberry Crest School Code 102193

Please be sure to use the above Strawberry Crest High School Code number when you register for the SAT and/or ACT.

This code is often used on college applications as well. It is our CEEB Number.

Test Dates

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	S A T
October 9, 2010**	September 10, 2010	
November 6, 2010	October 8, 2010	
December 4, 2010	November 5, 2010	
January 22, 2011	December 23, 2010	
March 12, 2011**	February 11, 2011	
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011	
June 4, 2011**	May 6, 2011	

A C T	Test Date	Registration Deadline
	September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010
	October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010
	** December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010
	February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011
	** April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011
	June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011 ⁷

PSAT

- PSAT will be given on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 to a 9, 10 and 11th grade students
- FREE
- National Merit Scholarship Opportunity for 11th graders
- Preparation for the SAT
- Free resources for college and career Planning

SAT

Cost: \$47.00

General Information

- Non-multiple choice questions included
- Guessing penalty
- Questions go from easy to hard in most sections
- Measures academic achievement in critical reading, mathematics, and writing
- Testing Time:
Approx 3 hr. & 45 min.

Test Contents

Critical Reading

- Critical Reading
- Sentence Level Reading

Mathematics

- Number & Operations
- Algebra I, II & Functions
- Geometry
- Statistics, Probability & Data Analysis

Writing

- Multiple Choice Grammar
- Usage

Scoring

- | | |
|--------------------|---------|
| • Critical Reading | 200-800 |
| • Mathematics | 200-800 |
| • Writing | 200-800 |
| • Maximum Score | 2400 |

ACT

Cost: \$33.00 non-writing, \$48.00 plus writing.

General Information

- Entirely multiple choice
- No guessing penalty
- Easy and hard questions mixed within sections
- Measures academic achievement in English, Mathematics, Science and writing (ACT plus)
- Testing Time:
Approx 3hrs. (3 hr & 45 min. for plus writing)

Test Contents

English

- Usage/Mechanics (punctuation, grammar & sentence structure)
- Rhetorical Skills (styles & strategies)

Mathematics

- Pre-Algebra, Elementary Algebra, Intermediate Algebra
- Geometry (coordinate & plane)
- Trigonometry

Reading

- Humanities, Natural Science, Prose Fiction, Social Studies

Science

- Includes Biology, Chemistry, Physics & earth/space science

Writing

A student's scores on the Writing Test have no effect on the score of any ACT Assessment Test or the Composite Score

Scoring

- | | |
|-----------------|------|
| • English | 1-36 |
| • Mathematics | 1-36 |
| • Reading | 1-36 |
| • Science | 1-36 |
| • Maximum Score | 36 |

Writing (optional): Two scores reported; combined English/Writing Score 1-36 and Writing Test Sub Score 2-12

CPT

Cost: Initial test free (with submitted college application & fee)

General Information

- Entirely multiple choice
- No guessing penalty
- Easy and hard questions mixed within sections
- No calculators allowed in the math section
- Testing Time:
Approx. 2 hours
(Computerized version not timed)

Test Contents

Reading

- Main ideas, supporting details, words in context, Authors purpose & tone, fact & opinion,
- relationships within & between sentences, inferences & conclusions

Mathematics

- Elementary algebra (integers & rational numbers, algebraic expressions, equation solving, inequalities & word problems)
- No calculators are permitted

Sentence Skills

- Sentence Correction
- Sentence Shift

Scores for College Level Placement

- | | |
|---------------|----|
| • English | 83 |
| • Mathematics | 72 |
| • Reading | 83 |

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Division of Curriculum and Instruction
Department of Guidance Services

2010-2011 SAT

For College
Admissions/Scholarships

1270: Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)
(Critical Reading/Math)
370: Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)
(Critical Reading/Math)
440: Critical Reading 440: Math Florida Gold Seal
Vocational Scholars Award (GSV)
Graduation Year 2011-2012
080: Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)

SAT REGISTRATION

On-line: www.collegeboard.com

Phone: 1-866-755-7346

Cost: \$17.00

Additional \$24.00 for late registration

Free or reduced lunch students are eligible for fee
waivers. Visit your Guidance Dept. for information

TEST DATES & LOCATIONS

October 05: (Registration Deadline 9/10/10)

Alonso	Hillsborough	Robinson
Annwood	Lennard	Sickles
Bloomington	Leto	Strawberry Crest
Brandon	Middleton	Tampa Bay Tech
Chamberlain	Plant	USF
Durant	Plant City	

November 6: (Registration Deadline 10/08/10)

Alonso	Freedom	Plant
Annwood	Gaither	Robinson
Blake	Hillsborough	Steinbrinner
Brandon	Jefferson	Wharton
Durant	Lennard	USF
	Middleton	

December 4: (Registration Deadline 11/05/10)

Alonso	Durant	Plant
Annwood	Hillsborough	Plant City
Blake	King	Riverview
Bloomington	Lennard	Robinson
Brandon	Leto	Sickles
Chamberlain	Middleton	Tampa Bay Tech

January 22: (Registration Deadline 12/23/10)

Alonso	Hillsborough	Robinson
Blake	Lennard	Sickles
Brandon	Leto	Spoto
Durant	Plant	USF
Freedom	Plant City	Wharton

March 12: (Registration Deadline 2/11/11)

Annwood	Freedom	Plant
Bloomington	Hillsborough	Plant City
Brandon	Jefferson	Robinson
Chamberlain	Lennard	Strawberry Crest
Durant	Leto	Tampa Bay Tech
East Bay	Newsome	

May 7: (Registration Deadline 4/08/11)

Alonso	Gaither	Plant
Annwood	Hillsborough	Plant City
Blake	King	Riverview
Brandon	Lennard	Tobin
Chamberlain	Leto	Sickles
Durant	Middleton	Steinbrinner
Freedom	Newsome	Wharton

June 4: (Registration Deadline 5/06/11)

Alonso	Durant	Spoto
Annwood	Freedom	Strawberry Crest
Blake	Hillsborough	Tampa Bay Tech
Bloomington	Lennard	Wharton
Brandon	Middleton	
Chamberlain	Plant	

SCHOOL	TEST CODE	ACT/SAT <i>High School Codes</i> (CEEB)
Alonso	10-368	101714
Annwood	10-310	101696
Blake	10-353	101750
Bloomington	10-706	101778
Brandon	10-140	100160
Chamberlain	10-360	101692
Durant	10-561	101423
East Bay	10-269	101880
Freedom	10-359	101771
Gaither	10-363	101738
Hillsborough	10-360	101705
Jefferson	10-371	101710
King	10-368	101717
Liberly Middle	10-368	NA
Lennard	10-365	102081
Leto	10-572	101718
Middleton	10-368	101765
Newsome	10-359	100957
Plant	10-370	101700
Plant City	10-560	101420
Riverview	10-581	101628
Robinson	10-375	101728
Sickles	10-367	101752
Spoto	10-893	102059
Steinbrinner	10-236	102192
Strawberry Crest	10-347	102193
Tampa Bay Tech	10-379	101739
Wharton	10-373	101751
HCC Dale Mabry	10-364	
HCC SouthShore		
USF	10-365	



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2010-2011 ACT

For College
Admissions/Scholarships

- 28: Florida Academic Scholars Award (FAS)
- 20: Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)
- 17: Engr 18 Read 19 Math/ Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award (GSV)

Graduation Year 2011-2012

- 21: Florida Medallion Scholars Award (FMS)

ACT REGISTRATION

On-line: www.act.org

Phone: 1-815-337-1270

Cost: \$33.00 No Writing

\$43.00 Plus Writing

Additional \$21.00 for late registration

Free or reduced lunch students

are eligible for fee waivers

Visit your Guidance Dept. for information

TEST DATES/LOCATIONS

September 11: (Registration Deadline 8/06/10)

Alonso	Durant	Riverview
Armwood	Hillsborough	Robinson
Bloomington	HCC-SS	Tampa Bay Tech
Brandon	Newsome	USF
Chamberlain	Plant	Wharton

October 23: (Registration Deadline 9/17/10)

Alonso	Hillsborough	Robinson
Armwood	King	Sickles
Blake	Lero	Spoto
Brandon	Middleton	USF
Durant	Newsome	Wharton
HCC-SS	Plant	

December 11: (Registration Deadline 11/05/10)

Alonso	Gaither	Plant
Armwood	HCC-SS	Robinson
Blake	Hillsborough	Spoto
Brandon	Lennard	Steinbrenner
Chamberlain	Lero	Strawberry Crest
Durant	Middleton	Tampa Bay Tech
East Bay	Newsome	USF

February 12: (Registration Deadline 1/7/11)

Armwood	HCC-SS	Robinson
Blake	Hillsborough	Sickles
Bloomington	Lennard	Tampa Bay Tech
Brandon	Newsome	USF
Chamberlain	Plant	Wharton
Durant	Plant City	

April 9: (Registration Deadline 3/04/11)

Alonso	Hillsborough	Robinson
Blake	Jefferson	Steinbrenner
Brandon	Lennard	Strawberry Crest
Durant	Middleton	Tampa Bay Tech
HCC-SS	Plant	USF

June 11: (Registration Deadline 5/06/11)

Alonso	Durant	Plant
Armwood	HCC-SS	Spoto
Blake	Hillsborough	Tampa Bay Tech
Brandon	Middleton	USF
Chamberlain	Newsome	

SCHOOL	TEST CODE	ACT/SAT High School Codes (CEEB)
Alonso	212080	101714
Armwood	208290	101506
Blake	207310	101750
Bloomington	104360	101778
Brandon	198770	100150
Chamberlain	186300	101862
Durant	207190	101123
East Bay	207290	101360
Freedom	NA	101771
Gaither	154740	101738
Hillsborough	208490	101705
Jefferson	207360	101710
King	207300	101717
Liberty Middle	NA	NA
Lennard	233300	102061
Lero	207340	101718
Middleton	213190	101765
Newsome	210390	100957
Plant	197470	101700
Plant City	208110	101420
Riverview	208350	101528
Robinson	201400	101728
Sickles	208320	101762
Spoto	220460	102059
Steinbrenner	232770	102192
Strawberry Crest	231050	102193
Tampa Bay Tech	208920	101732
Wharton	207380	101751
HCC Dale Mabry	268310	
HCC SouthShore	220400	
USF	207310	

State University System

Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University

Tallahassee, FL 32307
Main: 1-866-642-1198 or (850) 599-3000
Admissions: (850) 599-3796
<http://www.famu.edu>

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL 32306
Main: (850) 644-2525
Admissions: (850) 644-6200
Email: admissions@admin.fsu.edu
<http://www.fsu.edu> <http://www.admissions.fsu.edu>

University of North Florida

1 UNF Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224
Main: (904) 620-1000
Admissions: (904) 620-2624
Email: admissions@unf.edu
<http://www.unf.edu/admissions>

University of West Florida

11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, FL 32514
Main: (850) 474-2000
Admissions: 1-800-263-1074 or (850) 474-2230
Email: admissions@uwf.edu
<http://www.uwf.edu>

University of Florida

201 Criser Hall
Gainesville, FL 32611
Main: (352) 392-3261
Admissions: (352) 392-1365
<http://www.ufl.edu/admissions>

University of Central Florida

Progress Energy – University Welcome Center
4000 Central Florida Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32816
Main: (407) 823-2000
Admissions: (407) 823-3000
Email: admission@mail.ucf.edu
<http://www.ucf.edu>

University of South Florida

4202 E. Fowler Avenue SVC 1036
Tampa, FL 33620
Main: (813) 974-2011
Admissions: 1-877-USF-BULL or (813) 974-3350
<http://www.usf.edu/admissions>

Florida Gulf Coast University

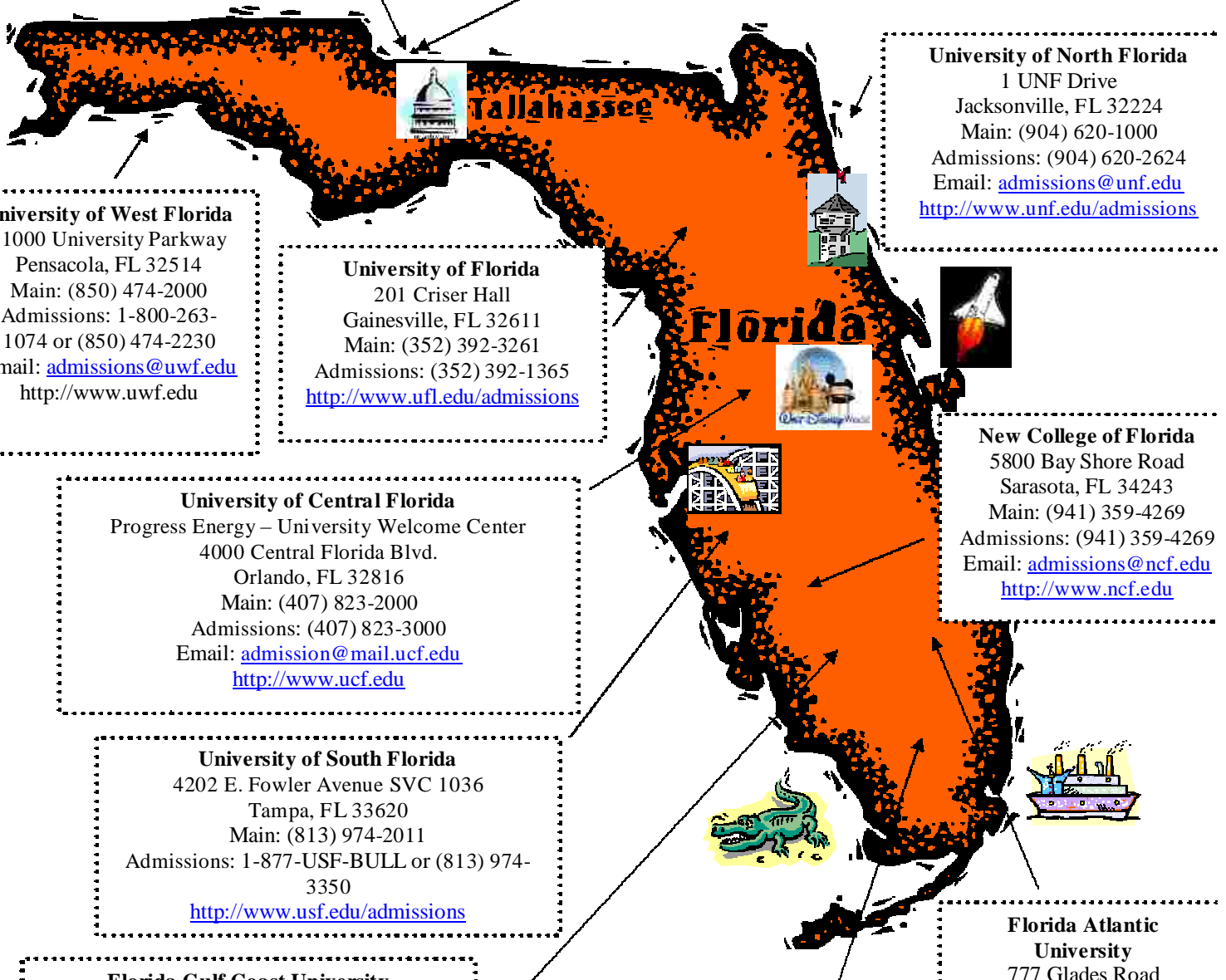
10501 S. FCGU Blvd.
Ft. Myers, FL 33965
Main: 1-800-590-3428 or (239) 590-1000
Admissions: 1-888-889-1095 or (239) 590-7878
Email: admissions@fcgu.edu
<http://www.fcgu.edu>

Florida International University

11200 SW 8th Street
Miami, FL 33199
Main: (305) 348-2000
Admissions: (305) 348-3662
Email: admissions@fiu.edu
<http://www.fiu.edu>

Florida Atlantic University

777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Main: (561) 297-3000
Admissions: 1-800-299-4FAU or (561) 297-3040
Email: amisweb@fau.edu
<http://www.fau.edu>



College Admissions Procedures

Attend College Night:

- Monday, September 27 Sickles High School
- Tuesday, September 28 Plant High School
- Wednesday, September 29 Chamberlain High School
- Thursday, September 30 Brandon High School



Application:

- Apply online or on paper.
- **Pay Attention to specific application deadlines.**
- Make sure you are aware of if the college “*Early Decision*” deadline is “binding”. Meaning you are committed to that college if they accept you.

Entrance Exams:

- Take ACT or SAT as soon as possible. **NOW** would be a good time!
- When registering make sure you include your High School Code. **102193**
- Make sure you are registering for the correct test. Subject tests are requested to be taken by certain universities.

Transcripts:

- Send to all colleges you apply to.
- Transcripts are \$2.00. Transcripts that are for colleges in the State University System will be sent online unless indicated otherwise. (If you apply to an out of state or private school you will need an envelope with two stamps, addressed to the college.)

Essays:

- No more than 500 words.
- Write on the specific topic each university has provided.
- Do the most difficult one.

Resume:

- Colleges will ask for a list of extracurricular activities. This should include activities from 9-12th grades.
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Recommendation:

- Make sure you get a variety of recommendations. Examples: teachers, employer, coach, etc.

Other Requirements:

- Check with each college to see if they have other specific requirements for admissions.
- Make your email address something appropriate, for example sallyjones@yahoo.com not hotbunny@yahoo.com

College Admission Essay Tips

First Brainstorm:



- § Be Creative and Positive!
- § What are you like?
 - What skills do you possess?
 - What are some of your unique personality traits?
- § What have you done?
 - Have you had a unique experience?
 - What are your accomplishments?
 - Have you overcome a struggle in life? *Tip: Turn a negative experience into a positive one.*
- § Where do you want to go?
 - What are your dreams?
 - What are your goals?
 - How do you plan on obtaining your goals?

Select a Topic:

- § If the college provides essay questions, answer them completely.
- § Do a topic you have a lot of support for.
- § Use the most creative topic you have.
- § Examples of creative topics:
 - Your travels to a foreign country.
 - The unique instrument you play.
 - Your unusual job.
 - Unique community service experience.
- § Tips to **Not** include.
 - Do not bore the reader.
 - No emotional ploys.
 - No negativity, be positive!
 - Be sensitive to controversial issues. Remember there two sides to every issue.
 - Do not ridicule or be sarcastic about topics or issues.

Writing the Essay:

- § Persuade Admissions Officers that you are worthy of admissions
- § Make them see past your GPA and test scores.
- § Be real and show your personality and motivation.
- § Start with a creative lead.
- § Use details and concrete experiences.
- § Be concise and to the point.
- § Pay attention to transitions and sentence variety.
- § Use active voice verbs.
- § Conclude effectively.
- § Give draft to others to read for suggestions and their reactions.
- § Revise, Revise, Revise!



Student “Brag Sheet” For Recommendations

Student Name: _____

We believe that you should have a certain amount of input into the letters of recommendation we write to colleges and universities on your behalf. Consequently, we are asking for your perceptions of your education and personal growth.

Please respond to the following questions.

1. Are there any factors related to your grades that you would like the colleges to be aware of?
2. What are your proudest accomplishments?
 - A. Academic?
 - B. Personal?
3. List five adjectives that describe something about you as a person.
4. What clubs/organizations are you an active member of? List offices held.
5. What types of community service have you done? Please include hours and place they were done.
6. What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
7. Which extracurricular activity has been the most meaningful to you? Why?
8. What job experience has been especially meaningful? Why?

Scam Alerts & Financial Aid Information

Scam Alert:

If you encounter one of these scenarios do not pursue that avenue for college assistance.



- § The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.
- § You are told, “You can not get this information anywhere else”, Trust me, You can!
- § Do **NOT** give your credit card information or bank account number to hold a scholarship **EVER**!
- § You hear, “We will do all the work for you”.
- § The scholarship costs money.
- § Do not believe, you were selected by a “National Foundation” to receive a scholarship or “ You are a finalist in a contest” that you did not enter.
- § You get an appointment time to see someone that you did not set.

Financial Aid Information:

- § First and foremost, FAFSA means **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid. You do **NOT** need to pay to fill out this form.
 - § When do you apply?
 - If you plan on attending college during Summer Sessions (before June 30), Apply Now!
 - If you plan on attending college during Fall Session, apply after January 1st of your senior year.
 - **Remember! First come first serve!** Apply as soon as possible.
 - § Eligibility is determined on a yearly basis. You must apply every year.
 - § Information to know before you apply.
 - Social Security numbers for you and your parent/guardian.
 - Have tax information for you and your parent/guardian accessible.
 - § Application process.
 - Gather tax information.
 - Apply for PIN numbers for you and your parent/guardian.
 - Fill out applications. Online applications take approx. 2 weeks to process; paper applications take approx. 4 to 6 weeks to process.
 - Make sure you record the colleges you would like your information to go to.
 - After submitting your application you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review this report **Carefully!** Make a copy for your records before sending it back.
 - You will then receive information from the colleges specifying which programs you qualify for.
 - § Terms to know:
 - EFC or Expected Family Contribution. This amount is what they feel your family can afford to pay towards your college education.
 - Cost of Attendance is the amount the college has allotted for tuition, other fees, room and board, books, supplies, and transportation.
 - § Types of Aid FAFSA covers:
 - Direct Loans: Unsubsidized (interest starts accruing while attending college), Subsidized (interest starts accruing 6 months after attending college). These loans have low interest rates.
 - Perkins Loans: These loans have low interest rates.
 - PLUS loan for parents.
 - Federal Work Study.
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant. Pell Grants.
- Financial aid is mainly need based but it cannot hurt to apply

Financial Aid Checklist



Please read all Financial Aid documents, materials, and notifications. Financial Aid follows Federal regulations through guidelines and procedures. Financial Aid requires students to maintain satisfactory academic progress by maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA and completing no less than 67% of all courses attempted.



	Date Complete	Financial Aid Process
		<p><u>Student PIN and Parent PIN www.pin.ed.gov</u></p> <p>If you are a dependent student, a parent is also required to apply for a PIN. You are considered independent if at the time you complete the FAFSA you are...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 24 years of age 2) Married 3) Orphan or ward of the court 4) A veteran of the armed forces 5) Active duty 6) have children/dependents whom you provide more than half their living expenses.
		<p><u>Apply Online www.fafsa.ed.gov</u></p> <p>Apply after January 1st for the academic year that begins the next August. In order to fill out the FAFSA you will need your own and a parents Federal Tax Return forms. Do not forget to put the school codes of the colleges you want to receive your FAFSA.</p>
		<p><u>Follow up with Your Campus Financial Aid Office</u></p> <p>within 7 to 10 business days after submission of your FAFSA to determine what/if any additional documents are required or requested to be submitted in order to meet eligibility.</p>
		<p><u>Check your status of Financial Aid Awards</u></p> <p>You can access this information through your online college accounts generated after you have applied for admissions to the college or by calling the financial aid office.</p>
		<p><u>Complete, Sign, and Submit Required Financial Aid Documents</u></p> <p>Make sure you keep up with all financial aid documents your receive and send. Pay close attention to qualifications, guidelines, and deadlines.</p>
		<p><u>Complete Loan Requirements</u></p> <p>Generally, colleges require you to complete request statements and loan counseling. Make sure you sign and submit your Master Promissory Note (MPN) aware of loan guidelines, requirements, and dealines.</p>
		<p><u>Refund or Payment Preference</u></p> <p>Check with the individual colleges to see how you receive your refund. Generally, you will receive your refund via check by mail, electronic deposit, or through a college generated account or card.</p>

Note: Make sure you keep in constant contact with the college about your financial aid process.

Amazing Comparisons



These are actual example of Brandon students that applied to these colleges. Total cost to student includes loans.

Student 1

University of Florida



Cost of Attendance:	\$14,620
Total Scholarships offered:	\$2,496
Total Loans offered:	\$11,874

Total Cost to Student:
\$11,874

and

Boston University



Cost of Attendance:	\$42,046
Total Grants offered:	\$30,000
Total Loans offered:	\$4,595
Amount left to pay:	\$7,451

Total Cost to Student:
\$12,046



Student 2

University of Tampa



Cost of Attendance:	\$21,692
Total Scholarships offered:	\$11,626
Total Grants Offered:	\$5,181
Total Loans offered:	\$7,900
(Loans are more than need)	

Total Cost to Student:
\$4,885

and

University of Central Florida



Cost of Attendance:	\$14,382
Total Scholarships offered:	\$2,576
Total Grants Offered:	\$5,731
Total Loans offered:	\$3,500

Total Cost to Student:
\$6,075

Bright Futures Scholarships



Academic Scholars

GPA: 3.5

Required Credits:

Must include 15 credits of college preparatory academics

4 English

4 Mathematics

3 Natural Sciences

3 Social Sciences

2 Foreign Language (in same Language)

May use up to 2 additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above and AP, IB, AICE, fine art to raise the GPA.

Test Scores

1270 SAT (best combines score in Math and Critical Reading)

28 ACT Composite (not including the writing portion.)

Medallion Scholars

GPA: 3.0

Required Credits:

Must include 15 credits of college preparatory academics

4 English

4 Mathematics

3 Natural Sciences

3 Social Sciences

2 Foreign Language (in same Language)

May use up to 2 additional credits from courses in the academic areas listed above and AP, IB, AICE, fine art to raise the GPA.

Test Scores

970 SAT (best combines score in Math and Critical Reading)

20 ACT Composite (not including the writing portion.)

Gold Seal Scholars

GPA:

3.0 weighted

3.5 unweighted (in a minimum of 3 vocational credits in 1 vocational program)

Required Credits:

Must include 15.5 credits of college preparatory academics

4 English

4 Mathematics

3 Natural Sciences

3 Social Sciences

1 Fine OR Identified Practical Art: OR .5 in each

1 Physical Education (to include the integration of health)

3 Vocational courses in 1 program

Test Scores

SAT

440 Critical Reading

440 Math

ACT:

English 17

Reading 18

Math 19

CPT:

Reading 83

Sentence Skills: 83

Algebra: 72

Other Ways to Qualify

National Merit or Achievement Scholars and Finalists, National Hispanic Scholars, IB Diploma Recipients



Florida Bright Futures Program Navigating the System



December 1 st	Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) opens. Apply online www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
December 15 th	Community Service hours due in order to qualify for the Academic Scholarship on the first evaluation.
January 31 st	ACT, SAT, CPT test deadline for early evaluations
February 1 st	First semester transcripts are evaluated during the Early Evaluation Period
Mid February	Early Evaluation Period letters are mailed from the Department of Education – Students who qualify for Bright Futures based on the Early Evaluation Period will receive letters indicating the Award they are on track to receive. Students who do not qualify during this period will receive letters indicating they do not qualify AT THIS TIME and will outline missing requirements.
May 1 st	Community Service hours due to qualify for the Academic scholarship.
Graduation	Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) and all Academic and Community Service Requirements must be met by graduation.
June 30 th	ACT, SAT, CPT test date deadline for final evaluation test scores after June 30 th deadline will not be considered for Bright Futures Awards
Mid July	Final transcripts are sent to Bright Futures for evaluation
August	Final Bright Futures Award Letters are mailed from the Department of Education
August 31 st	Deadline for Summer School Graduates to submit course work from Bright Futures evaluation.

Steps for Community Service

1. Choose a social issue (poverty, tutoring, health, environment, etc.) and a place to participate in community service. Example:
 - A. Poverty. Metropolitan Ministries.
 - B. Health. South Florida Baptist Hospital
2. Pick up a community service packet in Guidance.
3. Complete the proposal for service **before** you start your service. You must have all signatures before you bring the proposal to your counselor for approval.
4. Do your community service and keep a log of your hours.

Middleborough County PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Building a Future*

**Community Service
Florida Academic Scholars Award
Bright Future**

To receive the Florida Academic Scholars award through the Bright Future Program, a student must complete a program of community service work, as approved by the school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of service work and require the student to identify a social problem that interests him or her, prepare a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the problem, and through essays or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience.

(Florida Statute 1009.34)

Community service is considered a significant and addressing a social issue in the community. This requires students to look beyond themselves, to reach out to the issues faced by our society today. A poverty share, identify a social. These issues in a form for the requirement in the Florida Academic Scholars Award through Bright Future Program.

Students may be informed in activities which needed not focus on socio-economic activities or activities although these topics are not required on the requirement students can focus a large of these activities for the issue focus on topics for college, two applications, awards and scholarships other than the Bright Future.

General Information for Bright Future:

- Students must complete a Community Service Proposal Form and submit it for approval to the Community Service Committee in the school the prior to beginning the service.
- To complete the 75 hour requirement the student must address no more than three (3) social issues. A proposal for each project must be submitted.
- Students must complete service and reflect on their experience using the designated form.
- Students should keep copies of all documentation that is submitted to the school.
- Students must perform the service during non-school hours.
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- Students may be given a peer recognition and students may not be compensated either financially or in some other material benefit.
- Students may have a course of community service will include students are focused on address a social issue in the community.

Unacceptable Community Service for Bright Future

- Family related activities.
- Court mandated community service.
- Service for the sole benefit of a religious, ethnic or racial group or for one's congregation.
- Service for promoting a political candidate.
- Court-mandated activities that are court requirement.
- An activity where there is no leader or responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student participation.

Appendix

projects that have been shown to be repeated within the previous year at the school site.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROPOSAL

Florida Academic Scholarship
 Department of Education
 333 West Washington Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32304
 Phone: 904.201.2000
 Fax: 904.201.2001
 Email: floridascholarship@fldoe.org

Name _____ **Date** _____

Student # _____ **High School** _____ **Graduation Year** _____

Keep copies of all documentation for your records.

Please describe your community service project. Be specific.

State the social issue and your goals:

Name of organization where community service is to be performed _____

Reasons for choosing this community service plan _____

Plan of action _____

I understand that this program is designed to encourage students to participate in community service at a minimum on my part and that the completion of documented community service related to this proposal will be used to satisfy the community service requirement of the Florida Academic Scholarship. I understand that the completion of this proposal will be used to satisfy the community service requirement of the Florida Academic Scholarship. I understand that the completion of this proposal will be used to satisfy the community service requirement of the Florida Academic Scholarship. I understand that the completion of this proposal will be used to satisfy the community service requirement of the Florida Academic Scholarship.

Signature of the student _____ **Date** _____


Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Community Service Agency Coordinator/Teacher Signature _____ **Date** _____

Email of Community Service Coordinator/Teacher _____ **Phone Number** _____

High School Community Service Contact Signature _____ **Date** _____

[illegible]



Middlesex County
Public Schools
Student & Teacher

Community Service Student Reflection and Evaluation Form

Name _____ Date _____

Student # _____ High School _____ Graduation Year _____

This form must be submitted with your record of hours.

The following goal(s) were identified and accomplished: _____

Through this experience, what have you learned about yourself? _____

Describe how you think your experience made a positive impact upon your community. _____

Would you recommend this experience to others? Why/why not? _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

High School Counselor/Service Contact Signature _____ Date _____

Additional comments may be made on the back of this form.

Community Service Opportunities

<u>Angel Attic</u>	1424 E. College Ave., Ruskin	(813)641-7790
<u>Community Cupboard</u>	1424 E. College Ave., Ruskin	(813)641-1305
<u>Good Samaritan Mission</u>	14920 Balm-Wimauma Rd.	(813)634-7136
<u>Habitat for Humanity</u>	3736 E. Hillsborough Ave.	(813)239-2242
<u>Metropolitan Ministries</u>	2002 N. Florida Ave.	(813)209-1000
<u>Redlands Christian Migrant Association</u>	416 U.S. 41 N., Apollo Beach	(813)671-5264
<u>St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop</u>	1311 Third St. N.E., Ruskin	(813)645-5255
<u>Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort</u>	1528 27 th St. S.E., Ruskin	(813)645-2273
<u>Mary Martha House</u>	1009 First St. S.W., Ruskin	(813)645-7874
<u>Friends of the Lil Manatee River St Park</u>	215 Lightfoot Road	(813)677-9291
<u>Lifepath Hospice</u>	3725 Upper Creek Dr, Ruskin	(813)642-1917
<u>Sun City Center Emergency Squad</u>	101 Ray Watson Dr.	(813)633-1411
<u>Nearly New Shop</u>	1515 SR 674	(813)642-9099
<u>Museum of Science and Industry</u>	4801 E. Fowler Ave.,	(813)987-6370
<u>Family Support and Resource Center</u>	201 14 th Ave S.E., Ruskin	(813)641-5600
<u>Campo Family YMCA</u>	3414 Culbreath Rd, Valrico	(813)684-1371
<u>America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay</u>	5300 E Adamo Dr., Ste G,	(813)254-1190
<u>International Coastal Cleanup</u>	keephcb@yahoo.com	(813)960-5121
<u>American Cancer Society Relay for Life</u>	1462 Oakfield Dr. Brandon	(813)685-0670
<u>Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center</u>	4140 24 th St. S.E., Ruskin	(813)641-8545
<u>Foundation Fighting Blindness Vision Walk</u>	ljohnson@fightblindness.org	
<u>Lowry Park Zoo</u>	1101 W. Sligh Ave., Tampa	(813)935-8552
<u>Spring of Tampa</u>	Contact Kat Alley	(813)258-1185.
<u>Brandon Swim & Tennis Club</u>	405 Beverly Blvd, Brandon	(813)689-0908
<u>Hillsborough County Public Library System</u>		(813)273-3652
<u>The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce</u>	808 Oakfield Dr., Brandon	(813)689-1221.
<u>Everyday Blessing</u>	13129 St. Francis Lane,	(813)982-9226
<u>Stepping Stone Farm</u>	8421 Pritcher Road, Lithia	(813)650-8700
<u>Hillsborough County Animal Services</u>	440 Falkenburg Road, Tampa	(813)744-5660
<u>Special Olympics Hillsborough County</u>	7402 N. 56 th St, Ste 850	(813)362-2573
<u>American Red Cross- Tampa Bay Chapter</u>	3310 W. Main St, Tampa	(813)348-4820
<u>The Salvation Army</u>	1603 Florida Ave N.	(813)226-0055.
<u>Tampa Museum of Art</u>	600 N. Ashley Dr	(813)274-7328
<u>Shriners Hospitals</u>	12502 Pine Dr., Tampa	(813)972-7159

FLORIDA CHOICES PLANNER

DIRECTIONS

On the internet go to:

1. www.facts.org

On the left side entitled Choose a Link, click on:

2. **CAREER PLANNING**
3. **FLORIDA CHOICES PLANNER**
4. **CREATE A PORTFOLIO**
5. Choose **HILLSBOROUGH** for your county
6. Click **CONTINUE**
7. Choose your school's name (Make sure you choose "Strawberry Crest High School") Click **CONTINUE**
8. Complete all the blanks
9. Click on **CREATE YOUR PORTFOLIO**
10. Click on **CHOICES PLANNER**
11. In the Work Section click on **INTEREST PROFILER**
12. Click on **START ANSWERING QUESTIONS** (answer your questions by clicking on either LOVE, LIKE, NOT SURE, DISLIKE, or NO WAY)
13. Read through your list of Top Interest Areas
14. Click on **CHECK OUT CAREERS MATCHING YOUR INTERESTS**
15. Scroll through your career matches. Click on your career choice and read the details of it.

** If time permits, check out the categories on the left side of the career description page. You can continue your career and education search at home by logging in at the www.facts.org website with your portfolio name and password.





UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

Air Force	681-2080
Army	681-7711
Marines	681-5182
Navy	685-0148
Florida National Guard	651-2182
Coast Guard	727-579-3849

ASVAB

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test

The ASVAB is a FREE three hour written series of vocational skills tests that measures not only a person's aptitude for a particular vocation but assists in career exploration. The results of this test are used in many different ways such as determining potential scores on the SAT exam or for entrance into the military.

Alertness May be the Key in Job Interviews

Keep alert in job interviews? That may sound unnecessary, as we are all nervous when talking with potential employers. However, the evidence shows that too many people lose out on interviews because they fail to show high energy, enthusiasm, and sharpness when talking with employers. How does someone show alertness? Here is a checklist.

Dress for Success

When getting dressed for your interview think about the type of position you are applying for and dress appropriately. You should not look like you are going to hang out with friends, to the club, or like you just rolled out of bed. Example: Interview at Hollister - dress or polo shirt with nice pants or a skirt and clean shoes.

Be Enthusiastic

When you come into the room, try to radiate energy. This does not mean leaping over desks-but walk in briskly, cheerfully, and the interviewer will think, "Here is a really alert candidate."

Watch Your Body Language

It goes without saying that good eye contact is important not staring unceasingly into the interviewer's eyes-but keep looking the interviewer in the face. Also, when making a really important point, look right at the interviewer; do not stare into space.

Posture Perfect

Sit up straight; do not lounge in the chair. You can relax when you get home not while applying for a job. One authority says that when you sit up on the edge of the chair it looks like you are really interested in what is going on.

Animation Helps

Keep the volume of your voice at a level that communicates alertness and your own basic self-confidence. This can be difficult when your interviewer seems bland, but if you emulate his or her laid back style you are likely to appear bland and disinterested yourself.

Be Specific

When asked, or when you volunteer information, about your past education, work, and/or other activities, be prepared to talk in precise detail about what you did, learned, and (most importantly) your unique and noteworthy achievements. If you do not communicate them, nobody will. Try to show how your extra effort or good planning paid off in past situations.

Use Positives

Try to minimize all negatives that come up. Your goal is to communicate enthusiasm and satisfaction with your education, past jobs, and your way of life. If you are asked questions with a negative spin, respond quickly and briefly. Answer more fully when you can give a positive response.

Anticipate Tough Questions

Your enthusiasm and self-confidence may be hurt if you are asked tough questions, unless you are prepared for them. Think about the best way to respond to questions such as "What are your major weaknesses?" Or "What did you dislike most about your last job?" or the classic "What kind of people rub you the wrong way?"

Jobs Online

Labor Market Information

Florida Agency for Workforce
Innovation
Labor Market Statistics
www2.myflorida.com/awi/lms
www.doleta.gov

U.S. Government Jobs
www.usajobs.opm.gov

America's Labor Market
Information System
(ALMIS)
www.doleta.gov/almis

Bureau of Labor
Statistics
www.bls.gov

Florida Research and
Economics Database
(FRED)
www.fred.labormarketinfo.com

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training
Administration
www.labormarketinfo.com

National Center for
Education Statistics
www.nces.ed.gov

FedStats
Bureau of Labor
Statistics
www.fedstats.gov

U.S. Department of
Commerce
www.doc.gov

Census Bureau
U.S. Department of
Commerce
www.census.gov

Job Sites

Florida State Jobs
www.myflorida.com

Job Options
www.joboptions.com

Monster
www.monster.com

AWI Job Search
www.floridajobs.org/pdi_jobsearch

Financial Job Network
www.fjn.com

CareerSite
www.careersite.com

Federal Jobs Digest
www.jobsfed.com

MonsterTrak
www.jobtrack.com

Government Jobs
www.usajobs.com

Career Builders
www.careerbuilder.com

America's Learning
Exchange
www.alx.org

America's Job Bank
www.ajb.com

JobDirect
www.jobdirect.com

CareerWeb
www.cweb.com

Hot Jobs
www.hotjobs.com

Job Listing
www.jobs-online.net

U.S. Government

Resources
www.workers.gov

Career Sites

CareerNet
www.careernet.com

Career Resource Center
www.careers

Lycos/Careers
www.lycos.com/careers

Recruiters Online Network
www.ipa.cpm

The Riley Guide
www.dbm.com/jobguide

Career City Training
www.careercity.com

Career Magazine
www.careering.com

CareerPat.com
www.careerpath.com

America's Career InfoNet
www.acinet.org

CareerShop
www.careershop.com

Career/Find-O-Rama
www.review.com/career

HeadHunter.net
www.headhunter.com

Training SuperSite
www.trainingsupersite.com

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Microsoft Office

Leary Technical Center

5410 North 20th Street
Tampa, FL 33610
813-740-4884

<http://apps.sdhc.k12.fl.us/public/schools/learey/>

Medical Careers
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Tampa Bay Technical Evening School

6410 Orient Road
Tampa, FL 33610
813-744-8360 Ext. 235
www.sdhc.k12.fl.us

Brewster Technical Center

2222 North Tampa Street
Tampa, FL 33610
813-276-5448
<http://brewstertech.org/>

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Adults with Disabilities

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2010 East Hillsborough Avenue
Tampa, FL 33610
813-231-1907
<http://erwin.edu/>

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Tutoring Program

Monday -Thursday

From 3:15p.m. – 4:15.m.

Seniors: It's not too late!

BARCLAY – MATH	ROOM 432	Wednesday
MATELSKI - MATH	ROOM 436	Thursday
BUTLER – MATH	ROOM 435	Monday
FRIEBOLIN – MATH	ROOM 435	Tuesday and Thursday
KEENE – SCIENCE	ROOM 507	Wednesday
KING – SCIENCE	ROOM 527	Thursday
LOCKE – SCIENCE	ROOM 521	Tuesday
VALLENDER – SCIENCE	ROOM 505	Monday
NOLLA – ENGLISH	ROOM 604	Tuesday
FIGUEROA – ENGLISH	ROOM 506	Monday
ROBERSON – FCAT READING	SUCCESS LAB	Wednesday
NUNEZ – FCAT READING	ROOM 603	Thursday
DOCOBO – WORLD LANGUAGE	ROOM 201	Monday
SANTIAGO-ESFAHANI – WORLD LANGUAGE	ROOM 221	Thursday

Success Center Room 103

The Success Center is a computerized resource lab developed to bridge the gap between school and career. The center offers technical and career education programs with an emphasis on occupational awareness, basic work skills, and preparation for continuing education.

Software programs available in the Success Center:

- Interest Inventory and Personality Assessment Programs
- Occupational and Career Interest Programs
- College and Postsecondary School Programs
- Scholarship Programs
- Financial Aid Programs
- Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills
- Test Preparation (SAT/ACT/FCAT) Programs
- Skill Building