

MAKING THE MOST OF THE NEXT 4 YEARS

Start thinking about college now

How well are students doing?

- Start college 100%
- Return for year two 70%
- Graduate (5 years or less) 60%
- Get a job that requires a degree 40%

The competition is fierce and the job market is tough

What do I need to be doing now so that I can succeed Later?

Answer

Take control by making good choices and thinking long term

3 considerations when choosing a major/career field

- Your Strengths
- Your Interests
- The Future Job Market

Do your Job Market Research

Research Tools - ACT.org and Collegeboard.com

The Hottest Fields

- ❖ Business- Accounting
 - ❖ Healthcare
- ❖ Info-technology-computers
 - ❖ Education
- ❖ Biomedical Engineer
 - ❖ Veterinarians

Don't wait until you are a senior to begin thinking about what you want to do. Start exploring career options today!

The Successful Model

Communication: key computer skills

Organization

Leadership

Logic: thinking skills

Effort: motivation and desire to succeed

Group skills

Entrepreneur: risk taker

3 WAYS TO BUILD THESE SKILLS

- Academics
- Extra-Curricular Activity
- Work Experience

*The successful student will prove he/she possesses the “**Winning Characteristics**” with examples from in and out of the classroom*

7 Steps to success

#1 TAKE AN 8-5 MENTALITY

- Think of School as Your Job
- Remember that Hard Work = Payday (Scholarships for school)
- You can't create more hours in a day, but you can make better use of the one's you have (Time Management)

#2 STUDY IN THE MOST BORING PLACES

- ❖ When you study, study
- ❖ When you have fun, have fun

#3 UTILIZE NOTES-NOTES AS A STUDY TECHNIQUE

- ✓ Take notes even when you don't have to
- ✓ Go through the notes and identify the most “testable” concepts

4 things typically found on tests

- Vocabulary
- Formula's and equations
 - Lists
- Focus area's (you will see it again)

Always listen for clues from your teacher

Hint - you might see this on the test

#4 GET INVOLVED AND MAKE AN IMPACT

- Find some groups and join them right away
- Pick groups related to your area of interest

Examples:

- ❖ Academics - Beta Club
- ❖ Athletics - FCA
- ❖ School Activities - Student Government
- ❖ Publishing or Photography - Yearbook

#5 GET AN INTERNSHIP OR VOLUNTEER WORK

- Take a no risk look at a field you may enter

#6 MAKE THE MOST OF ANY JOB

- If you approach it with the winning characteristic in mind, any job can be a stepping stone to a place you would rather be

#7 DON'T WAIT TO BE GREAT

Name	Freshmen GPA	Sophomore GPA	Cumulative GPA	Junior GPA	Cumulative GPA
Billy	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4
Sue	2.1	3.3	2.7	3.3	2.9

- Start strong and finish strong
- Stay eligible for athletics (must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA beginning in the 9th grade)
- Meet the Graduation Requirement of 70 or above in every course
- ***Strengthen the Schedule – Stay the Course – Finish the Race***

Freshmen Calendar

ACTION PLAN:

1. Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your college plans.
2. Take the EXPLORE in mid-October @ ACA
3. Get involved with extracurricular activities and community service
4. Begin thinking about career plans and what colleges you wish to attend
5. Review the requirements for the Florida Bright Future Scholarship and Dual Enrollment
6. Start building your G.P.A. Realize that in the end, you will be responsible for the grades you earned and someone besides your parents will be looking at your final grades
7. Visit the college.gov website

ACT, SAT QUALIFYING SCORES

COLLEGE AND BRIGHT FUTURES

Recommended College Composite Scores

Community College - ACT 17 -20 SAT 900 -1000 (NFCC, TCC, SFCC)

Major Universities in FL. - ACT/W 28-32 SAT/W 1850-2100 (FSU, UF, USF, UCF, UM)

Mid-Level Universities in FL. - ACT 20-24 SAT 1140 -1270 (UNF, UWF, Flagler, JU, FAMU)

Out of State Universities - ACT 23-26 SAT 1250 -1450 (AU, VSU, UGA)

Bright Futures Qualifying Scores

Florida Academic Scholar - ACT 29 SAT 1290 (GPA Weighted 3.5)

100 hours of Community service (Must File a FAFSA)

Florida Medallion Scholar - ACT 26 SAT 1170 (GPA Weighted 3.0)

75 Community Service (Must file a FAFSA)

ACT, SAT, PERT AND CPT QUALIFYING SCORES FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT

CPT... Reading - 83-120

ACT... Reading - 18-36

SAT... Verbal - 440-800

PERT... Reading - 104

CPT... SS - 83-120

ACT... English - 17-36

SAT... Verbal - 440-800

PERT... English - 99

Intermediate College Algebra
MAT 1033

CPT... Both Math Sections - 72-120

ACT... Math - 19-36

SAT... Math - 440-800

PERT... Math - 113

College Algebra MAC1105

CPT... Both Math Sections - 88-120

ACT... Math - 21-36

SAT... Math - 500-800



INTERNET RESOURCES

www.college.gov (Highly recommended)

www.facts.org (Highly recommended)

www.aucilla.org (Highly recommended)

www.act.org (Highly recommended)

www.collegeboard.com (Highly recommended)

Start Setting and Working Towards Your Goals

- What college do I want to attend?
- What career/major do I want to pursue?
- What score do I want to make on the EXPLORE, PLAN , PSAT, ACT and the SAT test?
- What do I want my GPA to be at the end of this year and when I graduate?
- Practice for the ACT and SAT using the Question of the Day
- Remember that Hard Work = **Payday**
- Bright Future Scholarship - Academic **\$12,120** and the Medallion **\$7440**

Never settle for average when you can achieve excellence!