


Miami Lakes Educational Center
High School
COLLEGE GUIDE
11th Grade Students



Applications Process

- Complete Application (paper or online)
 - Request Transcripts
 - Submit Scores - SAT/ACT/Pert
 - Counselor Form, Essay, Letter of Recommendation or Resume
 - Payment – to process application
 - Financial Aid
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JUNIOR YEAR COLLEGE CHECKLIST

- Browse through college literature or surf the Web. Learn what kind of grades and test scores that colleges are looking for.
- **FOCUS ON YOUR CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS:** 4 English / 4 math / 3 science / 3 Social Studies and 2 foreign languages. Retake core classes. Understand what colleges are looking for.
- Begin SAT/ACT Testing Starting 2nd semester of your junior year. Finish your testing by the end of your junior year by achieving your predetermined “target” score.
- High School transcripts sent to colleges in September, October, November and December will be based on your grades from 9th, 10th and 11th grade. The only update will occur after the 1st semester 12th Grade

The Importance of GRADES

Do you have what it takes?

Institutional Matrix

SUS Admissions Tour as of September, 2012

	FAMU	FAU	FGCU	FIU	FSU	NCF	UCF	UF	UNF	USF	UWF
Summer 2012 GPA	2.5 To 2.99	3.11 To 3.62	3.01 To 3.58	3.20 To 3.80	3.5 To 4.0	No Summer	3.4 To 3.9	3.90 To 4.30	3.22 To 3.80	3.50 To 3.80	2.70 To 3.30
Fall 2012 GPA	3.0 To 3.49	3.35 To 3.95	3.06 To 3.72	3.50 To 4.10	3.70 To 4.30	3.73 To 4.33	3.5 To 4.2	4.1 To 4.5	3.51 To 4.21	3.97 To 4.27	3.00 To 3.80

How can you improve your chances of success?

- **State Universities will recalculate your grades based on the following 18 Academic credits:**
4 English, 4 Math (Algebra & above), 3 Social Sciences, 3 Natural Sciences, 2 Foreign languages; plus additional courses in the above subject areas
- **Focus your study efforts on your core academic classes**
- **Challenge yourself with Honors and AP classes**
- **Seek grade forgiveness in those classes that you earn a “D” or “F” in.**
- **Know your recalculated GPA by going to www.FLVC.org > “high school students” > “[Check Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility Evaluation](#)”**

Grade Forgiveness and GPA Recalculation differs by Institution

2012 SUS Admissions Tour MATRIX

Universities	FAMU	FAU	FGCU	FIU	FSU	NCF	UCF	UF	UNF	USF - Tampa	UWF
Location	Tallahassee	Boca Raton	Ft. Myers	Miami	Tallahassee	Sarasota	Orlando	Gainesville	Jacksonville	Tampa	Pensacola
Is the GPA the "best of" courses or all work (i.e., does only the best grade of repeated courses count in the gpa or do all courses count)?	Best grade of repeated courses	Best of academic courses	Best of courses	All attempted coursework used	Best grade of exact same course	Grade forgiveness recognized.	Best grade of identical courses	All academic work attempted	Best of	All academic work attempted	All academic coursework

All universities prefer on-line applications. Additionally, all universities accept: online application fee payment and • mailed official high school transcripts.
New College of Florida uses the Common Application.

Does your recalculated GPA utilize only the courses counted as SUS "core" admission coursework; only the "core" and "elective" coursework; or all courses taken?	SUS core admission coursework	Core and academic electives	Core and Elective	Core and Elective	SUS Core	All high school and DE academic core courses and IB/AP/AICE.	Only SUS core admission coursework		Based on SUS "core" and up to two approved academic "electives"		
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GPA Calculations/QP

AP	1	*1	1	*1	*1	*1	1*	*1	*1	*1	*1
Dual Enrollment	1	*1	1	*1	*1	*1	1*	*1	*1	*1	*1
Honors	0.5	*0.5	0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	0.5*	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5
IB	1	*1	1	*1	*1	*1	1*	*1	*1	*1	*1
AICE	1	*1	1	*1	*1	*1	1*	*1	*1	*1	*1

The Importance of Test Scores

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Location	Tallahassee	Boca Raton	Ft. Myers	Miami	Tallahassee	Sarasota	Orlando	Gainesville	Jacksonville	Tampa	Pensacola
Middle Range SAT (all three sections) Accepted - Summer 2012	1200-1470	1450-1600	1400-1610	1460-1530	1670-1870	N/A	1560-1720	1710-1970	1530-1670	1620-1720	1476
Middle Range SAT (all three sections) Accepted Fall 2012	M: 400-490 R: 400-490 W: 400-490	M: 510-600 R: 510-590 W: 510-590	M: 480-570 R: 470-560 W: 460-550	M: 530-620 R: 540-620 W: 530-610	M: 580-670 R: 590-670 W: 580-660	M: 590-680 R: 630-730 W: 610-710	M: 590-670 R: 570-660 W: 540-630	M: 620-720 R: 610-710 W: 610-710	M: 580-660 R: 570-650 W: 520-610	M: 600-650 R: 590-630 W: 580-620	M: 493 R: 504 W= 478
Middle Range ACT with Writing Accepted - Summer 2012	17-20	21-24	20-23	20-22	23-27	N/A	22-25	25-30	22-24	23-25	22.4
Middle Range ACT with Writing Accepted - Fall 2012	17-20	23-27	20-24	23-26	26-30	28-31	25-29	28 - 32	25-27	27-29	22.4
SAT Scores Interchangeable/ Mixed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are ACT Scores Interchangeable?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accept SAT essay in place of adms. essay? (Yes/No/NA)	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes, but not required	N/A	N/A
Prefer SAT or ACT?	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	No preference	Either	Either

How can you improve your chances of success?

Test Early
Test Often
Consider taking the ACT

IMPORTANCE OF STANDARDIZED TESTS

Uses of the SAT or ACT

➤ State University Minimum Scores

SAT: Math: 460 Critical Reading: 460 Writing 440

ACT: Reading: 19 Math: 19 Writing: 18

➤ PERT – used for college level placement

SAT: Math: 500 Critical Reading: 440

ACT: English: 17 Reading: 18 Math: 19

➤ FCAT – used as a replacement

SAT: Math: 340 Critical Reading: 430

ACT: Math: 15 Reading: 19



2012 – 2013 SAT AND ACT PROGRAM TEST DATES

REGISTRATION DATES

NATIONAL TEST DATES	TEST	REGULAR POSTMARK DEADLINE	LATE POSTMARK DEADLINE
2012			
September 8	ACT	August 17	August 24
October 6	SAT I & II	September 7	September 21
October 27	ACT	September 21	September 22
November 3	SAT I & II	October 4	October 19
December 1	SAT I & II	November 1	November 16
December 8	ACT	November 2	November 16
2013			
January 26	SAT I & II	December 28	January 11
February 9	ACT	January 11	January 18
March 9	SAT I	February 8	February 22
April 13	ACT	March 8	March 22
May 4	SAT I & II	April 5	April 19
June 1	SAT I & II	May 2	May 17
June 8	ACT	May 3	May 17

FEES

TEST	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
ACT	\$34.00 + w/o writing	\$34.00 + \$21.00 = \$56.00
ACT	\$49.50 + with writing	\$49.50 + \$21.00 = \$70.50
SAT I	\$49.00	\$49.00 + \$26.00 = \$75.00
SATII	\$22.00 + Test Cost \$11-\$22 (lang.)	Add \$15.00 To Test Fee

Other fees may be required for other services such as:

- Standby testing – SAT: \$43.00 ACT: \$42.00
- Change test, test date, or test center fee – SAT: \$25.00 ACT: \$21.00
- Extra score reports – \$10.00 for SAT & \$8.50 for ACT

To contact either the College Board or the ACT test agencies for lost or delayed admission tickets, date or center changes, etc. call the Customer Service Department:

SAT: (609) 771-7600 ACT: (319) 337-1270

SAT/ACT FEE WAIVERS

SAT and ACT test Fee Waivers are NOW available.

If you are on free or reduced lunch, you qualify for the following.

Remember that you must reapply each year to remain eligible.

2 ACT test waiver TOTAL

2 SAT test fee waivers TOTAL

4 College Board - College Application Fee Waivers

4 ACT - College Application Fee Waivers

- Waivers can be used only once.
- SAT waivers **CANNOT** be used after the regular deadline.
- ACT waivers **CAN** be used after the regular deadline, but you must pay the late fee.

To receive a waiver, complete a Request To See Counselor Form

Find the Right Fit

- Academic Reputation (quality education)
- Availability of scholarship and financial aid
 - How and when are scholarship awards made and when is notification received
- College Size
- Location
- Majors
- Faculty to Student ratio
- Job Placement success

College Board: Big Future

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

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

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Interactive Planning Tools

- ▶ Course Planner & Credit Checker
- ▶ Test Prep Information & Test Dates
- ▶ Financial Aid Information & Critical Dates
- ▶ College Budget & Cost Calculators
- ▶ Scholarships Search & Applications
- ▶ Profile & Resume Building

Communication Tools

- ▶ Email Counselors, Students, & Parents
- ▶ Host & Track Student Events
- ▶ Send Scholarship & Events Notifications


College Search Tools


- ▶ Customized College Search
- ▶ College List Collaboration
- ▶ 4,300+ Searchable College Profiles
- ▶ Side-by-Side College Comparisons
- ▶ Acceptance History Scattergrams


Centralized Student Tracking

- ▶ SuperAPP Application Processing
- ▶ Complete Application Tracking
- ▶ Electronic Transcript Requests


Student Home Page





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Find Colleges 

Home My Portfolio Colleges Paying for College Planning

Welcome, John 





earn more stars ...

News Feed

Event Sign-Up

You've been invited to 2 event(s)

Select an event 

[See all events](#)

Research Colleges & Create a College List

College Search

Interview

Name & Location

Academics & Scores

Size & Environment

Sports & Activities

Cost of Attendance

Majors

Saved Searches

Choose your college preferences

Make your personal selections in each tab to record your preferences for the type of college you are looking for. Once you have made selections for all the criteria that are important to you, click on the "Save" button. You will always be able to view the results of your saved search or change your answers and resave.

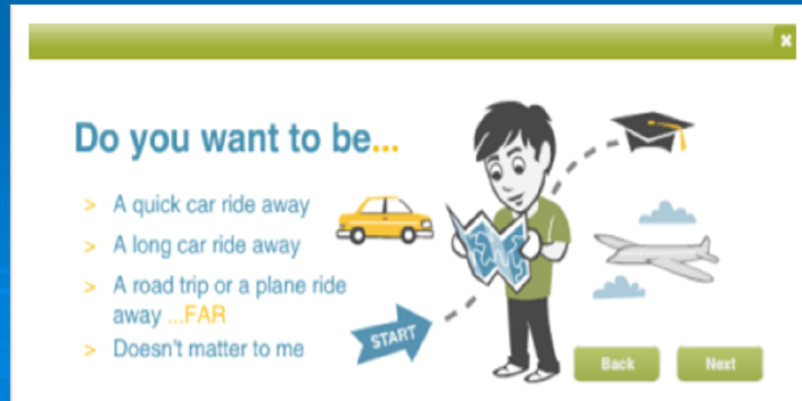
Begin

You can also use the Interactive Interview that will guide you through questions about your college preferences.

At the completion of the interview, your answers will be saved and you will get to view a list of colleges that match your preferences. You can come back to view this list again later by going to the College Search Tool and then the Saved Searches Tab. Run the saved search titled My Preferences. Change any of your answers by revisiting the question on the associated tab. Don't forget to Save your search again as My Preferences.

Begin Interactive Interview

Build a College Search
or take the Interactive
Interview!



What Colleges Look for When Making Decisions

Top 3 Most Important Factors

1. Strength of curriculum (Honors, Advanced Placement)
2. Grade Point Average (GPA) and class rank
3. College Entrance Examination Scores (ACT or SAT)

- If the college requires them:
- Essay
- Interview
- Recommendation Letters
- Resume (leadership, community service, extracurricular, talents, etc)

The Application Process

- **Determine the number of schools to which you want to apply**
- **Be mindful of deadlines**
- **Treat this as a homework project – care should be given to the appearance of your application**
- **Determine if you want to complete the on-line application form**
- **If essay required, give it proper attention**
- **Decide on no more than 3 – 5 institutions**
- **Time line for decisions- DEADLINES**

Application Strategies

APPLY EARLY:

At the beginning of the admission cycle (August, September, and October) GPA and test score mid-ranges are typically low due to the low volume of application usually received at institutions with ROLLING admissions.

Later on in the process (November, December, January and February) the volume of applications increase. As a result, GPA and Test Score mid-ranges increase.

CONTINUE IMPROVING YOUR GRADES AND CONTINUE TESTING:

Depending on where you stand with institutional mid-ranges, it is recommended that you continue to improve your GPA and continue testing until you receive an acceptance letter from your college. Never Give UP !!!

SUBMIT NEW TRANSCRIPTS AT THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER

Transcripts are updated at the end of the first semester around mid-January. As soon as your transcripts are updated, it is important that you send them to all colleges that you are waiting for decisions.

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Types of College Admission

➤ Early Decision.

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadlines occur early.

➤ Early Action.

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. Students who are admitted under Early Action are not obligated to accept the institution's offer of admission or to submit a deposit until the regular reply date (not prior to May 1).

➤ Regular Decision.

Students submit an application to an institution by a specified date and receive a decision within a reasonable and clearly stated period of time, but not later than April 15.

Types of College Admission (cont.)

➤ Rolling Admission.

Institutions review applications as they are completed and render admission decisions to students throughout the admission cycle.

➤ Wait List.

An admission decision option utilized by institutions to protect against shortfalls in enrollment. Wait lists are sometimes made necessary because of the uncertainty of the admission process, as students submit applications for admission to multiple institutions and may receive several offers of admission. By placing a student on the wait list, an institution does not initially offer or deny admission, but extends to a candidate the possibility of admission in the future, before the institution's admission cycle is concluded.

Scholarships

- Scholarships are awards you are given to help you pay for college, usually based on something you do well:
 - Academics
 - Athletics
 - Arts
 - Community service, activities, or writing an excellent essay.
- Sources beyond FAFSA (Federal) and Florida (Bright Futures, etc.)
 - Colleges:

Private Colleges offer a huge amount of money to enrolling students. Be sure to apply for any scholarships colleges you are applying to may offer, **AND APPLY ON TIME!** – Some private schools will ensure that all unmet need for admitted students is met.
 - Private –
 - Corporations and organizations award college scholarships.
 - You can research them on your own (I.e., www.fastweb.com, www.facts.org).
 - Many scholarship organizations who now promote their scholarships on their own website.
 - Apply, Apply, Apply!
 - Make sure Ms. Tigerino has your email address so you can receive scholarship information and updates.

Bright Futures Scholarships

Register Beginning December 1.

- The state evaluates your meeting of the criteria upon your date of graduation
 - GPA in specific courses
 - Specific course work
 - Community service
 - ACT and/or SAT scores (CPT can also be used on Gold Seal)
- First Evaluation February – Notification by April
- Second/Final Evaluation June – Notification by August
- *The submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) IS NOW an annual requirement for Bright Futures eligibility.*
- www.facts.org
 - Go into your Electronic Personal Education Planner (ePEP)
 - Select 'High School Academic Evaluation'
 - Select 'Bright Futures'
 - View where you stand on each scholarship



Florida Bright Futures



NEW Mandatory FAFSA completion

BF PROGRAM	<u>Award</u> Flat Rate Payout	GPA Requirement	SAT/ACT Requirements	Community Service
FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS	<u>NEW</u> \$100 per credit hr. 30 credit payout: \$3,000.00 120 credits total	3.5 weighted BF GPA 15 core academic classes	1280 SAT 28 ACT	<u>NEW</u> 100 hours of community service
FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS	<u>NEW</u> \$76 per credit hr. 30 credit payout: \$2,280.00 120 credits total	3.0 weighted BF GPA 15 core academic classes	<u>NEW</u> 1020 SAT or 22 ACT.	<u>NEW</u> 75 hours of community service
FLORIDA GOLD SEAL VOC. SCHOLARS	<u>NEW</u> \$76 per credit hr. 30 credit payout: \$2,280.00 72 credits total	3.0 weighted BF GPA 3.5 weighted GPA in 3 vocational credits SAME program	<u>SAT</u> 880 M 440 / CR 440 <u>ACT</u> E 17 / R 18 M 19 <u>CPT</u> R 83 / S 83 Algebra 72	<u>NEW</u> 30 hours of community service

Types of Funding for College



- **GRANTS** – Based on financial need
 - Private (CAP Grant)
 - Public: Federal (Pell Grant)
 - State (Fla. Student Assistance Grant)
- **WORK-STUDY** – Based on financial need- Employment on campus – usually jobs are not too demanding, with the idea you can study some at work, thus the name, Work-Study
- **STUDENT LOANS** – Based on financial need
 - Perkins (administered by the college - 5% int.)
 - Stafford (subsidized or unsubsidized, capped at 8.25% currently)
- **PARENT LOANS**– NOT based on financial need
 - Not need-based, can borrow up to cost of education, payment begins 60 days after date of loan.

What Are The Primary Sources Of Financial Aid?

- Federal government
- State governments
- Colleges and universities
- Private agencies



FAFSA



- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Available after January 1 of senior year
- Family Income Tax information needed to complete form.
- Application available online at:
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Last Comments

- Dual Enrollment
- Credit Recovery
- Community Service
- Transcripts Request – 2 weeks
- Letters of Recommendation/Counselor Recommendation Forms – 2 weeks
- MLEC Website
- Your E-mail Address
- Hand Out – Needs to be completed

Counselor Information

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QUESTIONS?

