

I want a high school diploma!!

What do I need to do to graduate?

What do I need to go on to
college or community college?



Graduation Requirements

1. Earn 24 credits
2. Have a 2.0 GPA by the end of your senior year
3. Pass the Reading & Math FCAT with a score of at least 300



#1 Earn 24 credits

- 4 English
- 3 math (Algebra I is required)
(4 for class of '11 and beyond)
- 3 sciences
- 3 social studies – W. History, Am. Hist., Gov. & Econ.
- LMS – $\frac{1}{2}$, Pers. Fit. – $\frac{1}{2}$ and PE – $\frac{1}{2}$
- HOPE – replaces LMS, Per. Fit. & PE for Class of '11 and beyond



Two Common Myths



Two years of a foreign language are required for graduation. ▶ No, not true.

Community service is required for graduation.

No, not true. It is required for the top Bright Futures scholarship but it is not required for graduation.



#2 GPA

- * Your GPA starts in the 9th grade or 8th if you took Alg. I or a foreign language in middle school.
- * All classes you take are included in your GPA.
- * It is the semester grade that becomes part of your GPA.



What's a grade worth to you??

- * A = 4 points, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1 F = 0.
- * At the end of each semester, you should earn 3.5 credits.
- * For every D you earn, you must earn at least a B
- * For every F you make, you must earn an A to balance all the grades out to a 2.0.



Question



- So my 9 weeks grade in a 45 minute class does not affect my GPA?
- That's correct. Only grades earned for a semester of work will change your GPA.



Can you calculate this GPA?

• English I .5 credit	C	2 pts,
• Algebra I .5 credit	D	1 pt.
• P. Science .5 credit	C	2 pts.
• Hope .5 credit	B	3 pts.
• W. Geo. .5 credit	D	1 pts.
• Carpentry 1.5 credit	A	4 pts.
• Spanish I .5 credit	F	<u>0 pts.</u>
		13 pts.



The GPA is...

13 pts. divided by 7 classes = 1.85

Is that a good *GPA*???

No! You're already below the
minimum for graduation!



#3 Pass the FCAT

- * The FCAT taken in the spring of your 10th grade is the score used for graduation.
- * You may retake the FCAT in the fall and spring of your junior & senior year until you have passed each section.
- * You may also take it in the summer after your junior year.



You've graduated, what's next?



What are my options???



Go to work – minimum wage is
\$6.55 an hour



Join the military



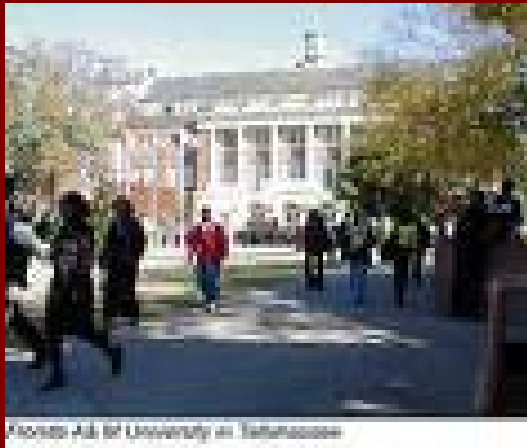
Enroll at First Coast Technical College and learn a trade



Enroll at St. Johns River Community College (SJRCC)



Enroll in a 4-year college or university

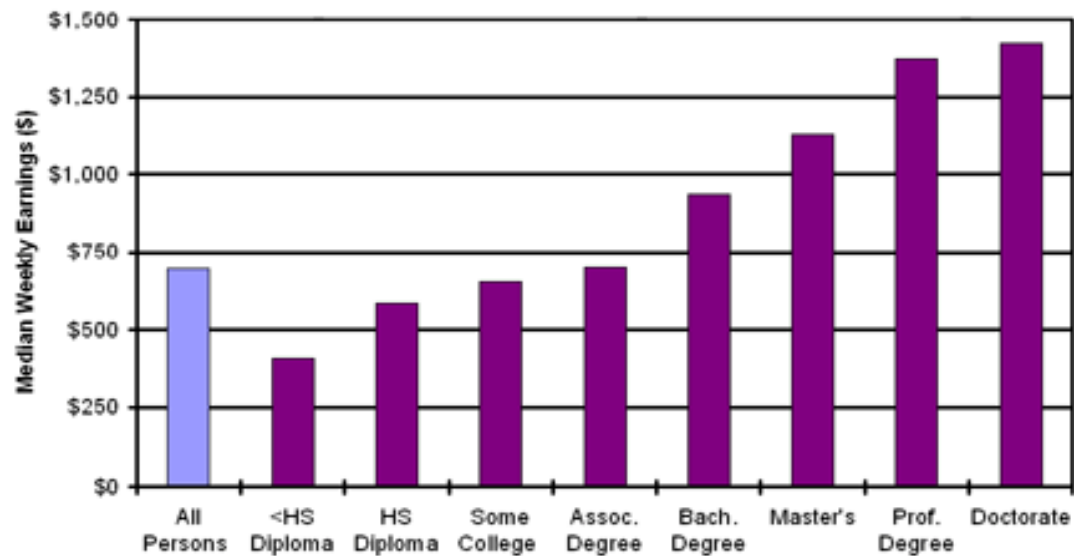


Sit at home and do nothing



Will more education help me earn more money ??

**U.S. Median Weekly Earnings
by Educational Attainment (age 25+) - 2005**



Source: U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics



Facts about the world of work

- *80% of low-wage jobs (less than \$30,000 a year) require nothing more than short term on the job training.
- *66% of all high-wage jobs (\$45,000+) require at least a bachelor's degree (4 yr. college degree).
- *10% of high-wage jobs require a graduate or a professional degree (doctor, lawyer, vet, dentist)



OK, Ok!! I get it!



I need more
education than just
a high school
diploma!



What does SJRCC offer?



SJRCC

Associate of Arts

- * 2 year degree
- * Requires minimum SAT or ACT scores
- * Transfer to one of the 10 state universities
- High school GPA not a factor in admission

Associate of Science

- 2 year degree
- Requires minimum SAT or ACT scores
- Tech or hands on degrees
- High school GPA not a factor in admission



What do AA and AS stand for?

The AA degree stands for Associate of Arts degree and is the first 60 credits of the 120 college credit bachelors degree.


Complete your AA and you transfer to a four year college or university.

The AS degree stands for Associate of Science degree and is a 60 credit degree that prepares you to enter the workforce.

Complete your AS and enter the world of work. Many AS credits count toward an AA degree as well.



Don't forget...

- “2 year degree” does not mean it will take you only two years.
- The AA and the AS  degrees are 60 credits of college level work and unless you enroll full time, it may take you longer than two years to earn the degree.

Help!!! Do I need a high GPA
to go to community college??

No, you may enroll
in a community
college with a just
a 2.0 but you will
need minimum
test scores on the
SAT, ACT or the
college's CPT.

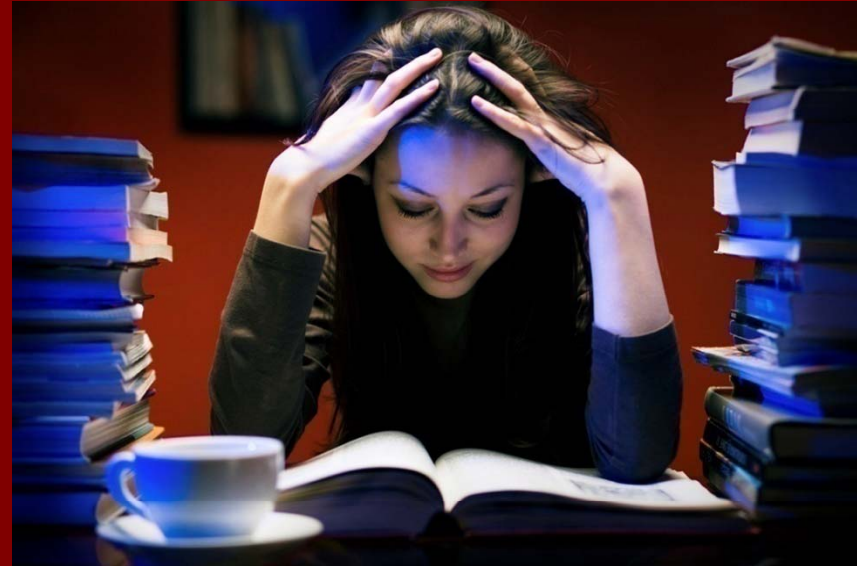


What if I want to go “off to college”?



You need a college ready diploma to enroll in a 4 year school

Now you'll need to
ramp up your studying
if you want to go from
high school directly to
a university!



Four year college or university

- * Requires “college ready” diploma — Algebra I, geometry & at least Algebra. II, 2 years of a foreign lang., and honors, DE or AP in most academic subjects
- * Requires high SAT or ACT scores
- * A weighted GPA of well over a 3.0
- * Extra curricular activities are a must
- * Only the academic core classes are calculated in the GPA for admission



Important to remember...

- Colleges expect to see a strong, academic schedule all four years including senior year
- AP, DE and IB receive 1 quality point
- Honors receives .5 quality point
- AP or IB are more highly regarded by the colleges than are DE or honors



Can I earn college
credits in high school?



Yes, you can, it's called

Dual Enrollment



Dual Enrollment is taking classes in high school that also count for college credit.



How do I qualify?

- Have an unweighted 3.0 GPA – all classes are included
- Be recommended by your teacher
- Have an SAT, ACT or CPT score



What are the SAT, ACT and CPT?

- The SAT & ACT are college admissions tests. You register for them online.
- You may take them as many times as you want. They cost money.
- The CPT is the community college test and you may take it only once a year.



Where can I take the CPT?

- * Take it here at PMHS.
- * Friday, Nov. 21st
- * Its' free
- * You must have a 3.0 to take the test.
- * Sign up with Ms. Giuliani in Guidance.



Is any score ok for any Dual Enrollment class?

Composition I, I and III

require a minimum score on the SAT, ACT or CPT

World Civilization I and II

requires only that you have taken the SAT, ACT or CPT

College Algebra &

Statistics require a minimum score SAT, ACT or CPT

US History I and II requires

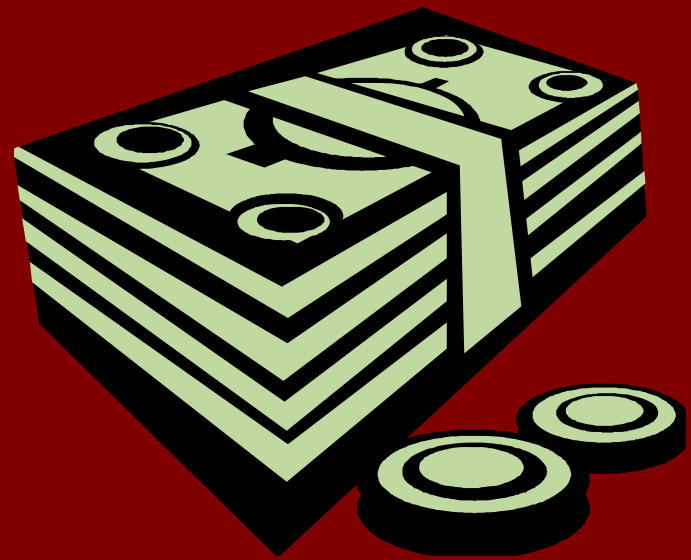
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But wait....college costs money!

Going to FCTI, St.
Johns River or a four
year college costs
money!!!

I've heard of Bright
Futures Scholarships –
what are they?



Bright Futures Scholarships

- 100% tuition – Academic Scholarship
- 75% tuition – Medallion Scholarship
- 75% tuition – Gold Seal Scholarship

You can only earn one.



Florida Academic Scholarship

- 3.5 weighted GPA in the 15 academic core college ready classes
- 1270 SAT or 28 ACT
- 75 hours community service



Florida Medallion Scholarship

- 3.0 weighted GPA in the 15 academic core college ready classes
- 970 SAT or 20 ACT
- No community service



Florida Gold Seal Scholarship

- 3.0 weighted GPA in the 15 core credits required for graduation
- 3.5 unweighted GPA in 3 sequential vocational credits
- Minimum scores on the SAT, ACT or the CPT



**Your future ==
starts today!!**