

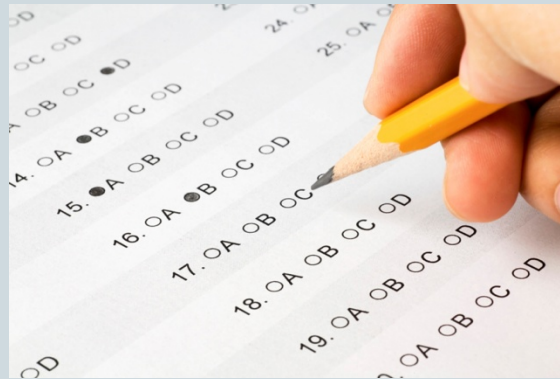
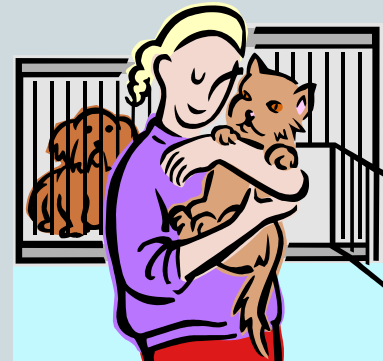
Graduation and Beyond



4 Main Graduation Requirements



- 2.0 GPA
- 20 hours of community service
- Pass FCAT Reading and Math
- 24 credits



2.0 GPA

Question

- I slacked off my Sophomore and Junior year... doing nothing with my friends seemed like a good idea at the time, how can I boost my GPA now?
- I may have failed a class or two... or three, what is grade forgiveness?



Answer

- Credit recovery: talk to your counselor about taking classes you failed over again on e2020, FATDEC, FLVS or here at school
- Grade forgiveness: if you take a course you failed over again and receive a C or higher, your first grade will not count in your GPA. When a C replaces an F your GPA will go up by around .05
- Community Service Course: talk to your counselor about signing up for this “8th hour” elective. Complete 75 hours of volunteer work and write a one page paper on what you learned = A for a semester course!

20 hours of community service

Question

- I hate dogs, old people, little kids, sick people and the homeless. Where can I find community service opportunities?

Answer

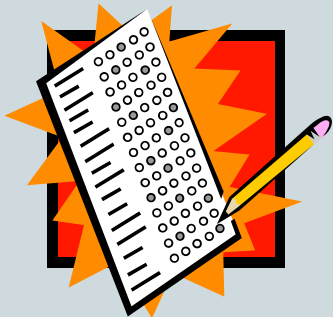
- Check out volunteermatch.org this site allows you to search volunteer opportunities that match your interests
- Volunteer here at school for your favorite teacher or a coach



Pass the FCAT

Question

- I'm tired of the FCAT can I try something else?
- I'm so close to passing the FCAT what can I do to help raise my score?



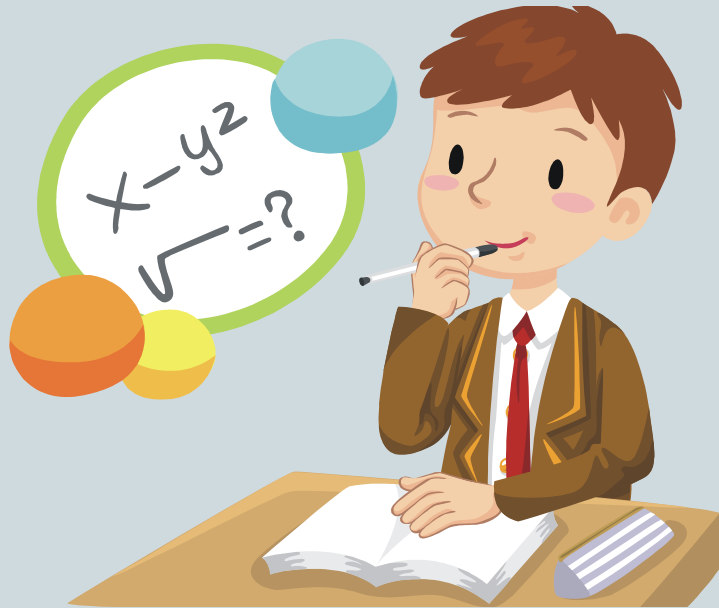
Answer

- Try the ACT or SAT. To meet the FCAT requirement for graduation you have to score a 420 on the SAT or a 18 on the ACT in reading. For math you must score a 340 on the SAT or a 15 on the ACT.
- Pay attention in Intensive Reading and English 4. Try FCAT explore or Reading Plus. They may seem boring but they will help!

24 credits

Question

- My brother graduated last year and he only passed 3 years of math, I can do that too right?



Answer

- Nope sorry ☹️ 2011 Seniors need:
 - 4.0 Language Arts (English I-IV, both semesters)
 - 4.0 Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)
 - 1.0 Biology (Full year)
 - 1.0 Physical Science (Full year)
 - 1.0 Science Elective (Full year)
 - 1.0 American History
 - 1.0 World History
 - .5 Economics
 - .5 American Government
 - 1.0 Fine Arts
 - 1.0 Physical Education
 - 8.0 Electives (16 classes) *Community service course can be taken twice and will count for 1.0 credit of electives*
- If you are unsure about your credit standing make an appointment with your guidance counselor. (Go to guidance before school, after school, or during your lunch to make an appointment)

ACT or SAT



I'm not going to a four year university so why should I even take the SAT/ACT?

- If you score high enough on these exams you can test out of remedial *aka boring* classes that you would have to take and pay for in college.

How do I (my mom) register for the exams?

- ACT → actstudent.org
- SAT → collegeboard.com

Can I get a waiver for the fee?

- If you receive free or reduced lunch you can take the exams for FREE, just see your guidance secretary to ask for a waiver.

Should I even bother with those crazy huge study guides, I'm not going to read 800 pages on the ACT... I hardly read for my classes now.

- Check out a study guide from the library and take the practice exam in the back of the book, if you like your score great! If you want to improve check out the sections on “what to expect” and focus on chapters that cover what you need the most help in.

COLLEGE?!

Question

- My friend told me community colleges are for people who couldn't get into a university so why should I even bother going?



Answer

- Your friend is wrong. Plain and simple.
- Going to community college can save you \$10,000s of dollars and it will give you time to figure out what you want to study.

Community Colleges

Question

- My parents are annoying, can I go to community college away from Palm Beach County?

Answer

- Sure Florida has over 30 community colleges, stop by my office for the full list.



When applying to a specific college



- **Check out their website and find their:**
 - Application deadline
 - Financial aid deadline
 - Minimum GPA required for admission
 - Minimum ACT/SAT scores required for admission
 - Foreign language requirement
 - Tuition
 - Institutional scholarships
 - What degrees or certificate programs the school offers
 - What majors or concentrations the school offers
 - Mathematics requirement
 - Essay requirements and/or prompts



College majors

Question

- I don't know what I want for lunch. How am I supposed to know what I want to do with the rest of my life?



Answer

- Nobody knows what they want to do with the rest of their life. But check out **flchoices.org** and sign up for a free interest profiler. It takes 15-20 minutes to complete and it will show you some career options that correlate with your interests.



College Degrees



I want to go to PBSC for computers but they have 3 different programs, what do all these abbreviations mean? AA, AS, BAS, CC?

- Bachelor of Applied Science Degree (BAS)
- Associate in Arts Degree (AA)
- Associate in Science Degree (AS)
- Associate in Applied Science (AAS)



College Certificates



Unlike the four degree programs mentioned above, students will not be able to say on a resume that they have obtained a college degree.

- Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC)
- Applied Technology Diploma (ATD)
- College Credit Certificate (CCC) or Post Secondary Vocational Certificate (PSVC)
- Post Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV)
- Non-Degree (ND)

Graduation Coach

Question

So now that I am beyond confused and overwhelmed with information; who can I talk to about graduation and beyond?



Answer

ME!!!