

DO YOU KNOW?

High school students MUST take the PSAT in grade 11 to enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (National Merit Scholarships Corporation).

High school students can earn college credit while still in high school at no expense to their families. Refer to the Dual Enrollment Program, Advanced Placement (AP) Program, and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Program.

Some states use the number of fourth grade children who cannot read as a factor to determine the number of prisons beds needed..

Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is a gateway for many need-based grants, scholarships, and the Pell Grant.

Students who received a Standard Certificate of Completion have the following options:

- take the Grade 10 FSA ELA/Algebra 1 End of Course (EOC) Assessments;
- Take ACT or SAT and earn the scores concordant with the Grade 10 FSA/ELA and/or take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T) and earn the score comparative with the Algebra 1 EOC;(P.E.R.T. is only for this year's 11th and 12th graders – moving forward ACT, SAT and PSAT may be used
- Return to school for a 13th year to remediate the Grade 10 FSA ELA/EOC Assessment and/or GPA;
- Stay in school and enroll in a Performance-Based Exit Option Model;(Alternative sites only)
- Enroll in an Adult GED Program or credit program; or
- Take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T) and attend Palm Beach State College while continuing to take the Grade 10 FSA ELA/Algebra 1 EOC Assessment/ACT/SAT, if the only graduation deficiency is the Grade 10 FSA ELA/Algebra 1 EOC Assessments.

Honor point average (HPA) is used to determine rankings in a graduation class. Colleges calculate grade point average (GPA) based on the core subjects such as mathematics, English, Science and Social Studies.

Most students take the SAT in the Spring of their junior year and take it AGAIN in the Fall of their senior year. However, students can take the SAT before entering high school.

ACT has a similar testing schedule as the SAT.

Students can find out about the eligibility criteria for SAT and ACT FEE WAIVERS from their school counselors.

Harvard University has announced that undergraduate honor students from low-income families (making less than \$60,000) can attend for free. To find out more about this offer

go to <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

High School athletes who take E2020 (remedial courses) because they failed a course are NOT eligible to receive a scholarship for any Division 1 or Division 2 school. The NCAA ruled that E2020 is insufficient remediation and they will only accept Florida Virtual School as remediation. It is important to note that enrollment in E2020 courses is used to allow athletes to maintain their eligibility to play high school sports.

Students selecting an 18-credit ACCEL Graduation Option or electing to complete the 24-Credit Option in three years will NOT be eligible for valedictorian/salutatorian. An early admission student enrolled full-time in a college or university during any portion of his/her senior year will NOT be eligible for valedictorian/salutatorian.