

COLLEGE CAMPUS ONLINE™



**The College Campus Online™ K-12
Enrichment Services**

College Readiness Admissions Guide

College Connect™ Readiness Training

Our Promise To You! Our Collegiate Recruiting Center Team will personally track and assist the **Potential General student Body and Prospective Student Athletes (PSAs)** with management of Critical Recruiting Tasks that are needed in order to attain and surpass College Admissions Standards and includes:

- Master Planning/Event Scheduling
- Admissions Research
- Inventory Assessments
- Decision-making:** Early Decision Versus Early Action
- Completing Community Service and Volunteer Hours
- Applying For The Bright Futures Program
- Applying for Take Stock In Children
- Taking Standardized Tests (ACT/SAT)
- Standardized Test Prep Courses
- Pell Grants (FAFSA); Work Study and Student Loans
- The CommonApp Applications
- Summer Jobs Versus Test Prep
- College and University Campus Tours
- Communicating with Admissions and College Coach

We will also make sure that you are updated and armed with the knowledge and/or tools such as Introductory Civilian Recruiting Cover Letters; Sports, Student and Civilian Résumés; Compilation Video; Event and Follow-up Recruiting Cover Letters; and Myths, Secrets and Fact Sheet Training that answer Frequently Asked Questions and provides informative **"One Stop Shop"** instruction and helpful links.

Access to this vital information will give you a competitive Edge/Advantage; is vital and is needed to facilitate BOTH your ability to complete required College Admissions and Recruiting Tasks and attain success. We will be there to assist and help you every step of the way

through-out your Collegiate Application and Admissions Process in order to remove stress from your lives and place your High School Years on **"Cruise Control!"**

Attend our College Campus Online™ K-12 Enrichment Services **College Readiness Expos/Seminars/Training** in order to learn what we already know and teach our clients! Our system is designed to identify The College Admissions Readiness Gap in 1-2 minutes, then to immediately close identified Gaps and prepare you for College Admissions success in 2-4 Hours or Less.

Call (904) 250-6414; 24/7 to schedule your appointment then, sign into my [Personal Zoom Meeting](#) Address and let's have a productive Initial Free Consultation

Admissions Master Planning Calendar

An Admissions Master Planning Calendar/Checklist will power you through the year and keep you on course with your Academic Strategy for the Protection and Improvement of your GPA and Standardized Test Scores.

Sync Google Calendar With an iPhone/iPad

When you sync your calendar on your mobile device, the same events will show up when you use Google Calendar on your computer.

Getting Started: [iPhone & iPad](#)

The easiest way to sync your events is to download the official Google Calendar app. If you'd prefer to use the calendar app already on your iPhone or iPad, you can sync your events with Apple Calendar.

Option 1: Download the Google Calendar app

1. On your iPhone or iPad, download the [Google Calendar app from the App Store](#).

2. Sign in with your Google Account. Once you sign in, all your events will be synced with your computer.

Option 2: See your Google Calendar events in Apple Calendar

Sync Google Calendar With a Phone or Tablet

When you sync your calendar on your mobile device, the same events will show up when you use Google Calendar on your computer.

Getting Started: [Android](#)

Download the Google Calendar app

1. On your Android phone or tablet, download the [Google Calendar app from Google Play](#).
2. When you open the app, all of your events will be synced with your computer.

I don't see the Google Calendar app in Google Play



Having access to a College Admissions Calendar/Checklist is a must from the very beginning of and during your High School years especially if you would like to compete for College Admissions; Internships; Scholarships and Roster Spots. In each case you are competing against your peers. Your Student/Student Resumes must stand out! You must make an impact in 8-10 seconds in order to allow you to compete and win!

Admissions Master Planning Checklist

Narrow down your list to 6-8 colleges. Include 2-3 reach (you fall below their academic profile), 3-4 target (you fit their academic profile), and 1-2 likely (you are above their academic profile). Use a [College Planning Checklist](#) to help you organize your efforts. Click the College Planning Checklist above in order to view just such a form and remember there are many such forms to be found and downloaded on Google and the World Wide Web/Internet. Don't forget to also create and upload your Master Planning iPhone or Android Calendar.

Let's remove Stress out of the High School Equation as early as possible in the process and for us, that begins as early as the 9th Grade, Yes, I said 9th Grade, but in reality, a Student may possibly need to be protected and/or start in the 8th or even 7th Grades while in Middle School especially when Colleges **"Come a Calling"** and are making Scholarship Offers early on in the process! T

This is extremely important and once would **NEVER EVER** have been a thought or consideration, but recently Passed NCAA and State Laws now allow Athletes to earn Money based upon and on their **Likeness and Image (NLI)**, hence the Athletics world and landscape has changed overnight, and chaos is everywhere! So, what is stopping Nike from using a Middle School Player for Advertising purposes and especially when 14 year old player are going to Courts and winning decisions to play PRO sports.

Yes, the world has changed! We must all be cognizant of those changes, and we must also be well prepared to best or better protect and serve our children; their Legal Rights; Socialization Skills Growth and Development; and their Mental and Physical Wellness!

High school juniors and seniors should be allowed to enjoy their High School Years as **Stress FREE** as possible. So, our goal is to place your lives on **Cruise Control** by Identifying College Readiness Deficiency Gaps, then immediately closing those identified and potentially frustrating; devastating and painful Gaps early in the process while

scheduling out your College Readiness Tasks in according with positive DCPS College Readiness Progression Critical task Events/Standards

That way, nothing will be forgotten or left out. We are also offering supplemental tips about each step to help plan even further. Since college application preparation is so important, this is a much-needed resource for students.

The Master Planning checklist serves to help each student highlight the college application timeline that tracks detailed deadlines such as when to send applications, request letters of recommendation, send test scores and apply for financial aid, and especially when any follow-ups are necessary.

Printable College Application Checklist

This college planning checklist has all the basics you need to feel prepared. In the first column, list the colleges you are interested in applying to. In the next section of columns, mark or write the date for the early deadline and regular deadline, and then the date your application was sent.

You will also want letters of recommendation, which can be logged in the next set of columns. Usually, you will want a letter from three teachers or mentors. Check that you requested each letter or write the date you received them, or each letter has been sent to the university.

You will also want to contact your school counselor and request your high school report and transcript. It's also common courtesy to send those who have helped you a thank you note, and so there are sections for those as well.

You will need to send your test scores along with your application and some schools involve interviews, which is why there are boxes for those as well. If you need to apply for financial aid, you can record it in the appropriate column.

One of the most important parts of the application process is performing the follow-up to make sure everything has been received by the college. Log that in the last column on your college planning checklist.

High School Students who are **Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors** should register for Free Accounts in order to create your Player Profile/Résumé. We also suggest that our clients continue to use the Free Accounts of every **Recruiting Education Service** they find on the web. All such services do have success stories so then **"Why NOT You!"**. At first, **"DO NOT"** limit your window of opportunity to just this college or that college or you will quickly find real soon that your window of opportunity will have then closed. Please keep an open mind, but if you do select a school early on, we can assist you with meeting that team's Scholarship Selection Standards.

College Admissions

You can't attend college if you do not apply to College and if not, why not **"Get Ahead of The GAME"** (Download the [Early Admissions Calendar](#))? **ACT/SAT** Standardized Testing is also an important part of making your College Admissions and [Early Decision and Early Action Decision](#)!

Early College Admissions

Early decision (ED) and early action (EA) plans can be beneficial to students — but only to those who have thought through their college options carefully and have a clear preference for one institution.

Early Decision versus Early Action

Many Early decision plans are binding! Accept student must attend the college in which they were accepted of may face potential consequences while on the other hand, Early action plans are nonbinding. Many times, students the required response date is usually by May 1, unless specified in your Offer Letter. Students and parents must discuss the differences in-between Early Action and Early Decision early

Admissions Plans are there are very distinct differences in them. Both plan work "**BEST**" especially when a Student knows from early on (**Like BIRTH – LOL!**) exactly where they would LOVE to attend college. So, start there or else the process just might become frustrating and an overwhelming nightmare!!

450 (+) colleges have early decision or early action plans, and some have both. Many colleges will also present a nonbinding option called **single-choice early action to their applicants!** This means that those applicants are **NOT** allowed by LAW or Agreement to apply ED or EA to any other college, but that does **NOT mean** that you can **NEVER EVER** apply to other colleges, it just means that you can then apply during traditional college application enrollment periods, and this may or may **NOT** make a huge lifechanging difference! So, think before you Leap!

ED plans have come under fire as unfair to students from families with low incomes, since they do not have the opportunity to compare financial aid offers. This may give an unfair advantage to applicants from families who have more financial resources.

Early Decision (ED) Applicants

- Get settled into your High School Classes then the next month begin to prepare (September/October/ November) to apply to your first-choice colleges.
- Try to complete the process before December (October To Mid/End of November)!
- **Free is Good For Me!** Take the package from the college that offers the **BEST** Financial Incentives/Plan
- Include your entire family and DEST Friends in on the decision-making process or you may choose to go at it along! I did and it work out just find, except I turned down Princeton, because I was poor and had zero input in my decision-making process. The I tuned Princeton down

because I LOVE the idea of attending a Military School. That is why I turned from Princeton and The University of Tennessee

- Apply to your Top College or Colleges under early decision.
- Apply to all remaining colleges under their Traditional College Admissions Application Schedules
- Withdraw all other Early Decision once you are accepted and commit to your Top School of Choice.
- Send your Admissions Acceptance Reservation/Deposit well in advance of any Early Decision Deadline.

Early Action (EA) Applicants

- Apply as soon as your School's Application Submission process opens!
- Expect to receive your Early Action Admission Decision in January or February.
- Take all the time that you need to make your decision! Make sure that the offer/deal is good for you and your paying Parents/Family!
- Continue to apply to other colleges during their Traditional/Regular Admissions Period.
- Make your decision before your intended response or even National Response Date.

Who Should Apply For either an Early Action and/or Early Decision?

Applying for either is always an option for students who:

- Adores the Colleges they intend on attending if accepted!
- Has always dreamed of always attending a specific college or Colleges.

- Is absolutely sure that the college is the first choice.
- Has the Financial Resources to attend! I cried a many nights as I suffered through college financial needs and/or disadvantages that limited my college participation in extracurricular activities, thus my overall College Experience. I could NOT afford to do many things. I could NOT buy or driver a car. I could NOT pay for a date or just my half of the tab! Many time I did NOT have fare to catch and ride the City Bus!
- Are a **“Good Fit”** for the college of their choice as Institutional Mismatching is “The Kiss of Death for many well intending students!
- Can take living hours away from home or who is ok with local options because you will be close to your family and if you are an Athlete, they will be able to see you play! Some students absolutely do wish for a complete change of scenery and for many reasons, so at the end of the day, make the choice that is **“BEST”** for you!
- Strive for Academic Excellence. This means that the school must meet your academic requirements or even for **Academic Exclusivity** as you are a **Top Student** and are demanding to be surrounded by the **“BEST”** Professors and Students in Academia and/or are world renown in your interested Field of Study

Who Should NOT Apply Early? Applying to an ED or EA plan is not appropriate for a student who is:

- Financially Challenged Students
- Academically Borderline Students (Institutional Mismatching)
- Unorganized and unprepared Students

- Focused on the College Name and **NOT** Academic Rigors
- Not committed and is **ONLY** applying because friends are applying. I do know of kids that all apply to the same school because they actually do have a plan

Students who wish to apply early to colleges should fill out the NACAC's [Early Decision Self-Evaluation Questionnaire](#), as this may open their eyes as to the serious nature of the Early Admissions process and requirements.

So, What Are The Benefits of Applying Early?

The student who can meet the **"MOST"** stringent of Academic Standards and **100%** sure of their **"Top Choice"** is at a distinct advantage during this process and should consider applying early at the process is competitive and this will increase your chances of being accepted into the school o schools of your choice! Applying early lets the student:

- Reduce Financial Costs of sending multiple applications
- Receive a decision early, thus eliminates worry and stress
- Allows for better planning and preparation and a less chaotic move in day which led to better organization and readiness to attend class and focus
- Gain **Early Access** to better housing choices

The Drawbacks of Applying Early:

Financial Pressure: Mrs. Skipper always said, **"Free is Good For Me"**. Do **Not** take a **LOAN** and I repeat, do **NOT** take a **LOAN** to go to college. Go

to the School that is affordable for you! Anything will end in Heartbreak; Financial Disaster; Financial Crisis and guaranteed Financial Indebtedness!

Acceptance Pressure: The student may find it hard to choose if the gain acceptance into one or more colleges. **“The Mind Is a Terrible Thing To Waste!” Make a Choice!**

Traditional Application Pressure: Applying may become overwhelming when **NOT** accepted for Early Admissions. In fact, this can be a disaster as your expected Early decision in some case may **NOT** be considered an Early decision as they can come as late as December! Plus, that decision just may **NEVER** come! This means that the student will be extremely pressed and pressured to gain acceptance through a more Traditional Application Process and usually in two (2) weeks or less! So, you better, **“Be Prepared”!**

Senior Apathy/Social Media Misconduct: Please remember this! If you grade drop, you might and in many case will be also dropped as their offer is contingent upon your continued academic performance/success and many people for forget that your character is also being closely monitored and screened as part of the admissions process. The world has change. Do not **“Like”** any comments and please watch out and we recommend that you **STOP** posting on Social Media once accepted.

CommonApp

It’s Time To Take It Up Another Notch and Level! Apply to colleges via the [CommonApp](#) or other application platforms. Many colleges have a **November 1 deadline** for early action. Did you know that there are **more than 900** Colleges and Universities using and or are within and a part of the [Common App Online Application](#) System?

The key to getting a Scholarship or being accepted into many colleges during a COVID Setting is to apply for every college that has waived its Application Fees. You can use common App to do that also! If eligible (Free Lunch Program), use additional Financial Aid Vouchers as you can

get from your school's Student Services Office to apply to your Top Choices!

COVID has literally changed the Landscape of Education as many colleges even are now [waiving the requirement](#) to submit Standardized Test Scores! Now than YOU just may get you into Harvard or Duke or even UNF or JU if you're lucky! If you are in the Class of 2023, please consider reading the [following linked article](#).

Community Service/Volunteer Hours

Community Service Hours are **NOT** a DCPS Requirement For Graduation! But, they are required for the [Bright Futures Program!](#)

DCPS Community and Volunteer Service Requirements are a very confusing thing. We made our daughter complete **over 100** Community Service Hours which helped during her College Admissions efforts. Those hours are very important to many very competitive US Colleges while they do **NOT** mean much at all to others. In the end, she ended up attending an HBCU on a D1 Soccer and Track Scholarships and her Community Services hours at that point were absolutely NOT necessary at all!

Please Remember This! It's about the Grades (GPA) STUPID!

My daughter 100% made the "**BEST**" Choice as they adored her at South Carolina State University and our entire experience as a family was nothing short of stunning and amazing! It was priceless!

We supported her decision, but before she was presented that D1 Decision, she received an **\$18,000** per year offer from the Prestigious Westminster College (PA) and they **ONLY** accept **300** incoming Freshmen Students per year as part of their Freshman Class and our daughter made the cut! That was exciting! Plus, they really wanted her there, but the cost was **\$60,000** per year and we would have had to take

out annual loans of close to **\$50,000** per year. That was NOT happening on my watch, and we told our daughter to keep searching. She cried and was very sad because she adored that school. We reached out and tried to find out how to make it happened, but it was **NOT** to be!

She was heartbroken, but did move on and in one same day, received **five (5) D1 Scholarship Offers!** She was on cloud **nine (9)** and the process of elation followed by despair started all over again. She is **NOW** a College Senior at Columbia International University; has NOT played Soccer in almost **three (3)** Years due to Injury which was immediately followed by the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. It all turned out to be a huge blessing as she has completely healed and managed to get thru it all (three years) without a Loan until her final year in college. She will be close to **Debt Free** when she graduates College!

One more point of interest, when we reached out, Westminster College told us that if she had NOT attended Stanton College Prep, the **number 5 Ranked Academic High School** in the USA at that time and had attended her home school and attained a **3.8 GPA**, she would receive a **Full Presidential Scholarship**. Wow! You see when she left Stanton, an amazing school, she only had a **2.6 GPA**, but over her last **two (2)** years of High School managed to increase her GPA to a 3.5 weighted GPA and led the Soccer team to **two (2)** straight **FHSAA State Appearances** (a first in school history) by the time she graduated from Terry Parker High School. Attending a local School came with many challenges and many blessings. Please carefully weigh; think through the entire College Readiness process through and learn from my daughter's experiences.

I will admit that at one point the overall process was very heartbreaking and eye opening, but in the end and with the counsel of her parent, it all worked out for the **"BEST"** plus their D3 Soccer Team ONLY lost **one (1)** or two (2) games per year. Now that would have been a completely but insane experience. Her D1 team won just **two (2)** games per year, but she only played just one amazing year!

You can go to FSCJ without completing such time consuming, but honorable **"Bright Futures"** requirements. I personally know of Underserved Students who were struggling with completing stringent Homework and Testing requirements who did **NOT** know this actual rule

and were frustrated; overworked and stressed to the point of Medical distress and even suicide.

We are huge advocates for you knowing **BOTH** your child and your rights! Community Service and Volunteer Hours are **NOT** a DCPS Requirement For Graduation! But they are required for entry into the **Florida Bright Futures Program!**

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Florida Bright Futures Program

Community Service Hours are a Bright Futures Program Requirement. Per the State of Florida, eligibility for a Florida Bright Futures scholarship award requires that a student complete 75-100 community service work as approved by the local school district. Scholarship eligibility also requires that students meet testing and grade point average minimums for Florida Bright Futures.

Click Here to open your Bright Futures Account. **Click Here** to watch a very informative Bright Futures Program Video! **Click Here** to view Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) Form Filing Instructions and to start your Bright Futures Financial Aid Account and Application Process

If completed before or by your Senior year in High School, have you turned in your **Community Service Hours Forms** to your school counseling office to be sure they are in the system for the 7th semester Bright Futures evaluation? You cannot be awarded Bright Futures without meeting community service requirements.

Student and Parent Civilian Résumés

Having a powerful **Student Résumé** is a must during your High School years especially if you would like to compete for College Admissions; Internships; a Summer Job or even a Traditional Civilian Job. You are

competing against your peers and even adults and must make an impact in 8-10 seconds and our [Student Résumés](#) are designed to allow you and your **Parents** to compete and win!

Have you and your [Parents](#) (Family Appreciation) visited [Résumés To Go](#) in order to prepare your Player Sports Profile and their Civilian Résumés.

Civilian Cover Letters

Having a powerful Cover Letter many times is more important than having a Résumé because it's an expected industry formality and very powerful tool when properly prepared. Many times, HR Reps NEVER review the Résumé or do so ONLY as an afterthought because the Cover Letter landed the Interview and/or Job.

Not sending a professionally prepared Cover Letter is like showing up at the front door unannounced. Now that usually is an inconvenience and/or a real problem for the person on the other side of the door. Many will dare NOT ever open that door!

Introductory Recruiting Cover Letters

Be yourself and keep it short or make it even longer. My client Cover Letters average two (2) Full Pages in length and every player received a Scholarship offer. You can't please everyone and do not believe everything you hear everyone saying because they are all carrying their own Bias and Personal Baggage with them.

Attend our College Readiness Training and you will hear real world Stories shared by real Athletes and Coaches and even their parents! We suggest that you be yourself and consider finding the middle ground so that at the end of the day, **"You have No Regrets"**! You decide, because, it's your life and we promise:

"You have as much a right to be as picky as to the school you select to play for as they do in choosing you"!

Make sure that you are **NOT** a victim of **Institutional Mismatching** because you are all caught up in playing on this level or that one or for

this school and/or that school. You choose! Ride the bench and lose for all **four (4)** years or **Win a D2/D3/NAIA/JUCO National Title!**

Make sure that you are a **"Good Fit"** for the Team that you have chosen to play on and that **"The Fellowship/Chemistry"** is part of the focus of the Recruiting Staff/Team, because Collegiate Sports is a Lifelong Fellowship, so again, make it **PERSONAL!**

One kid wrote, **"Coach, I have NEVER even seen a Snowflake before, and I can't wait to play in the snow!"** It caught the attention of the Coach as was a huge icebreaker! Be Yourself! And begging is unbecoming unless you really have too!

Why Fill Out Recruiting Questionnaires?

Our Advice on College Recruiting Questionnaires: Visit each perspective website of each college you are interested in attending or receiving Admissions and Recruiting Information. Fill out an Application for Admissions and a Recruiting Questionnaire then call your Soccer Up America Counselor/Mentor and they will provide you with our Admissions and Recruiting Metrics Checklist and walk side by side with you as you take measures and steps necessary to complete the College Admissions and Recruiting process. More importantly, we will simply assist you personally with the development of your Admissions and Recruiting Individual Development Plan.

Our unique **Metrics Modules (Checklist)** will facilitate and chart the Prospective Student Athlete (PSA) progress through 100% completion of all required and suggested tasks for acceptance and the award of scholarships or even other funds including Student Loans. Also completing each schools Questionnaire is one of the first and most important tasks that you must and should complete immediately when you decide that you are interested in a school. Most PSAs are unaware of the fact that the Student Questionnaire lets the Coaching Staff know that you are actually considering or even more important interested in attending their school.

In fact, many Coaches text; phone and/or write PSAs (Both Automated Responses and Personal) and tell them to fill out their Online Questionnaires so that they will know that the PSA is actually interested in being considered for Admissions and playing for their team. And many times, the PSA fails to take action, hence effectively eliminating themselves from the recruiting process for that school. Do not take this task lightly. You are really really leaving 100s of 1000s of Scholarship funds on the ole proverbial table!

When that single task is done and the Coach Texts or Calls, if you were serious; would like to play for that school or are in need of a Scholarship (Athletic or Academic) your **NEXT** response should be: **"Coach, it's already done!** My Application; NCAA Eligibility Number; Standardized Test Scores; High School Transcripts are in, and I meet the School's Admissions Standards. I sent my video which I know you have seen, and I am ready to go!" Then they know that you are serious and may just offer you an **"All Expense Paid"** Official Tour; a Roster Spot; Intent to Offer or even a Scholarship.

They may even have already had you on their radar! So, be prepared and do not waste their valuable time! Coaches absolutely adore players who call, or they call and have seen their video and is hyped about the possibility of attending their school when they say, **"We like you!"** and **"We need/want to get the ball rolling!"** and that player says Coach, **"It is all already done"**. That Coach is blown away!

So, it is vital to your success for you to get your name in each schools Recruiting Database. And as a result, you may or may not be recruited by that school, but most likely will be placed on each school's mailing list and that is also another way to know if a school review your information or is even possibly interested in recruiting you. This is especially important if you are a High School Freshman or Sophomore who by NCAA rules are not yet allowed to communicate or speak directly with Coaches!

Plus, they usually will then start sending you: information about any upcoming games, camps, showcases, and breaking news. When allowed you can also reply back to them with questions or comments about any of the material that they have sent you.

If a Coach tells you to fill out their Questionnaire! Take 5 minutes to fill out their Questionnaire! If you don't most will move on to the next prospect that is just as talented, but are even more motivated than you are!

They see, you're not immediately responding to their request as a sign of disrespect! How could they trust you to complete basic/simple tasks independently when the team will be on the road practically the entire fall semester of at least half of it. They have 20-30 other players who want to be there and then they receive 1000s of calls and emails and that could be a daily amount and that does not include their daily Coaching and Administrative duties of building and running a program; leading other staffs; and running additional school initiatives. Are you kidding me?!

Most college coaches have contacts and sources that can fill them in on certain recruits, so if a recruit wants to stay close to home then schools might back off some; however, if the recruit is filling out recruiting questionnaires, the school will continue to take an interest in them. Which means the athlete now has options!

Going back to our question, why should you fill our recruiting questionnaires? The best answer is that you are giving yourself options. There is no blueprint for landing an athletic scholarship, and if you don't have other options then you put yourself at risk for not getting a scholarship offer. Most schools now have the recruiting questionnaires online at their website.

Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment is an acceleration mechanism that allows student to pursue an advanced curriculum relevant to their postsecondary interests. Dual enrollment provides high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while simultaneously earning high school credit through dual enrollment. Colleges and universities that offer dual enrollment courses to Duval County Public School students must do so by way of an

articulation agreement, which describes the parameters for which the students may participate.

Duval County partners with three postsecondary institutions, [Edward Waters University \(EWU\)](#), [Embry Riddle Aeronautical University \(ERAU\)](#), and [Florida State College at Jacksonville \(FSCJ\)](#). Each institution is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award credit.

Under the umbrella of Dual Enrollment, there are several options for students:

1. Traditional Dual Enrollment where college courses taught by credentialed high school teachers offered at DCPS high schools through EWU, ERAU, and FSCJ or students may take courses on FSCJ's campus
2. FSCJ Early College
3. FSCJ Early Admission

Early College participants apply and are accepted in Grade 8, begin the program in Grade 9, and are working on earning both their high school diploma and associates degree.

Through Traditional Dual Enrollment students may take courses on the high school campus through EWU, ERAU, and/or FSCJ. Students may also take courses on FSCJ's campus. EWU and ERAU are private institutions and currently only have GPA requirements. FSCJ is a state college and by state statute has both GPA and testing requirements. To participate through FSCJ students must have a minimum cumulative unweighted 3.0 GPA and qualifying test scores on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT), ACT, or SAT.

If eligible and courses are available, a student may take his/her first dual enrollment course Semester 2 of Grade 10 through Traditional Dual Enrollment. In Grade 11 and 12, eligible students may participate in Traditional Dual Enrollment and take up to three (3) total dual enrollment courses each semester (fall/spring). Out of the three (3) courses eligible

students may take a maximum of two (2) courses on an FSCJ campus. Eligibility requirements vary by postsecondary institution and from year to year.

If a student is enrolled in a traditional high school in Grade 11 and meets the eligibility requirements, he/she may apply for participation in Early Admission. Through Early Admission students attend FSCJ full time for his/her senior year. Currently students must have an unweighted 3.5 GPA when Semester 1 grades post in Grade 11 and College Ready PERT/ACT/SAT scores. Interested students must meet the fall application deadline established by his/her designated high school designated dual enrollment coordinator. The very last day for schools to submit student registration documents is May 1st (by 2:00 PM) of the student's Junior year. There are no exceptions to the registration deadlines.

Advantages and Cautions of Dual Enrollment

There are several benefits for eligible students taking dual enrollment courses. Dual enrollment participation provides the opportunity for accelerated skill development curve with the increase in rigor and challenge of course work. Dual enrollment can help students accelerate educational goals, experience resources and activities as a college student, earn college credit, and significantly reduce college tuition.

Additionally, students may receive favorable consideration in the college admission process and more likely to graduate with academic honors, earn a higher grade point average (GPA), graduate within four years and be accepted into a graduate program. Students should be appropriately advised regarding the importance of taking dual enrollment seriously. Dual enrollment participation impacts the student's college grade point average and begins a permanent college transcript. Students are treated as independent college students and their college records and progress are protected by **the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)**.

Dual enrollment provides students in 11th and 12th grades the opportunity to enroll in postsecondary courses creditable towards high school completion and an Associates or Baccalaureate Degree. IN order to ensure that the greatest relevancy toward a postsecondary degree,

emphasis will be placed on courses within the general education core curriculum. Students must meet eligibility criteria specified in the **Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement (DEAA)**.

Students enrolled with **Duval Virtual** are able to enroll in Dual Enrollment if they are eligible. For more information on dual enrollment and eligibility, you may visit the DCPS Dual Enrollment webpage. [DUAL ENROLLMENT](#)

If you are a Duval Virtual student and interested in dual enrollment, please contact our guidance office at (904) 390-2037 or go to the [Contact Us](#) page and indicate you would like for information on Dual Enrollment.

Florida State Community College (FSCJ Dual Enrollment

Through FSCJ Traditional Dual Enrollment students may take courses on the high school campus and/or the College campus. FSCJ is a state college and by state statute has both GPA and testing requirements. To participate in dual enrollment courses through FSCJ students must have a minimum cumulative unweighted 3.0 GPA or higher and qualifying test scores on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT), ACT, or SAT.

Traditional Dual Enrollment students are limited to **three (3)** total courses regardless of the postsecondary institution. Of the **three (3)** total courses, no more than **two (2)** courses may be taken on the College campus. Students taking course on the high school campus must meet the eligibility requirements prior to the first day of class and be enrolled on the first day of the semester. Prerequisite requirements must be met three weeks prior to the first day of class.

Students taking courses on the College campus must meet eligibility requirements prior to registration. Prerequisite requirements must be met three weeks prior to registration. The very last day for schools to submit student registration documents is May 1st (by 2:00 PM) for Fall semesters and December 1st (by 2:00 PM) for Spring semester. There are no exceptions to the registration deadlines.

Interested students may inquire with his/her designated high school dual enrollment coordinator about the process for testing and signing up for classes.

Edward Waters College (EWU) Dual Enrollment Program

Edward Waters University (EWU) is distinctively the state of Florida's first independent institution of higher learning. Duval County Public Schools has partnered with Edward Waters College since the 2014 to offer select dual enrollment courses on the high school campus.

Course options available on the high school campus vary by high school and from year to year. To learn more about the courses being offered at a particular high school, please contact the school's designated high school dual enrollment coordinator.

Students that are eligible for the program can take their courses during regular class periods at their assigned high school during the fall and spring terms. The college may even approve for eligible dual enrollment students to take one course at their high school site during the summer term if approved by the school district.

The courses selected for the dual enrollment program satisfy both high school credit and college credit. Edward Waters University has become compliant with the Florida Statewide College numbering system to assist with the transfer of college credits throughout the higher education system. Parents and students are advised that the college credits earned to the credit required for their high school diploma, and to the ramifications and responsibilities of initiating a permanent college transcript.

To promote student success, all dual enrollment students are required to take SLS 1103-Introduction to College in the first two semesters of their participation in the program. The Florida Department of Education's articulation committee maintains a list of dual enrollment courses identified to meet high school graduation requirements. This list contains certain semester-length postsecondary courses deemed of sufficient rigor to earn a full high school credit.

The current list can be found on the [Florida Department of Education](#) website. High school credits will be awarded per the status list at the time of student enrollment.

[Embry Riddle Aeronautical University \(ERAU\) Dual Enrollment Program](#)

Dual Enrollment is widely considered to be the new frontier of 21st century education. With so many different dual enrollment programs available worldwide, it can be challenging for students and their parents to find what they need. Our staff is dedicated to providing you with the support needed to navigate through these exciting opportunities. From Application through High School Graduation and beyond, we are committed to your academic success and will be there to guide you through each step of the process.

Partnerships Create Opportunities! The ERAU Dual Enrollment program is designed to provide world-leading aviation, aerospace, engineering, and technology education to students beginning as early as the ninth grade.

Together with local community leaders and our generous sponsors, Embry-Riddle is preparing the next generation of aviation, aerospace, and STEM leaders for the opportunities of the 21st century.

With your support our goal is to: Encourage Aviation/Aerospace and STEM Education, worldwide; grow the high-tech workforce of tomorrow; enhance corporate social responsibility efforts and provide career pathways for diverse students.

If a student is interested in this exciting opportunity, the first step would be to talk to their high school guidance counselor or homeschool administrator about the Embry-Riddle Dual Enrollment Program or [Click Here To Apply Today!](#) Be sure to discuss the possibility of earning high school credit for dual enrollment courses, and inquire about any state funding plans that may be available to subsidize the cost of tuition and/or books.

By taking this approach, everyone is on the same page and the student is truly set up for success!

FAFSA (Pell Grants)

All High School Seniors, regardless of your financial status/need, must, well should fill out the [FAFSA](#) with your parents (The Enrollment Period opens October 1).

FAFSA stands for [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#), and is a financial aid application that is used to determine the [Expected Family Contribution \(EFC\)](#) as well as eligibility for need-based financial aid. For the most part, every College no matter your financial standing is going to ask that you submit this application.

Standardized Testing (ACT/SAT)

College Admission Tests, like the ACT/SAT, are standardized tests typically taken in your Junior or Senior year of High School. Colleges use scores from these tests to help them make admission decisions. Each college has its own admission processes and policies, and they use scores differently. [Click Here](#) and read a very informative article on the facts you need to know.

You can apply for [ACT/SAT](#) Fee Waivers and visit [NACAC](#) and use a [NACAC Request for Application Fee Waiver Form](#). You can also use [Common App](#) if there is financial need. Students can apply up to 4 colleges using NACAC and all colleges will accept NACAC.

ACT/SAT Tests Prep Course

You can take, ["This SAT Course"](#) for \$499.00 with a Money Back Guarantee or visit this [YouTube Page](#) and take this [SAT YouTube Course "For Free"](#)! You can do the same for the [ACT](#) too!

There's a reason Test Prep Services are in such high demand. It works. At least, to some extent. Studies show that ACT and SAT Test Preparation

does, in fact, help students improve their scores. The study found scores consistently went up a few points after test prep, regardless of the student's racial, gender, or socioeconomic background. This is one of the most consistent and luring claims made by all test prep academies.

Many Test Prep Services guarantee a Score increase of at least 4 points on the ACT and **300-400** points for the SAT. If you do not achieve that goal, they will either refund your cost minus the cost of their materials or allow you to re-take their course "**For Free**". Go ask Student Services for assistance with the paying for Test Prep Fees if you are Title 1 Eligible or attend a Title 1 or Title 4 School! [Watch This Video](#) before you do anything! Again, many services claim that they will raise your teen's scores by **200-400** Pts (SAT) and 4-5 Points (ACT), but can they really accomplish it?

Summer Job vs ACT/SAT Prep Course

Instead of taking a Summer Job, if you can, we recommend that you take [ACT/Sat Preparation Course/Classes](#) and even more importantly also utilize your summer vacation to increase your Standardized Test Scores.

Consider This: Before you take any job, "**Study First**" then, take a job **ONLY** if necessary or vice versa over the span of your High School years. If you take a Summer Job, you just might earn **\$3000.00**, but if you study for your Standardized Test and earn a higher score, you will earn **100s of 1,000s of Dollars** and more than likely Millions in Academic and Athletic Scholarship Offers! So, you choose - a coupled of **1,000** Bucks versus **Millions (1,000,000s)** of Dollars (\$) of offers!

College Campus Tours

It is vital and important that you go on **Admission Office Tours** for prospective students. when visiting each school make it a habit to ask a current student that attends the college to share their experience and answer your preplanned and even impromptu questions. And if you can NOT visit in person or LIVE, you can take amazing [Campus Tours Online](#).

There is No Substitute – See it In Person

A brochure can ONLY show and tell you so much. You have to go in person. I went to several colleges and had an awesome time. I went to one college, and it was so bad that I decided to keep on going. I went to other colleges and watched beautiful Majorettes (Girls) Dancing, then played with an amazing HBCU Band. But then one day and on my last tour, I then saw a campus with Old Red Brick Buildings: Massive Oak Trees and a Civil War Cannon.

Yep, I chose the school with the Red Brick Buildings, Massive Oak Trees and Civil War Cannon. It was like being at home and running up and down the streets of Memphis, Tennessee and when I saw those trees and buildings, I felt like I was at home. It was 100% the best decision I ever make personally and financially. Attending and Life at Wentworth Military Academy and Junior College was the **“MOST”** amazing things that I have ever done in my life! I promise, wen it is right, you just know it is the right place for you!

Don't Settle! Pick the School that is talking to your soul and melts your heart! I remember sending our daughter on a TRIO Program Tour. They visited three (3) Universities/Colleges. Among those **three (3)** schools, they visited FGCU and upon her return she was as drunk in the head as a skunk, and she adored that school.

But she was a soccer player, and that school was a top D1 school that recruited at least 3-4 years in out. There were absolutely zero spots available. So, that was then end of that conversation, but they did offer a try-out at a College ID Camp which we did **NOT** accept as she also made a National Team and was told NOT to play any soccer for three (3) months or she was off that team. She cried; we spoke with the FGCU Coaching Staff; but in the end declined. We as a family made the correct Choice at every turn.

Now with our Son in tow we visited Wingate University with him as they asked him personally to attend their college ID camp just so they couls start working with him. That was an amazing thing for a 13 year old developing soccer player to have happen for he ever got to High School

or playing in a High School Soccer Game. You see the year before Wingate University won the NCAA D2 Soccer National Championship.

They wrote him a very personal

email. So, we went there; toured the campus and fell in LOVE! The cafeteria was amazing. We as parents dreamed that we would visit and would live in that cafeteria. The school was first class, and the campus was small. He liked it a ton, but we loved it a ton. In the end, we all won, because, he was accepted into the Take Stock In Children Scholarship Program and decided to stay close to home. He was Early Admitted into UNF. Then Wingate University made the decision to **NOT** select him for their Roster, but that was just fine because due to COVID-19, he had opted out of playing soccer and did NOT play for them in two (2) years.

In fact, he did **NOT** touch a Soccer Ball for more than **two (2)** years! Plus, he opted out of even playing High School Soccer and ultimately opted out of playing college soccer and is very happy with his decision. Again, he was early Admitted into the University of North Florida (UNF); can continue to play Club Soccer and the **"BEST"** part is that he can pay for it on his own while living on campus or at Home (His Choice), He is hoping to be called up to the USVI National Soccer Team his age division or even for the Men's National Team. He then visited UNF and loves that campus too!

You Have Questions and They Have The Answers to Your Questions

Ask as many questions as you feel you need answers too. Prepare well in advance! Make sure that you to talk to students, faculty, financial aid and admission officers. But more important is that you reach out and talk with school custodians; Cafeteria Staff; lawncare workers; and maintenance workers. I promise you, that will pay off in the long run more than you can ever imagine. Upon my daughters' arrival the staff waived and acknowledged her; spoke and shared with her and also had some amazing conversations with her. When they saw her recovering after surgery, they used their maintenance cart to give her a ride whenever they would see her walking to her and from classes. It was humbling and

amazing! And they know all of the campus ins and outs and even the secrets!

You can always speak with Students to learn about Campus Safety/Security and things are always left out of Official Reports. You can learn about call sizes; teaching assistant loads; meal plans and food quality; freshman class and even camp diversity; the social scene and kinds of activities are available and learn how to navigate the issues concerning of dorm space or learn if there is a housing crunch or even how many students are commuters and how many are campus residents?

Our family members also participated in a coaches question and answering sessions and was allowed to participate in the walking campus tour, where we took lots of photos. We visited twice and each visit was absolutely amazing!

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