

JUNIOR YEAR

What you need
to know
to succeed

REACH FOR
THE
STARS

SET
GOALS





JUNIOR MEETING AGENDA

Introductions of guidance staff

Planning for after high school

Assessments

Success through College Preparation

Financial Aid – Bright Futures and other scholarships

Graduation Requirements (academic)

Attendance

A Look Ahead

YOUR GUIDANCE STAFF



Mrs. Wietor – School Counselor



Mr. Arrington – School Counselor



Mrs. Gill – College and Career
Counselor



Mrs. Frederick- School Social
Worker



Ms. Millan – Guidance Secretary
(keeps us all organized!)



Mrs. Gleason- Data Entry
Clerk/Attendance

PLANNING FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



- Mrs. Gill will be conducting interviews with each Junior
- College or Career in your future?
- College Week Activities
- Xello lesson

TIPS FOR DIGITAL STUDENTS

- Please keep in contact with your counselor, Mrs. Gill, and your teachers.
- Please attend all your digital classes at the correct time.
- Please make an appointment on the guidance page of the OCSA website with your counselor and we will call you.
- Please keep up with all tasks from Mrs. Gill on Xello
- Please keep up with your friends.
- Please keep up with all virtual classes needed for graduation and Valencia, UF, UCF DE classes

ASSESSMENT

- PSAT
- ACT/SAT
- PERT
- FSA

PERT – Post-
Secondary Readiness
Test



PSAT/NMSQT

- A program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- The first official step on the road to college.
- Assesses the skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses.
- Predicts SAT outcome.
- Provides insight into student career interests.
- Junior scores are used to qualify students as National Merit Scholarship finalists.

PSAT DATES & FEES

2020 Test Date

Thursday, October 29



- **2020 PSAT/NMSQT Test Fees for Juniors**

\$17 – but the district usually pays for most juniors to take it.

How does a student qualify for a fee waiver?

- Each year, the College Board provides opportunities for taking the PSAT/NMSQT to juniors who are unable to pay test fees.
- Schools are asked to identify those juniors who would benefit from taking the test, but who lack the necessary means. (Free and/or Reduced Lunch)

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ACT AND SAT?

Differences and Similarities between the tests	
ACT	SAT
Four Multiple choice sections – Math, English, Reading and Science	3 sections Math, Evidence Based Reading and Writing, Optional Essay
Max Score – 36 per section	Score 200-800 per section
Content based - achievement	Analyze and Solve problems - aptitude
No penalty for guessing	No penalty for guessing
Writing test in optional	Optional essay
Career interest inventory	Inventory Not provided
Predictor for college success	Predictor for college success
Used by college to determine admission	Used by college to determine admission
Bright Future Scholarship criteria	Bright Future Scholarship criteria
College specific Scholarships	College specific scholarships

WHAT IS THE ACT?

- The ACT is a national college admission examination that consists of subject area tests in: [English](#) [Mathematics](#) [Reading](#) [Science](#)
- The ACT Plus Writing includes the four subject area tests and a 30-minute [Writing Test](#).
- ACT results are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.
- The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions
- Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 30 minutes if you are taking the Writing Test).
- Takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete with breaks (or just over four hours if you are taking the Writing Test).
- The ACT is administered on five test dates—in October, December, February, April, and June. In selected states, the ACT is also offered in September.
- The [basic registration fee](#) includes score reports for up to four college choices for which a valid code is listed at time of registration.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- The 2021–2020 basic fee for the ACT Plus Writing is \$68.00
- The basic fee for the ACT if you don't take the Writing Test is \$52.00



AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE WAIVER?

To be eligible, you must meet **ALL** three of the following requirements:

- You currently attend high school in the United States, U.S. territories, Puerto Rico, or Canada, as a junior or senior.
- You meet at least one indicator of economic need listed on the ACT fee waiver form. Information about these indicators and how to request fee waiver forms is mailed each fall to every high school. Ask your counselor for the information.
- If you are eligible, you may use up to two fee waivers total. The waiver has been used once you register, even if you do not test on the requested test date.
- ACT uses paper waivers, see Mrs. Gill if you need one.

Fee waivers cover *only* the basic registration fee for the test option selected when registering, including up to *four* valid college choices (listed as part of registration). Waivers do not cover the late fee, test date changes, test center changes, or any other fees.

TIPS FOR TAKING THE ACT

- Carefully read the [instructions](#) on the cover of the test booklet.
- Read the directions for each test carefully.
- Read each question carefully.
- Pace yourself—don't spend too much time on a single passage or question.
- Pay attention to the announcement of five minutes remaining on each test.
- Use a soft lead No. 2 pencil with a good eraser; do not use a mechanical pencil or ink pen.
- Answer the easy questions first, then go back and answer the more difficult ones if you have time remaining on that test.
- On difficult questions, eliminate as many incorrect answers as you can, then make an educated guess among those remaining.
- **Answer every question.** Your scores on the multiple-choice tests are based on the number of questions you answer correctly. **There is no penalty for guessing.**
- If you complete a test before time is called, recheck your work on that test.
- Mark your answers properly. Erase any mark completely and cleanly without smudging.
- Do not mark or alter any ovals on a test or continue writing the essay after time has been called. If you do, you will be dismissed and your answer document will **not** be scored.
- If you are taking the ACT Plus Writing, see these [Writing Test tips](#).

SAT TEST

The SAT

- 3-hours, with a 50 minute optional essay
- Measures critical thinking, reasoning, and writing skills
- The SAT is standardized across all students, schools, and states, providing a common and objective scale for comparison.
- 65 Minute Reading Section, 35 minute writing and lang. section
- 52 Reading Questions, 44 Writing and Lang. Questions
- Test-takers sitting next to each other in the same session may have test books with entirely different content orders.
- Each section scored on a scale of 200-800
- Typically taken by high school juniors and seniors.
- Administered seven times a year in the U.S., Puerto Rico and U.S. Territories.

SAT PREPARATION CENTER

- Know what to expect on test day by reviewing practice questions, taking a practice test, and more.
- **Official SAT Practice Questions**
- Review directions, approaches, and practice questions: [Critical Reading](#) | [Mathematics](#) | [Writing](#)
- **[The Official SAT Question of the Day](#)**
Practice with a daily question, hint, and explanation.
- **[Official SAT Practice Test](#)**
Print and take a practice test, then get a score report and answer explanations.
- Khan Academy
- March 2 Success

WHAT DOES IT COST?

SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing - \$52.00 (Additional Services Fees may apply)

SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing with Optional Essay- \$68.00

SAT will be given in March at OCSA during a school day to all juniors.



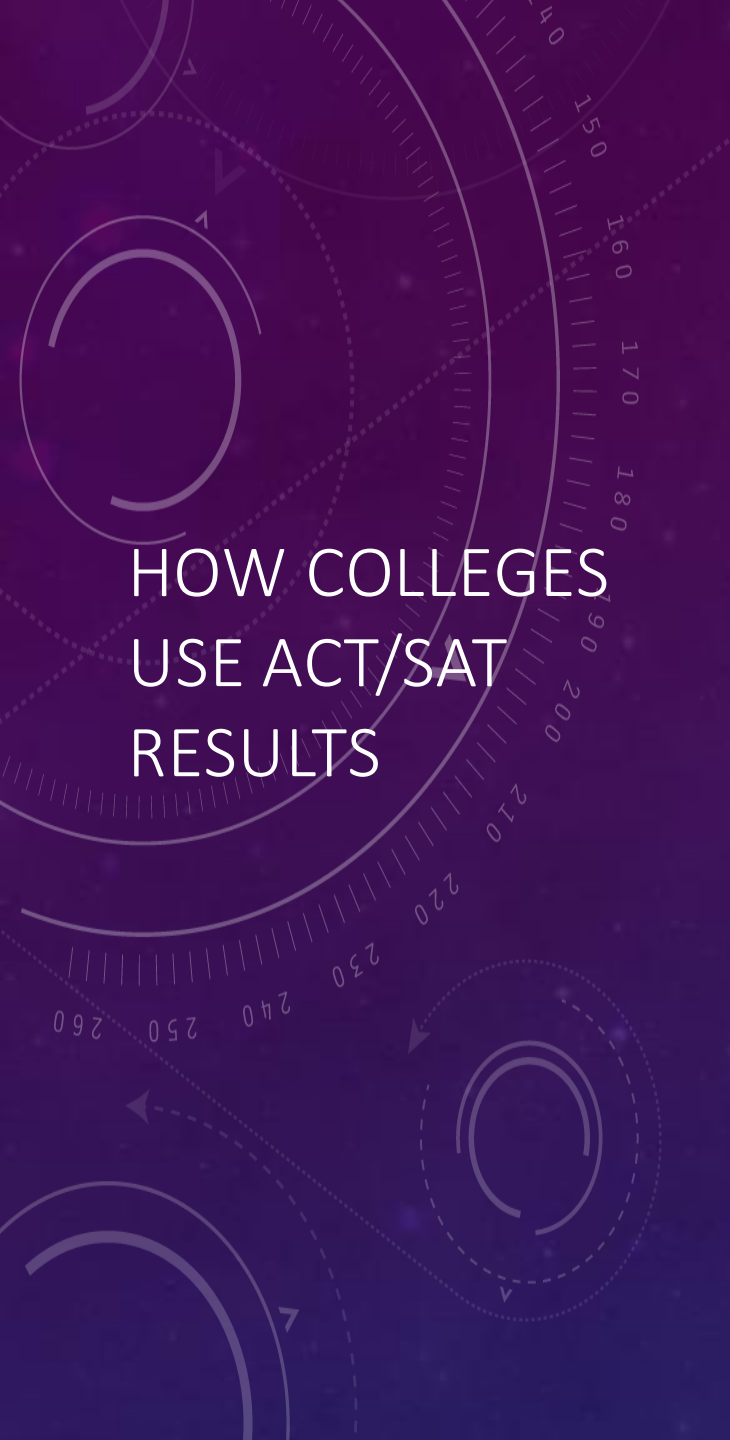
SAT PROGRAM FEE-WAIVER SERVICE

- **Fee-Waiver Cards**
- Cover the basic test fees for SAT or SAT Subject Tests.
- Cover the cost of four additional score reports.
- Cover either the Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or the Student Answer Service (SAS) (if you select these services when you register).
- May qualify you for application fee waivers at many colleges, if the institution has agreed to cooperate with the SAT Program Fee-Waiver Service.
- Check your college board account to see if a waiver is there, if not see Mrs. Gill

- **Eligibility**
- You are eligible for consideration for fee waivers if you are:
 - an American citizen or a foreign national testing in the United States, Puerto Rico, or United States territories; or
 - an American citizen living outside the United States; and
 - you meet the financial eligibility guidelines for fee waivers, such as participating in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch/National School Lunch Program at your school. Your guidance counselor will share and additional eligibility guidelines with you.

SAT TEST-TAKING APPROACH

- **Answer easy questions first.** The easier questions are usually at the start of the section, and the harder ones are at the end. The exception is in the critical reading section, where questions are ordered according to the logic and organization of each passage.
- **Make educated guesses.** If you can rule out one or more answer choices for multiple-choice questions, you have a better chance of guessing the right answer.
- **Answer every question.** Your scores on the multiple-choice tests are based on the number of questions you answer correctly. **There is no penalty for guessing**
- **Limit your time on any one question.** All questions are worth the same number of points. If you need a lot of time to answer a question, go on to the next one. Later, you may have time to return to the question you skipped.
- **Keep track of time.** Don't spend too much time on any group of questions within a section.
- **Use your test booklet as scratch paper.**
- **Mark the questions in your booklet that you skipped** and want to return to.
- **Check your answer sheet** to make sure you are answering the right question.



HOW COLLEGES USE ACT/SAT RESULTS

Admission decisions

Test results, high school grades, academic preparation, out-of-class accomplishments, special interests, and future plans—these and other kinds of information help admission officials identify applicants who can benefit most from their programs.

Course placement

Colleges usually try to take into account individual strengths and weaknesses as they place students in freshman-year courses. For example, a college may offer three sections of a subject—developmental, regular, and advanced. A student's test results, academic background, and high school grades might be used to determine which section would be most appropriate.

Academic advising

College academic advisers may consider test results, high school academic program, high school grades, college grade estimates, planned extracurricular activities, areas in which there is a need for help, and part-time employment plans to help a student tailor an appropriate program of study.

Scholarships and loans

Some scholarship and loan agencies may use test results and grade predictions, with other information such as high school grades, to identify qualified candidates. However, the agencies may not look only at academic potential. The ACT score report provides information about a student's educational needs, extracurricular achievements, and educational plans. This information, along with high school grades and test scores, helps the agencies evaluate applications for scholarships, loans, and other financial assistance.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

- If you are seeking accommodations for SAT/ACT testing due to an IEP or 504 plan, please sign up for the test during August to May.

PERT

- Florida community colleges, administer the PERT, which is a college placement test.
- The test is generally administered on the computer.
- The test measures reading, writing, and algebra skills.
- It is untimed but most students take approximately two hours to complete the test.
- Selected Juniors/Sophomores will take this test at OCSA.
- This test will be used to determine if juniors are college ready and for dual enrollment entrance.

FSA 2020

RETAKES/ NEW STUDENTS

- Must pass in order to graduate
- Re-takes are usually
October
- Practice...practice... practice.....
- Digital Students will come to school to complete these.





GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

MRS. WIETOR, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

COUNSELS DRAMA, DANCE, CREATIVE WRITING, TECH, VISUAL
ARTS

MR. ARRINGTON, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

COUNSELS BAND, ORCHESTRA AND VOCAL



SUBJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS

- LANGUAGE ARTS - 4 CREDITS
- MATHEMATICS – 4 CREDITS (Alg.I/Geo)
- SCIENCE – 3 CREDITS (Biology, 2 Rigor)
- SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 CREDITS
 - WORLD HISTORY – 1
 - AMERICAN HISTORY – 1
 - AMERICAN GOV'T – .5
 - ECONOMICS - .5

SUBJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

- Physical Education - HOPE - 1
- World Languages/Elective— 2
- Pass FSA Reading Test
- Pass Algebra I End of Course Exam
- Pass one ONLINE class
- To get the performing arts endorsement on your diploma you must have 8 performing arts credits in your major area of study. (This includes the 1 State credit for Performing Arts)
- 28 TOTAL CREDITS FOR GRADUATION

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

❖ Weighted GPA

Grade=Quality Pts.

AP & D E	Honors
Classes	
• A = 5.0	4.5
• B = 4.0	3.5
• C = 3.0	2.5

• Unweighted GPA

Grade=Quality Pts.

- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0
- F = 0.0

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is critical, even with Digital Classes.
- 95% daily attendance
- No credits/no graduation
- Unexcused absences/make up work
- Tardies

Friends • Sports • Clubs • Your Future

It's
COOL
2B In
School

Miss School
And Miss Out
On What's
Happening!

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Be Cool,
Go To School!

Attendance = Achievement

Good Grades • Scholarships • Careers



A GLIMPSE AHEAD

Some activities and costs coming up next year

Senior Pictures

Cap, Gown, Ring, Announcements etc.

College Virtual Visits

College applications

Entrance Tests

Prom

Grad Night/Bash

Yearbook

Mrs. Gill: Career & College Counselor

- -Work on your resumes!!!
- -GPA
- -Use Xello for college and career research.



Expected lifetime earnings

Professional degree	\$4.4 million
Doctoral degree	\$3.4 million
Master's degree	\$2.5 million
Bachelor's degree	\$2.1 million
Associate's degree	\$1.6 million
Some college	\$1.5 million
High school graduate	\$1.2 million
Non-high school graduate	\$1 million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

- Every bit of education you get after high school increases the chances you'll earn good pay.
- The more education you get the more likely it is you will always have a job.
- Continuing education after high school is much more important for your generation than it was for your parents' generation.
- Education beyond high school gives you a lot of other benefits

GET ORGANIZED

- Use Remind 101
- Begin to get your portfolio in order for resume.
- Visit colleges in which you have an interest.
- Register for a college entrance test – Spring
- Check your Focus account frequently.
- Keep working on community service hours.



XELLO

Osceola Schools

Search

 SMARTLab	 Think Central	 Canvas by Instructure	 Curriculum Engine	 Digital Learning FAQ's	 Digital Learning Info	 District Digital Resource
 EasyBridge Admin	 Edgenuity	 Edmodo	 FlipGrid	 Freckle	 Frontline - AESOP	 Teacher Toolbox
 MyCareerShines (Kuder Flo...)	 myON Guide	 NWEA Teacher	 OCSA Announcements	 Remind	 SafeSchool Training	 Sawvas EasyBridge
 SchoolCity	 SMART Learning Suite Osceola	 Staff Teams	 SuccessMaker	 TeachingBooks	 ThinkCentral Admin	 Vista Higher Learning
 Wayside	 Xello					

XELLO REMINDER



JUNIORS, PLEASE MAKE SURE
YOU UPDATE YOUR RESUME
IN XELLO.



YOU CAN GO INTO XELLO
THROUGH YOUR CLASSLINK



PLEASE ALSO CHECK TO SEE IF
THERE ARE ASSIGNMENTS
FROM MRS. GILL

BRIGHT FUTURES

FAS – Academic Scholars

- Credits: - 16
- GPA – 3.5 BF weighted
- **Community Service –
100 hours**
- Test Scores: SAT- 1330 Cr.
Reading and Math
Or ACT 29
- 2 years of same Foreign Language

FMS – Medallion Scholars

- Credits: 16
- GPA – 3.0 BF weighted
- **Community Service –
75 hours**
- Test Scores: SAT:1210
Cr. Reading and Math
Or ACT 25
- 2 years of same Foreign Language

OUR WEBSITE

The screenshot displays the website's navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Guidance, News & Events, Parents, and Students. The header features the school's logo and the slogan "Osceola County School for the Arts - Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!". Below the header is a row of icons representing various services. The main content area is titled "Guidance" and includes a sidebar with links to Welcome, College & Career, Dual Enrollment, Remind Codes, Resource Links, Valencia College, and Transcript Request. The main text area is titled "OCSA Guidance Department" and contains a welcome message, a link to schedule an appointment, and a section on scheduling a Parent/Teacher Conference.

Home > Guidance > Welcome > H

Guidance

- Welcome
- College & Career
- Dual Enrollment
- Remind Codes
- Resource Links
- Valencia College
- Transcript Request

OCSA Guidance Department

Welcome to the OCSA Guidance Department! We are here to support students with academic planning, personal and social development needs, and career exploration and planning.

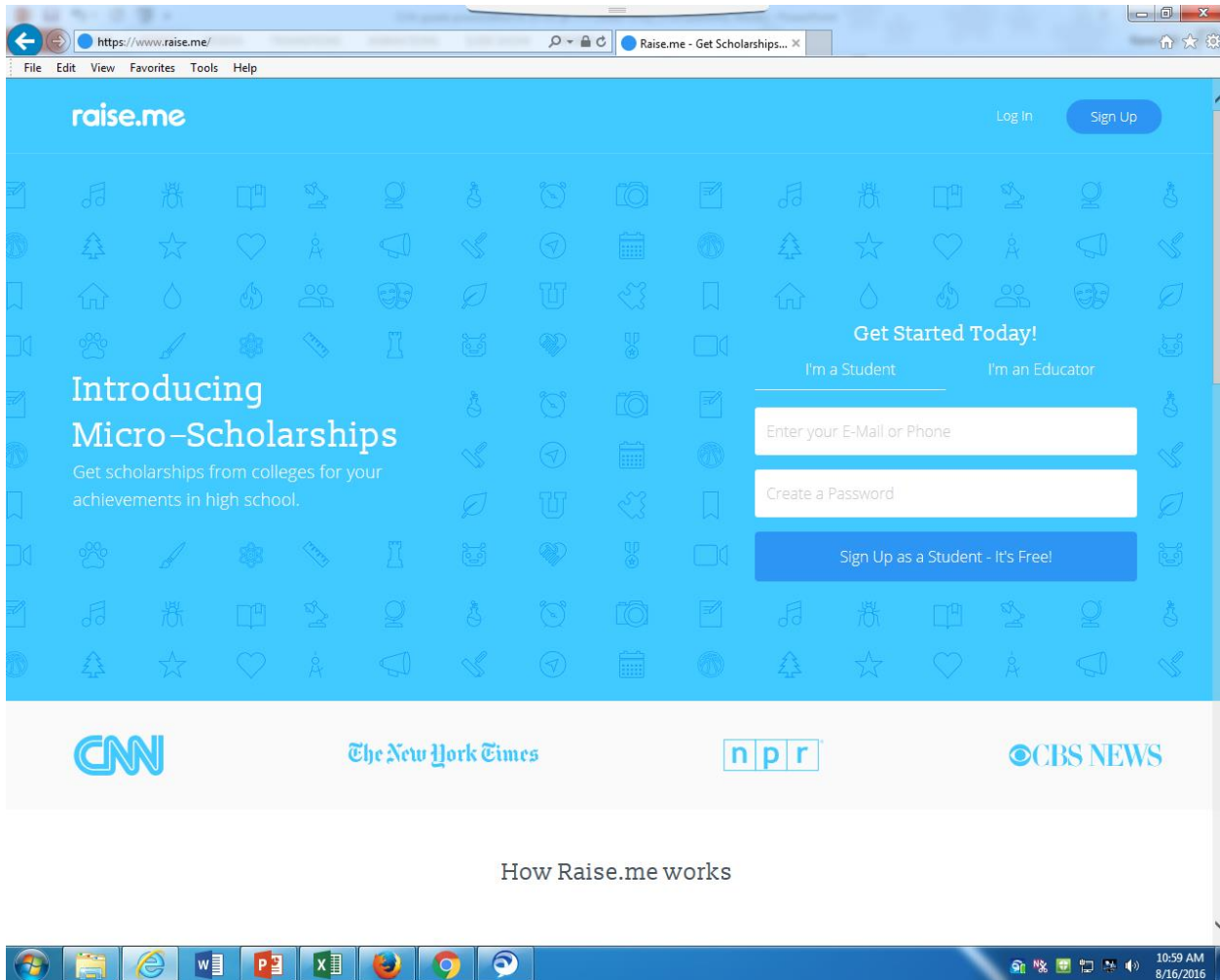
Schedule an appointment with a counselor

To meet with your counselor please click the "View Website" link next to your counselor.

When parents book an appointment, please be aware that the meeting will be conducted over the phone and not face to face during the time scheduled.

Scheduling a Parent/Teacher Conference

1. Check your child's grades in the [Focus Parent Portal](#)
2. Email the teacher(s) with your concerns



REMIN D CODE
CLASS OF 2022
@ OCSACLAS



QUESTION & ANSWER

- We will be available to answer any questions.

Have A Successful Year!

