

# Senior Year



What you need  
to know  
to succeed



# Senior 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)



Activities & costs

## Your Guidance Staff

Mrs. Wietor – Counselor for Dance, Tech.  
Theater, Visual Art, Creative Writing, Drama

Mr. Arrington – Counselor for Band,  
Orchestra, and Vocal

Mrs. Gill – College and Career Counselor

Mrs. Frederick- School Social Worker

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

Mrs. Gleason-Data Entry/Attendance

# Planning for After High School

- Mrs. Gill will be conducting interviews with each senior
- College or Career in your future?
- College Week Activities
- College Application Day – assist you to complete college applications or search for employment.



# 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 your college admissions on Xello and all tasks from Mrs. Gill
- Please keep up with your friends.
- Please keep up with all virtual classes needed for graduation and Valencia, UF, UCF DE classes.

# ASSESSMENTS

ACT

SAT

PERT

FSA

PERT – Post-Secondary  
Readiness Test



# What is the difference between the ACT and SAT?

Differences between the tests	
ACT	SAT
Four Multiple choice sections – Math, English, 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
Similarities of the tests	
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.



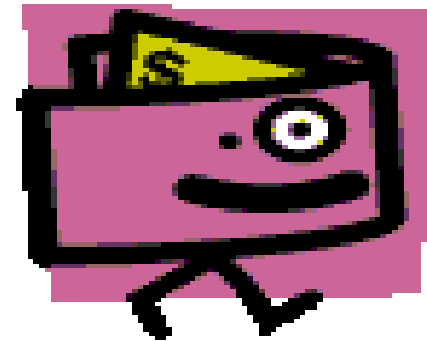
# What does it cost?



The 2020–2021 basic fee for the ACT Plus Writing is \$70.00



The basic fee for the ACT if you don't take the Writing Test is \$55.00



## 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.

- 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](#).

## Tips for Taking the ACT

## The SAT Reasoning Test, better known as 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

# The SAT

# 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

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

SAT May be Given at OCSA on October 14th during a school day to all seniors. Digital students will probably come to school to take it.



- **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 Program Fee-Waiver Service

## SAT Test Taking Approach

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



- **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.

How colleges  
use ACT/SAT  
results

# Accommodations for the SAT/ACT

If you are seeking accommodations on these tests for an IEP or 504, it is highly suggested that you take the August-May testing only.

# 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 in **October**
- Practice...practice... practice.....
- Digital Students will come to school to take 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  
REQUIREM  
ENTS**

English - 4 CREDITS

MATHEMATICS – 4 CREDITS (Algebra I, Geometry)

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 in 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Pass Algebra I EOC
- Take 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

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# ❖ Weighted GPA

Grade=Quality Pts.

AP & D E Classes	Honors
• 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



## Activities and Costs

Senior Pictures

Cap, Gown, Ring, Announcements etc.

College Visits

College applications

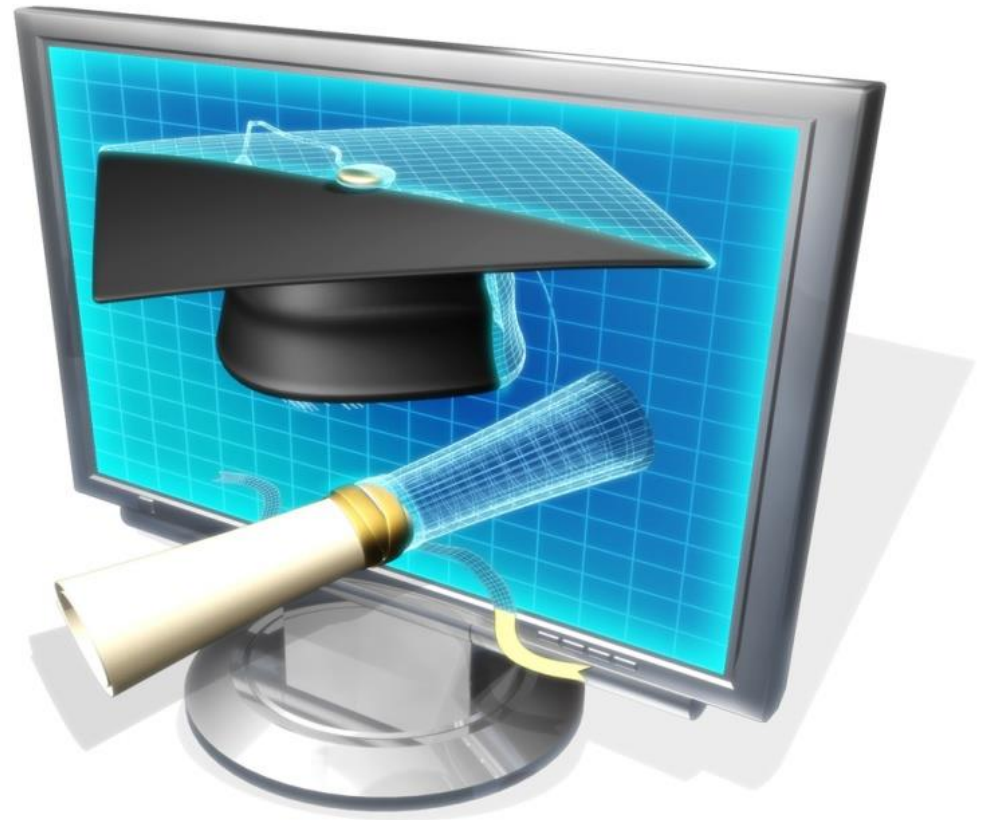
Entrance Tests

Prom

Grad Night/Bash

Yearbook

Mrs. Gill,  
Career & College  
Counselor



## 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

## 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



# Osceola County School for the Arts

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!

DISTRICT HOME

OUR SCHOOLS ▾



## 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

# Get Organized

Get your portfolio in order/resume

Write a generic essay for colleges and scholarships

Register for a college entrance test - NOW

Use Remind text to see important announcements about scholarships and college visits.

Apply to colleges online-NOW.

Check your grades online frequently.

Hand in copies of college acceptance letter and scholarships

No resume=No Rec letter!



# Bright Futures Update

## 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

# XELLO

The image shows a screenshot of the Osceola Schools dashboard, which is a grid of application icons. The dashboard is titled "Osceola Schools" at the top left. The icons are arranged in a grid and include the following labels:

- Report Central
- Safari Montage
- School News
- SDOC Moodle (LMS)
- SDOC Resources
- Service Desk
- 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
- i-Ready Teacher Toolbox
- MyCareerShines
- myON Guide
- OCSA Announcements
- Remind
- SafeSchool Training
- Savvas EasyBridge
- SchoolCity
- SMART Learning Suite Osceola
- Staff Teams
- SuccessMaker
- TeachingBooks
- Vista Higher Learning
- Wayside
- Xello

The Xello icon, located in the bottom right corner of the grid, is highlighted with a yellow circle. The icon itself is a white circle with a blue key symbol and the word "xello" in lowercase letters.

## Hey KAREN!

0% **Core Lessons** Grade 12

**WS**

Welcome to Xello Seniors!

**Get Started**

**SY** Senior Survey - Beginning of the Year

[View All Lessons](#)

<b>About Me</b>	<b>Explore Options</b>	<b>Goals &amp; Plans</b>
<a href="#">Matchmaker</a>	<a href="#">Careers</a>	<a href="#">My Plans</a>
<a href="#">Personality Style</a>	<a href="#">Schools</a>	<a href="#">College Planning</a>
<a href="#">Mission Complete</a>	<a href="#">Majors</a>	
<a href="#">Learning Style</a>	<a href="#">Saved Options</a>	
<a href="#">Skills Lab</a>		

### Assignments

**Build a Resume (Seniors)** New  
By: Osceola County School District  
Due: September 30, 2020  
**Status: Not Submitted**

Resume Instructions.docx

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**Personal Essay/Statement** New  
By: Osceola County School District  
Due: September 30, 2020



# Question & Answer

- We will be available to answer any questions.

*Have A Successful Year!*

