

College Related Information

TESTING

Crooms AoIT administers the PSAT, NRT (Norm Referenced Test), as well as all portions of the FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test). Although the SAT and the ACT are not administered at Crooms AoIT, information is available regarding these college entrance examinations.

The SAT and ACT dates are listed in the News folder in First Class. It is also posted in the guidance hallway. Lastly, the information can be found on the following **web sites**:

The **PSAT** is administered once a year, typically in October. It measures the level of critical reading, mathematical problem solving and writing skills students have developed. At no cost to parents, it is administered to all Seminole county 10th grade students. 11th grade students should take the PSAT in preparation for the SAT. Additionally, 11th grade students who take the test may qualify to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs. All students who take the PSAT will receive a personalized statement of specific academic skills that need attention, along with suggested steps to improve those skills. Additional advantages include free access to a career majors and college exploration tool as well as explanations of the answers from the October 12, 2005 PSAT exam at the following "My Road" website: www.collegeboard.com/psatextra. **The next administration of the PSAT will be held on Wed., October 18, 2006.**

FACTS www.facts.org

This website helps students plan for higher education. The site include the High School Academic Evaluations which provide personalized evaluations of Florida public students' high school transcripts, including progress toward meeting course requirements for high school diplomas, State University System admissions, and Bright Futures Scholarship initial eligibility. The site also offers tools for exploring careers and Florida colleges as well as the state's common college admissions application (one application to multiple colleges) and links to online college financial aid applications.

ePEP www.facts.org

FACTS.org has launched a new student advising tool called the ePEP or ePersonal Education Planner. This tool helps students map out coursework for every year of high school to meet career and educational goals. The ePEP's online worksheet is interactive with courses specific to a student's high school and graduation plan.

OSFA - Office of Student Financial Assistance

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

OSFA administers state-funded grants and scholarship programs and federal student loan financial aid programs to assist students with the costs of postsecondary education. You may also call toll-free 1-888-827-2004.

Talented 20 Program www.firm.edu/doe/faq/talented20.htm

This program provides eligible students guaranteed admission to one of the 11 state universities. These students are given priority funding from the Florida Student Assistance Grant Program. For more information on how to qualify, you may also call the Student Support Services Project office at 1-850-922-3727.

CHOICES www.Florida.echoices.com

This website is a comprehensive career information system that uses a flexible approach that combines graphics, multimedia, and search strategies to allow students to explore career and educational options. The site includes links to key websites related to career exploration to help students plan for a career.

CAREER VOYAGES www.careervoyages.gov

This website provides information and guided support for student sin determining the best career path. The site includes Florida-specific information about high-growth jobs with better wages, including new career fields. Included on this site are video tours for students and an online interest inventory.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID www.studentaid.ed.gov

This website provides information for families about federal financial assistance for postsecondary education, including application forms and a calculator to help figure college costs and financial need.

FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL www.flvs.net

The Florida Virtual School offers high-quality online high school curricula, including advanced placement (AP) courses. FLVS can be a resource for students with limited access to AP offerings in their traditional schools.

BRIGHT FUTURES REQUIREMENTS www.myflorida.com/brfuture

This site explains each of the three state funded college admission programs: Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars and the Gold Seal Vocational Scholars program.

CLEP – College Level Examination Program www.collegeboard.com/clep

CLEP provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement through a program of exams in introductory college-level subjects. There are 2,900 colleges and universities that grant credit and/or advanced standing for CLEP examinations.

Within the following subject areas, 35 exams can be taken: Business, Composition and Literature, Foreign Languages, History and Social Sciences, Science and Mathematics.

CLEP testing is available year-round, and scores are provided immediately (except for English Composition with Essay.) All CLEP exams are on computer. Visit College Board on the Web for SLEP exam descriptions, a list of colleges that administer the exams, and a list of colleges that grand credit for CLEP.

- CLEP exam fee..... \$55.00
- Recommended test-center service fee.....\$15.00

SAT PROGRAM www.collegeboard.com

The SAT Program consists of the SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests.

SAT Reasoning Test – The SAT measures developed reasoning skills important to college success. More than two million students take the SAT Reasoning Test each year. Because courses and grading standards vary widely from school to school, scores on the SAT, along with other criteria like high school GPA, help colleges predict a student’s ability to succeed.

SAT Subject Tests – The Subject Tests measure student’s knowledge and skills in a particular subject and their ability to apply that knowledge. Each subject test is a one-hour multiple-choice test. (No student may take more than three tests on any testing date).

Fee Waivers – Students who demonstrate a financial need may be eligible for up to a total for four fee waivers; up to two fee waivers for the SAT Reasoning Test and up to two fee waivers for the SAT Subject Tests.

Registration Fees:

- SAT Reasoning Test.....\$41.50
- Basic Registration fee for a subject test.....\$18.00
- Language test with Listening.....add \$19.00
- All other Subject tests.....add \$8.00 each
- Registration by phone.....\$10.00
- Late Registration.....\$21.00
- Standby testing.....\$36.00
- Test center, date, or test change..... ...\$20.00

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Crooms AoIT each student shall fulfill all requirements specified by the Department of Education and the SCPS Board. Specific graduation requirements for Crooms AoIT students include:

- Completion of 26 credits that include:
 - 4 English
 - 3 Science
 - 3 Math An additional 4th year of either Math or Science is required.
 - 3 Social Studies
 - 1 Practical or Performing Arts
 - ½ Life Management
 - ½ Personal Fitness
 - ½ P.E.
 - 10.5 Electives
- Passing score on all required portions of the FCAT
- A minimum GPA of a 2.0
- Completion of these four (4) required electives: BST, Introduction to IT, PC Support/A+, and Senior Capstone

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