

CAP @ MAST

September 2008

SENIORS, there are some important changes in the SUS that you should keep in mind as you apply to the public schools in Florida's State University System (SUS).

Changes in the state budget have had detrimental effects on the enrollment in Florida's public universities. This will be an extremely competitive term as fewer seats in a graduating class demand higher standards.

It is important to keep your mind as well as your options open. You must focus on keeping your grades up and continue SAT/ACT testing until you have achieved your target score.

This will be a challenging couple of months but I know that all of you are capable of exceeding expectations. I am here to help you achieve, guide you and answer your questions along the way. E-mail me at any time: BRWeinkle@dadeschools.net

The Voyage

If you have not already begun sifting through the thousands of colleges out there YOU NEED TO START NOW.

It's already September. Some of you already have a long list of possibilities, some of you don't know where to start. Either way, time is of the essence. USE THE INTERNET. Once you start sorting through barrage of schools, there are some factors you can consider to narrow down the number of choices available:

LOCATION

Does it get very cold? Is it close to a beach? In the mountains? Big city? Small town? Rural village? Diversity? Lots to do? Lots of time to study? You want an environment that suits both your academics and lifestyle.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

KNOW YOUR DEADLINES! Early Action? Early Decision? Summer programs? What are the midrange SAT/ACT scores? What is the midrange GPA? Does the school prefer its own application in hard copy or an electronic version of the Common Application? Some schools that use the Common App also have a supplement. How many letters of recommendation do you need? Do you match each institution's qualifications? What are your chances of getting accepted?

**C.A.P.
OFFICE
THE DOOR
IS OPEN
8 a-3 p:
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday**

SIGN UP

for College Visits

BROWSE

College Brochures

College Indices and Guides

DISCUSS

College Applications

Scholarships

Options

APPOINTMENTS ARE
NOT REQUIRED—BUT
THEY DO

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(Fruit roll-ups® also available)

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THE VOYAGE CONT'D COSTS

Get an idea of what tuition, room & board, books, fees and other expenses are going to cost you and your family. Research the school's financial aid, see how much an institution tends to give students. Investigate what kind of test scores and GPA you'll need to qualify for institutional scholarships. Every school is different and many offer great awards to worthy students. **DO YOUR RESEARCH NOW.**

TESTING

If you're still off your target scores, **PLAN TO RETAKE THE TESTS NOW.** When you register to take the SAT or ACT, go ahead and **LIST THE SCHOOLS** that you will be sending your scores, **IT'S FREE.** If you fail to do so, you'll waste precious time. Many colleges will hold your application while they wait for your test scores or your grades at the end of the first semester. **CONTINUE TO MAKE GOOD GRADES and CONTINUE TESTING.**

ACADEMICS

Allow yourself some flexibility. Most small or liberal arts colleges offer a limited number of programs and majors. That's fine if you know what you'd like to study. It's not as good for someone who wants to study Sports Medicine at a school that doesn't offer it. Many college students end up changing their majors once or twice. Larger universities may accommodate the more equivocal minds.

COLLEGE FAIRS near the 305

Ft. Laud. NACAC Fair Thursday Oct 16, 5-8 p
Broward City Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale

Michael Krop Sr. High Tuesday Oct. 21, 6-8 p
1410 NE 215 st. Miami, 33179

College Fairs are excellent ways to meet with representatives from close to 100 different colleges in one place. The National Association for College Admission Counseling will host about 150 colleges and universities for undecided seniors and other students who wish to jump into the search for the perfect college.

IMPORTANT SUS INFO.

SUS MINIMUMS

You will not be considered if you do not meet these.

SAT Reading- 440 Math- 440 Writing- 440

ACT English- 17 Math- 19 Reading- 18

SUS DEADLINES

FSU—OCT. 15

NCF—FEB. 15

UF—Nov. 1

FGCU—Nov. 15

UNF—OCT. 31

FIU—DEC. 1

COLLEGE VISITS AT MAST

Sign up for the a visit at least **ONE DAY IN ADVANCE.** When you walk into the CAP Office, look in the **BLUE BINDER** to your immediate right. There is a current list of schools that will be at MAST throughout the months ahead. It is up to your teacher whether or not you attend.

George Washington U.
9:45 am Monday Sept. 8

U of Miami 10 am Tuesday
Sept. 9

U of Alabama 1 pm
Tuesday Sept. 9

U of Puget Sound 9 am
Thursday Sept. 18

USF 11 am Monday Sept. 22

FIU 11:30 am Tues. Sept. 23

Florida Atlantic U 1 pm
Tuesday Sept. 23

MIT 1:30 pm Tues. Sept. 23

Emory 10 am Thur. Sept. 25

UPenn 11 am Thur. Oct. 2

**CHECK OUT FACTS.ORG
FOR HELPFUL LINKS!**

**Have you written
your essays?
Re-taken SATs and
ACTs?
Completed
applications for
Early Decision and
Early Action?
Talked to teachers
and counselors
about letters of
recommendation?**