

Junior & Senior Parent Information Night

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Counselors

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Please feel free to email us with any questions after the presentation! 😊

Graduation Requirements

4 English Credits

4 Math credits (Including Alg 1 and Geo)

3 Science Credits (including Bio)

3 Social Studies (World History, US history, US Govt, Economics)

1 Practical/Performing art Credit

1 Hope credit

1 Online credit

Pass tests:

ALG 1 EOC and FSA/ELA or earn a concordant score (ACT, SAT, PERT)

Participate in other EOCs (geo, bio, us history)

2.0 GPA

24 credits

Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Dual Enrollment at SPC

*Students who wish to take dual enrollment classes at SPC must **provide their SPC ID number* to their high school counselor and complete placement testing (PERT, SAT or ACT) prior to obtaining permission to take these courses***

Requirements

- Complete placement testing*
- Minimum of 7 high school credits
- Minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA
- Dual Enrollment Permission Form*

Dual Enrollment at SPC

How to obtain an SPC ID number

Submit an SPC Undergraduate* Application

- Go to www.spcollege.edu and click on the Apply Now button.
- Select “**High School Programs Student,**” and follow the step-by-step procedures. (The \$40 application fee will be waived for dual enrollment students once they are matriculated by the DE office.)
- Apply using your full name (no nicknames), and check for misspellings. **Also ensure the accuracy of your social security number and date of birth,** as these are used for verification in the login process.
- Under High School Information, be sure to select your correct high school from the drop-down list, including city and state.

Dual Enrollment at SPC

- PERT testing (offered at SPC, “pink” PERT cards available in guidance to test)
- Accuplacer test required to high level math placement
- SAT/ACT

College Course Placement			
<p>SPC uses the highest scores from the PERT, Accuplacer, SAT and ACT administered within the last two years. Scores used for course placement must be less than two years old.</p> <p>Note: All Dual Enrollment students must have a full battery of test scores on record in the SPC system, whether or not the course requires minimum qualifying scores.</p>			
<p>DE - Dual Enrollment: Qualifying scores needed only in the subject area of chosen course; however, all subtests must be taken</p> <p>ECP - Early College Program: Qualifying scores needed in all areas</p> <p>EA - Early Admission: Qualifying scores needed in all areas</p>			
PERT	Reading subtest	106+	Minimum Reading and Writing scores required for courses with the following prefixes: ENC, PSY, AMH, LIT, PHI, POS, SYG
	Writing subtest	103+	
	Math subtest	114-122	These scores permit entry into: MAT 1033, MGF 1106/ 1107
		123-150	These scores permit entry into: MAC 1105, MGF 1106, MGF 1107 or STA 2023
ACCUPLACER	Accuplacer College Level Math test required for higher level math placement		
	College Level Math	41-64	These scores permit entry into: MAC 1105, MGF 1106, MGF 1107, or STA 2023
		65-76	MAC 1114, MAC 1140, MAC 2233
		77-88	MAC 1147
>89		MAC 2311	
SATRD **	Writing	25+	**SATRD scores may be used in place of CPT-PERT/Accuplacer scores
	Reading	24+	
	Math	24+	
ACT **	English	17+	**ACT scores may be used in place of CPT-PERT/Accuplacer scores
	Reading	19+	
	Mathematics	19+	
SAT or ACT math scores currently permit entry into MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra ONLY.			

Dual Enrollment at SPC

Important Deadlines

Permission forms must be completed on time and students must contact the dual enrollment office to register for the deadline

Counselor scans and emails form to SPC; and CCs student on email to initiate contact with dual enrollment office

Semester	Permission Form Deadline	Registration Deadline
Fall	Last day of School	July 15
Spring	Friday before thanksgiving	December 1
Summer	Last Friday in April	Last Friday in April

Dual Enrollment at SPC:

Full Time Enrollment Options

Early College

Students should complete geometry, world history and hope prior to entering early college

Early Admissions

Student should complete all of the above AND 3 years of HS (minimum 18 credits), graduation related testing (Alg 1 EOC and ELA FSA)

Dual Enrollment at PTC

(Pinellas Technical College)

Requirements

Be at least 16 years old and entering junior or senior year

Minimum 2.0 unweighted GPA (2.5 for medical related programs)

Show responsibility through HS attendance and behavior

Obtain a dual enrollment application from their counselor and return to counselor with all necessary signatures

CLEARWATER CAMPUS:

[Accounting Operations](#)

[Automotive Service Technology](#)

[Cabinetmaking](#)

[Computer Systems & Information Technology](#)

[Cosmetology](#)

[Diesel Systems Technology](#)

[Electricity](#)

[Machining Technologies](#)

[Medical Administrative Specialist](#)

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[.NET Application Development & Programming](#)

ST. PETERSBURG CAMPUS:

[Advanced Manufacturing & Production](#)

[Automotive Collision Technology Technician](#)

[Automotive Service Technology](#)

[Building Construction](#)

[Commercial Photography](#)

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[Drafting](#)

[Electricity](#)

[Facials Specialty](#)

[Medical Administrative Specialist](#)

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[Welding Technology](#)

College Admissions

Types of Colleges

2 Year schools

Transcript needed after graduation

No sat/act scores

No letter of recommendation

4 year schools

Apply by deadline (October-January most of the time)

Some will have self reported transcripts and scores others will need it sent

Some need recommendations

Need SAT/ACT scores

Types of admission

Rolling-

Applications are looked at as they come in

Early Action-non binding-

Have until May 1 to decide, have specific deadlines

Early Decision-binding-

If student gets in, they are attending (many ivy leagues)

Common/ Coalition Application

Over 300 schools participate

Schools not biased if Common/coalition App used

Complete ONE application

Counselor/Teacher Recommendation

Supplemental materials for specific schools

*Students can always apply with the institution application as well.

SSAR (Self-Reported Student Academic Record)

- SSAR is a self-reported student academic record that lists all courses and associated grades that have been attempted, or will be attempted, for high school (or college) credit
- Use a copy of your HS transcript to ensure you are entering correctly
- If your schedule changes after completing SSAR – you must immediately update your SSAR.
- To make changes, login in to the SSAR website with your email address and password

<https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com>

SHS College Application Week

Week of September 30th – October 4th

SENIORS will have the opportunity to sign up via [signupgenius](#)* online to reserve a spot in the guidance lab to work on their applications with counselors and fellow students

SPC representatives will be on campus Weds, October 2nd offering application support and will be waiving the \$40 application fee for any student that applies that day with us on your campus.

*Sign up genius link will be available soon!

College essay

Why it's important

Your student's college essay is their opportunity to reveal their best qualities and to show an admission committee what makes them stand out from other applicants.

different types of essays

The "You" Question: "Tell us about yourself"

The "Why us" question: Goals/Career Aspirations

The "Creative" Question: show ability to think and write creatively

College essay tips

Write simply.

Keep your focus narrow and personal.

Provide specific evidence (facts, events, quotations, examples) to support your main idea.

Use vivid, compelling details (show, don't tell).

Address the topic directly.

Don't repeat information that is found elsewhere in the application, such as lists of courses or extracurricular activities.

Write about something unique and different—not just what you think the admissions officer wants to hear

Apply principles of good composition (beginning, middle, and end).

Structure your writing in a way that allows the reader to draw his or her own conclusions.

Revise and proofread to make sure there are no typographical, spelling, or grammatical errors.

SAT vs ACT

SAT

Register on www.collegeboard.org

FEE: \$47.50, \$64.50 WITH WRITING

Fee waivers available

ACT

Register on www.act.org

Fee: \$50.50, \$67.00 with writing

Fee waivers available

Letter of Recommendation

- Counselor letter
- Teacher letter(s)
- Required by some (not all) colleges

- Students should follow the directions carefully – Some schools do not accept
- Please give time to complete

*Brag Sheets are available in the guidance office to assist counselors in writing your letter

After acceptance

May 1 – State of Intent to Register (SIR)

- Provide deposit
- No double deposits!! One school ONLY!

Housing – may need to apply early

Wait List-Let schools know you are interested

Appeals – new compelling information

Scholarship Info

Check out the Seminole HS website <https://www.pcsb.org/seminole-hs>

Fastweb.com

Scholarship.com

Cappex.com/scholarships

Pinellas Ed foundation

Bright Futures (*coming up next!* 😊)

FAFSA (*event details to follow*)

SHS FAFSA Completion Night

Date: October 3rd

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Media Center

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Military Representative Introductions

Navy Petty Officer Patricia Kolb

Air Force Technical Sergeant Manual Araujo

Army Staff Sergeant Latoya Howard-Boyd

Army Sergeant Guerra

Marines Sergeant Paul Dingess

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