

# SO... WHAT'S NEXT?

INFORMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND POST  
SECONDARY EDUCATION READINESS

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# HIGH SCHOOL: WHAT IS IMPORTANT

- Your high school career is the “home base” to your professional career.
- Being successful in your academic endeavors in high school will help you in your steps to obtaining a higher education.
- There are many facets to your high school career. Each aspect of your education is vital.
  - High School curriculum
  - GPA
  - Testing (ACT, SAT)
  - Extracurricular Involvement\*

# HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (MATHEMATICS)

- We offer six math courses at Paladin Academy. They should be taken in order.
- **Pre-Algebra** (Remedial Freshman)
- **Algebra I** (Freshman Year)
- **Geometry** (Sophomore Year)
- **Algebra II** (Junior Year)
- **College Pre-Algebra** (Senior Year)
- **Math 9-12** (Vocational Track)

Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II are all mandatory courses within the four year math curriculum.

# GPA REQUIREMENTS

- **GPA** stands for Grade Point Average.
- It is an average mean of your grades.
- **EVERY COURSE** in your high school career have an effect on your GPA.
- **Letter Grades are given values on a 4 point system.**
  - A- 4.0
  - B- 3.0
  - C- 2.0
  - D- 1.0
  - F- 0.0
- In order for students to be admitted to most colleges, a minimum of 2.0 (C average) is required.
- 2.0 is the minimum GPA requirement for graduating at Paladin Academy(FDOE).
- For more competitive colleges, the GPA standards will be higher (3.0, and for some schools 4.0)

# TESTING FOR COLLEGE

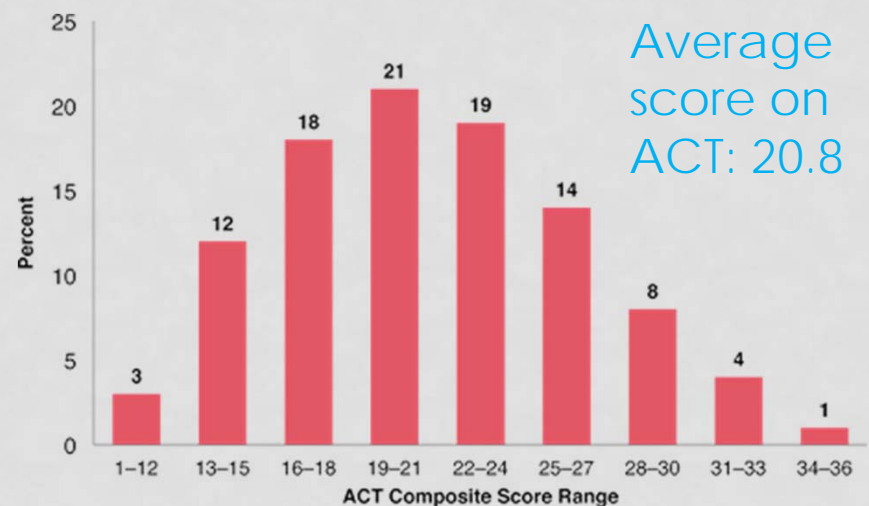
## ACT (act.org)

The ACT is one of two standardized tests for most college applications.

In order to receive accommodations, you must notify ACT and Paladin must release information.

- Small test environment
- Extended time

- Recommended
- Math- 60 questions in 60 minutes
- Reading- 40 questions in 35 minutes
- Science- 40 questions in 35 minutes
- Writing- 1 essay in 40 minutes (optional)



# COLLEGE APPLICATION

## Admission Material for State University (ex. UCF)

- Online application
  - Personal Essay
  - Resume
  - Letters of Recommendation
- Non-refundable \$30 application fee
- Official high school transcript
- Official scores for the SAT or ACT
- Official GED\* or TOEFL/IELTS score, if applicable

## Course Units

- 4 units of English (at least three with substantial writing requirements)
- 4 units of mathematics (Algebra I and above)
- 3 units of natural science (at least two with laboratory)
- 3 units of social studies
- 2 elective units, preferably from English, mathematics, natural science, social studies, or world language areas

**FOR FALL ADMISSION, THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

# COLLEGE APPLICATION (CONT.)

## Admission Material for State College (ex. Broward College)

- Provide proof of Florida residency.
- Submit official high school transcripts
- Pay application fee (\$35)
- Submit ACT or SAT scores.
- Complete any required skills assessment.
- Social Security Number (SSN) or a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
- **Take Placement Test for possible remediation. (PERT) \*This is necessary for students who do not have an ACT or SAT score.**



# THE COMMON APPLICATION

- If your college list is long, you can save time. With the **Common App**, you enter your basic information and stats into a single **application** that is sent to all your colleges. The **Common App** also centralizes all the pieces of your applications—essays, supplemental questions, recommendations, deadlines—all in one place.
- There are no fees for registering with the Common App; however, there are application fees for submitting a Common App plus Supplement to individual colleges. The fees range from **\$25** and **\$90**
- **Students are suggested to apply to multiple schools through this application, as it is a huge time saver.**



# FINANCIAL AID

- In order for most universities and colleges to accept an application, the student must also apply for financial aid through FAFSA.
- This application will provide the federal government with crucial information that can qualify students for financial aid in affording college.
- It is imperative that parents or guardians complete tax information on time at the beginning of the year to assure that the FAFSA is filed properly.

**[FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)**

# WHAT COLLEGE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

## Things to consider:

- Take college tours
- Accommodations
- Affordability
- Accessibility
- Class Size
- Location and Environment

## Have a Plan

- Start focusing on an area of interest in your academics.
- This will prepare you for a major.
- Try to explore this outside of your classes (extra curricular).
- Be aware of the requirements for studying a certain topic.
- Different majors may require different levels of math
- (Intermediate Algebra  
College Algebra  
Pre-Calculus/Calculus/Trigonometry)

# QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the GPA requirements for Graduation at Paladin Academy, and for college admission?
- 2. What online resource can be used to apply to multiple colleges through with the same material?
- 3. What materials are needed to apply for a State University?
- 4. What is the FAFSA used for?

THE END

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

