

St. Johns River State College's College Access and Readiness initiatives are designed to equip current elementary, middle, high school, and non-traditional students with the tools required for success in post-secondary education.

COLLEGE ACCESS

SJR State's College Access programs provide outreach services for the College's community. Many College Access events are held throughout the year at each of the College's campuses and at high schools and middle schools throughout the tri-county district. These events include college and career fairs; middle and high school counselor orientation sessions; College Goal Sunday; 8th and 12th grade open houses; Go Higher, Get Accepted programming; and a speakers bureau.

These events are designed to provide community members and middle and high school students with the information necessary to make informed decisions about available postsecondary educational opportunities.

COLLEGE READINESS

SJR State – in cooperation with local high schools throughout the College's tri-county district - offers a free College Placement Test (CPT) to eligible high school juniors as part of its college readiness initiative. The goal of this initiative is to increase the number of high school graduates classified as college-ready and to provide remediation for students who are not.

The initiative is in response to Senate Bill 1908 which requires both secondary and post-secondary schools to combine efforts to provide high school juniors better access to testing as well as making remediation available to high school seniors. Juniors who do not attain college-ready scores on the CPT have the option of enrolling in high school courses that count as college prep classes during their senior year of high school.

Testing is held each spring and is offered at participating high schools during the schools' operating hours. Eligible students are in the 11th grade and must have scored at levels 2, 3, or 4 on the mathematics portion of the 10th grade FCAT or levels 2 or 3 on the reading portion of the 10th grade FCAT. There is no GPA requirement. The student's scores on the CPT are then used by the high school to determine whether the student has the math and reading skills required for entrance in college credit classes. Students who do not have college-ready scores will be eligible to enroll in college preparation courses during their senior year in high school. Interested students should contact their guidance counselor for a test application as well as test dates.

COLLEGE REACH-OUT PROGRAM

The College Reach-Out Program (CROP) at SJR State focuses on middle and high school students who, due to financial or academic barriers, may not consider themselves to be "college bound." The program urges students at an early age to begin to understand the importance of participating in a rigorous course of study in middle and high school as well as attending college upon graduation. Activities help students imagine a future that includes college and provides them with necessary skills for a successful college experience.

The program provides guidance and assistance on topics including FCAT, high school preparation classes for college, and college financial aid applications. Field trips include college campus visits and cultural events around the state of Florida. The partnership between students, families, and the education system is the program's foundation.

For more information about college access and readiness programs at SJR State, please call (386) 312-4211 or email opencampus@SJRstate.edu