

STAY IN THE LOOP!

If you're a high school senior and you haven't passed the FCAT yet, you may feel discouraged. You shouldn't—the majority of seniors who did not pass last year's FCAT are now enrolled in community colleges and vocational or technical programs.

Now's the time for you to take your future into your own hands and do what it takes to succeed. Think about the possibilities. Talk to your family, teachers, and guidance counselor. And most of all, stay in school and stay in the Learning Loop!

TAKE THE FCAT AGAIN.

Your school has the know-how to teach the skills you need for the FCAT. Take advantage of it! Sign on for the extra instruction you will be offered; do your best, and take the FCAT again in June. You could also sign up for summer school or come back to school for part of next year in order to brush up on your skills so you'll be ready for the FCAT.

TAKE THE GED EXIT OPTION.

Stay in school and take a GED pre-test. Then, if you pass the GED tests before the end of the school year, you can graduate with a State of Florida diploma and participate in graduation activities. Did you know that a GED is no different than a diploma? In fact, the Surgeon General of the United States is a GED recipient. The possibilities are endless!

TAKE A CPT-ELIGIBLE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. THEN CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION.

If you earn all your required course credits and have at least a 2.0 GPA, you can receive a CPT-eligible certificate of completion. That will let you enroll in community college or postsecondary career and technical education programs. Take the CPT (Common Placement Test), and if you make a high enough score, you can take college credit courses. Even if you don't make the cut-off score, you can start with remedial courses at the community college, and later, you may be able to move on to college credit courses.

TAKE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. THEN CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION.

If you earn all your required course credits but don't have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, you can receive a certificate of completion. The certificate of completion does not carry any of the privileges of a standard high school diploma, so you should still sign up for summer school, return to school next year, or enroll in a GED preparation program.

TAKE COURSES THROUGH ADULT HIGH SCHOOL.

Once you are out of school, you can sign up for adult high school credit courses. You'll still need to pass the courses and pass the FCAT to get a diploma from your school district, but you can continue your education.

TAKE THE GED AS AN ADULT.

Once you are out of school, you can sign up for an adult education GED preparation program. This program is offered at technical centers, adult and community education centers, and community colleges. If you pass the GED tests, you will receive a State of Florida diploma.

THESE OPTIONS ARE ONLY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

- Some students with disabilities are eligible for an FCAT waiver.
- Students with disabilities who have not yet earned a standard diploma may stay in school until their 22nd birthday.