

ACADEMICS

College

It is never too early to think about college but graduation comes first. Students need to meet with their assigned guidance counselor to establish a college plan or for counseling needs.

Assistant Principal Mrs. Cathy Bonner is in charge of guidance which is located in the 150 corridor. Counselors are assigned by grade: 9th – Ms. Sherley Pierre, 10th – Ms. Sonia Cochran, 11th – Mrs. Andie Segal,

and 12th – Ms. Jennifer Pliske (Guidance Director) and the other counselors.

Students and parents must make appointments to meet with teachers and counselors. Call the Guidance Office at 754-323-1959 for information.

For post-high school plans including the military, technical schools and 2-4 year colleges, consult with the BRACE advisor, Mrs. Barbara Sherman: in guidance or call 754-323-2049.

Testing

Students must be aware of the different tests they should take. End-of-Course (EOC) exams are replacing the FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test). Students are required to pass End-of-Course (EOC) exams as well as FCAT reading in order to earn a Florida diploma. Scores may determine elective choices if a reading class is required.

Sophomores and juniors should take the

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test which determines National Merit scholarships.

Upperclassmen take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Test (ACT) for college admission including dual enrollment. Information about the tests is available in guidance and online: www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org. Fees are reduced for students who receive meal benefits.

2011-2012
PSAT Test Date
October 12
SAT Test Dates*
October 1
November 5
December 3
January 28, 2012
March 10, 2012
May 5, 2012
June 2, 2012
ACT Test Dates*
October 22
December 10
February 11, 2012
April 14, 2012
June 9, 2012
*Register online

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic and personal honesty while enrolled at South Plantation High. The staff will not tolerate plagiarism, cheating or stealing, and punishment will follow the consequences listed in the Code of Student Conduct. Also, dishonest students cannot be members of the National Honor Society.

Signing Out

For emergencies and medical reasons, students may sign out of school. Parents must go in person to the Student Affairs Office at the main entrance to the school. Notes and calls are not acceptable. **Students are not permitted to sign out after 2:10 p.m.**

Field Trips

Site visits are an essential part of the magnet curriculum because students need to be outside to understand the environment. All trips have an academic component. Forms must be turned in at least 10 days prior to the trip.

Exemplary behavior is required; therefore, students on academic and/or behavior probation may not attend and will have alternative assignments.

AP Options

South Plantation offers 22 Advanced Placement courses when there is sufficient enrollment. Because students can receive college credit when they pass the national tests in May, tests in these classes are structured and graded like college exams.

The high school classes provide additional opportunities including writing assignments, labs and class activities. Honor students are encouraged to take AP classes because they are exposed to collegiate expectation.

Honor Societies

South Plantation has clubs that honor academic achievement. **National Honor Society** recognizes students in grades 10-12 for their scholarship, leadership service, and citizenship. Students with a 3.0 unweighted GPA must have a clean discipline record as well as documented service hours to be members.

Parent Organizations

Parents need to be involved with their child's education and can find information on the website: www.southplantationhigh.net. South's representative on the District Magnet Advisory is **Mrs. Christina Hoy**.

The parent group specifically for magnet students is F.E.R.M. (Fans of the Everglades Restoration Magnet). At each of its three meetings in the amphitheater, students make presentations. **Jim Miller** is the president.

The Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) covers the entire school. It meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. The school Advisory Forum (SAF) starts at 6:15 p.m. before PTSO meets. **Mrs. Nereida Miller** is president of both.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) meets the last Tuesday of the month in the Media Center at 3 p.m. Parents are encouraged to help out and chaperone trips. Register at: www.GetInvolvedInEducation.com.