

Dear Students and Parents,

This is a follow-up to the message sent last week inviting you to an information session for St. Johns County's inaugural year of Collegiate High. We offer the FAQ below in hopes to clarify a few things and help you decide whether to attend.

In partnership, St. Johns River State College & St. Johns County School District

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why am I invited to attend an information session?** All 9<sup>th</sup> graders with a 3.0 unweighted GPA received an invitation to the information session to learn more about the program.

**Are there indicators other than GPA that I should consider?** Yes. It is highly recommended that students have a minimum B average in core academic classes and it is required that students have a level 3, 4 or 5 on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Florida Standards Assessment for English Language Arts (or comparable assessment). Selected students will be required to take an admissions exam to assess college readiness. These indicators are important since students will begin taking college level courses with college level textbooks in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

**How will students be selected?** SJR State will randomly select eligible students from each high school's applicant pool. Each of the following high schools will have an inaugural group of 30 students in the program next year: Bartram Trail High, Creekside High, Nease High, Menendez High, Ponte Vedra High and St. Augustine High. Applicants attending their geographically assigned school will receive weighted preference.

**Can I take DE courses if I do not apply to Collegiate High School?** Yes. Dual Enrollment courses will continue to be available to all SJCS D students.

**Are there any fees associated with participating in the Collegiate High School program?** No. All tuition, fees and textbooks are provided, just as they are for dual enrollment courses.

**How will this affect my high school schedule?** Students will take a mix of high school and college courses on the high school campus during the sophomore and junior year. Students will take summer classes at the college campus between the junior and senior year. Students will complete all coursework on the college campus during the senior year of high school.

**Will transportation be provided for courses on the SJRSC campus?** No. Transportation to SJR State is not provided. Students are responsible for having reliable transportation for courses that must be taken on the SJR State campus.

**Can I be involved in high school activities during my senior year?** Yes. You may participate in after school sports, clubs and activities as your college schedule allows. You may not take any high school courses when carrying a full course load at the college. Note: SJR State does not follow the SJCS D calendar. During the senior year, students will be required to follow the SJR State calendar.

**Who should come to the information session?** The student and one parent/guardian must attend one of the information sessions in order to apply. (All sessions 6pm: Monday, February 5 – Nease, Tuesday, February 6 – Menendez, Wednesday, February 7 – Creekside)