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## Cambridge Parent Information Meeting

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### Questions and Answers

Is there a testing window for AICE exams?

AICE exams are given on exact dates with times which vary by time zone. A student must be under Centre Supervision at a specified time. Estero High School is in Zone 2, so during daylight savings time, our key times are 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. For instance, I can run a 2 hour morning test from 7:30-9:30 which assures that they are with me at 9:00. I will always schedule tests so they end before the busses leave, except for early dismissal days. On those days, students need to have a ride home. Some exams are after the school year ends.

If my child will be earning the AICE diploma, do he/she have to take the SAT or ACT?

Bright Futures waives the SAT/ACT scores but almost every university will require it for admission. Please check the websites of the schools that you are interested in attending to find out their admission requirements.

Can we apply for another class to be added to the school program of studies?

If you are interested in adding another Cambridge class, you may go to [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk) and look at the list of syllabuses available. Talk with Mrs. Foley to discuss possible additions. Please note that some courses are not a good fit. For example, last year some students wanted to add Law Studies but the Cambridge curriculum applies to English law and does not match United States Law.

AICE credits outside of Florida.

All Ivy League school accept AICE credits and there is a searchable database on the Cambridge site to see what each school accepts. The link is in the PowerPoint, also.

<http://recognition.cie.org.uk/>

How do we find out if our child has passed an AICE Exam?

Students are given login instructions, the day before the release of scores. The students are told to print everything because the site is only available for a few weeks. If students did not look up their scores, you may contact me, Nancy Foley at [nancylf@leeschools.net](mailto:nancylf@leeschools.net)

Does AS International History still count toward the AICE diploma?

Yes. In order to allow for more A Level credits, we dropped AS International and added A Level US History. AS International is still in Group 3, just not taught at Estero.

Will a university give credit for an AS Level, if A is not offered at a school?

If a university specifically says they only give credit for A Level, then that is their policy.

When should my child take the SAT/ACT?

These tests should be taken by the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of Junior year. That way there is time to retake to improve any low scores.

When should a student start investigating Dual Enrollment?

In the second semester of Sophomore year, we offer the PERT test for placement into Dual Enrollment classes. If a student receives a qualifying score then they can start taking classes in their Junior year with FSW. If a student wants to do dual enrollment at FGCU, they only offer full time dual enrollment and SAT/ACT scores must be met. Most students do a mix of part-time Dual Enrollment, through FSW, and Cambridge AICE classes.

What is Florida Prepaid?

The state of Florida has a prepayment plan for college, to lock in the cost of tuition and optional dorm. Usually, a parent will sign up when their child is very young and do a five year payment plan (or single pay) to pay for their child's tuition. <http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/>

There are also 529 plans, which are Education Savings Accounts. You can save for college expenses and earn tax savings. Search 529 college plan and you will see that lots of financial firms offer them. Here is one example: <http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/what-we-offer/529-savings-plan/>

Can a student re-test for a failed Exam?

Yes but you will be charged the current Cambridge exam cost. Retakes are done in October/November or May/June.

Can Cambridge classes be taken online?

There are no online Cambridge classes.

Can my child still turn in prior community service hours before the change in requirements?

Yes, have your child take their documentation to Mr. Brock. He will give them a form to write a short reflection. This is only for prior hours. Please do so, ASAP.

Are National Honor Society (NHS) community service hours under the same requirements as Bright Futures?

NHS requires you to earn 75 community service hours once you are a member but if you are earning community service, you might as well fulfill both requirements at once. Once you reach 100 for Bright Futures, then you don't have to do all of the documentation, unless there is something that NHS requires.

Does the school provide college counselors and/or help with scholarships?

We have three high school guidance counselors who do help with questions concerning college and scholarships. We will have an afterschool session, or two, in January to help students fill out scholarship applications.

How do I get a hard copy of the Cambridge transcript?

There is no hard copy of the AICE transcript but each year hard copy exam results are delivered to the school. I keep everything in your child's folder until they graduate. The reason being, if they lose their hard copies, they are \$100 to replace. If at any time a student needs a copy, I gladly photocopy, so they can show FGCU or FSW when they dual enroll.

What is the best way to help my child discover careers or fields of study?

On the Estero web page, there are lots of links to explore. Go to <http://est.leeschools.net>, scroll to the bottom of the page and click Cambridge/AICE. Look on the right side of the page and click College and Scholarship Help.

How do we report community service hours?

If you go to the Estero web page, <http://est.leeschools.net>, scroll to the bottom of the page and click Cambridge/AICE. You will find the new forms in two places. If you scroll down on the Cambridge page you will find the forms and directions. The alternative is to look at the right side of the page and click Community Service.