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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Contacts
Public and Private High School Counselors

FROM: Shawn Haskin
Director, State Scholarship and Grant Programs

DATE: November 6, 2025

SUBJECT: **Update – ACT[®] Composite Score Calculation for 2025-26 High School Seniors**

This memorandum provides important updates regarding the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the ACT[®] composite score calculation as it relates to the optional Science section. Please share the information below with the appropriate personnel.

ACT[®] Composite Score Calculation

Beginning with the **2025-26 high school graduating class**, the ACT[®] Science section is optional for Bright Futures eligibility purposes. The ACT[®] composite score will be calculated using the following policies:

- **Students who have never taken the Science section** will have three sections (English, Math, Reading) added together and divided by three.
- **Students who have ACT[®] scores with Science reported** will have two averages calculated (with and without Science), which will consist of:
 - Four sections (English, Math, Reading, Science) added together and divided by four, and
 - Three sections (English, Math, Reading) added together and divided by three.

Note: The higher average of these two composite scores will be used for Bright Futures evaluation purposes.

- Composite scores ending in 0.50 or higher will be rounded up to the next whole number.
- Composite scores use the highest score achieved within each of the individual subject areas.

Suzanne Pridgeon
Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

Note: Students can request single sitting ACT® test scores be sent directly to Bright Futures using **CEEB code 0095** while on the ACT® website.

Students will be evaluated based on official test scores received from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Test Repository. Please remind students, at the time of each test registration, to send scores from single test sittings (not a superscore) to a Florida public university or Florida public state college. To assist with the repository confirmation, students must ensure all demographic information and their current address is accurate on each ACT®, CLT®, or SAT® test registration. This demographic information must match the demographic information found on the student's high school transcript. Test scores from exams taken no later than August 31 (no later than January 31 for mid-year graduates) of the student's graduation year will be accepted.

Test scores for the 2025-26 high school graduates who are seeking funding in the 2026-27 award year include:

- Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)
 - Minimum ACT® composite score of 29;
 - Minimum CLT® overall score of 95; or
 - Minimum SAT® combined score of 1330.
- Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
 - Minimum ACT® composite score of 24;
 - Minimum CLT® overall score of 82; or
 - Minimum SAT® combined score of 1190.

For assistance, call the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) Customer Service at 888-827-2004 and request to speak to a program specialist.

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