
Let's Earn College Credit Before Entering College

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CLEP

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Today's Plan



OVERVIEW

What is
CLEP?



FLORIDA DATA

Passion
provides
purpose, but
data drives
decisions.
~Andy Dunn



STORIES

Snapshots of
how CLEP
can help



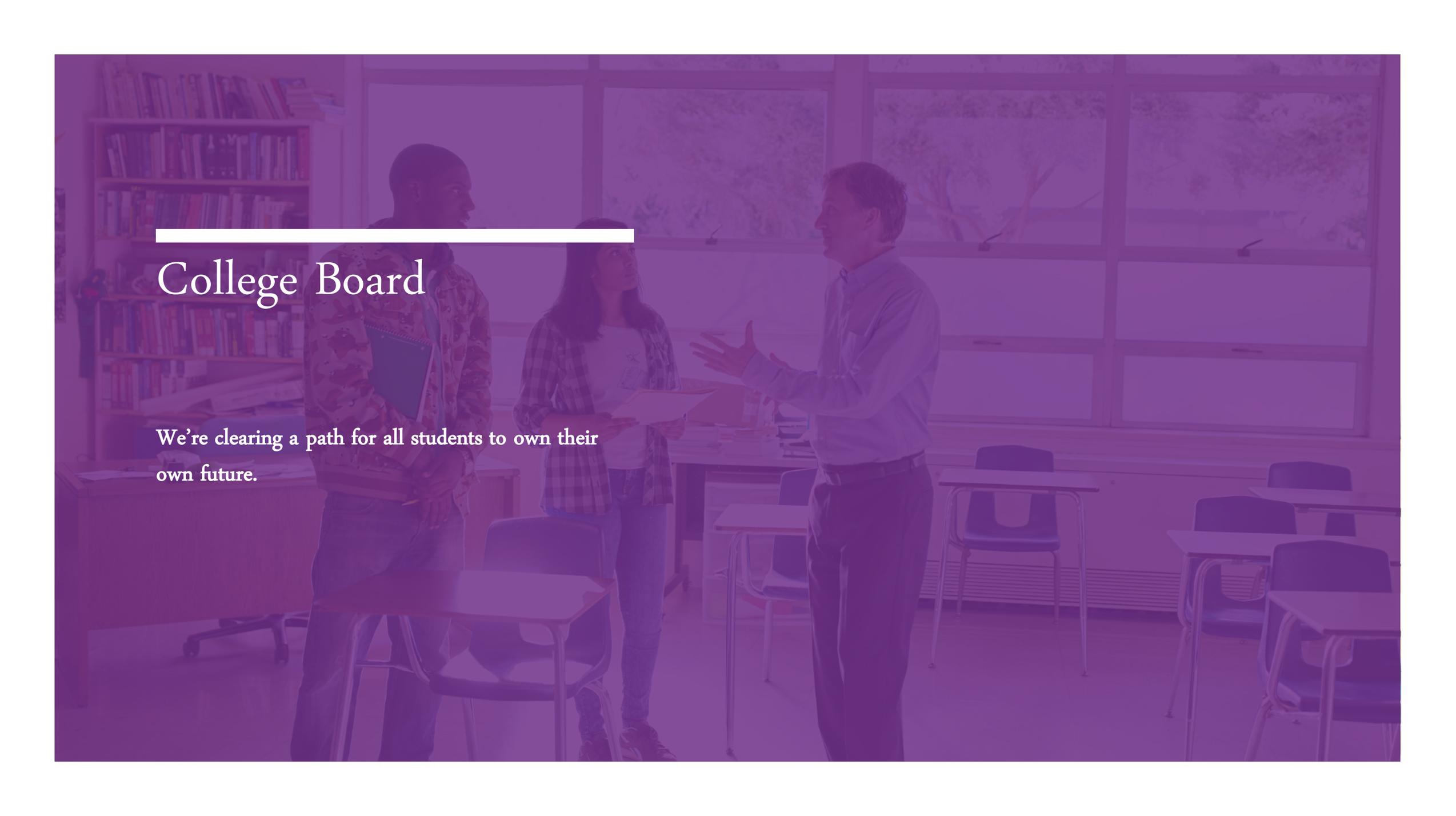
CASE STUDIES

Creating a
positive
impact for
students



CONVERSATION

Listening and
learning from
the group



College Board

We're clearing a path for all students to own their own future.



CLEP is for Everyone



CLEP

College-Level Examination Program

WHAT IS IT?

- Enables participants to translate their knowledge into college credit
- 34 computer-based exams in 5 categories
- Developed by college faculty
- 8 million exams administered since 1967

WHO DOES IT SERVE?

- All learners pursuing a college degree — regardless of their path
 - High school students
 - College students
 - Military personnel
 - Adult learners

WHEN DO STUDENTS TAKE IT?

- Available 24/7 throughout the year
- At any point during the college journey

CLEP

College-Level Examination Program

WHERE IS CLEP ADMINISTERED AND ACCEPTED?

- At secure testing centers
- More than 2,000 test centers in the U.S. and overseas
- More than 2,900 institutions grant credit for CLEP

WHY DO STUDENTS TAKE IT?

- Reduces college costs (\$87 per exam vs. \$900+ for a college course)
- Accelerates degree completion
- CLEP test takers are more likely to complete their degree vs. non-CLEP

HOW DO STUDENTS LEARN CLEP CONTENT?

- Previous coursework
- Independent study
- Free online CLEP courses through Modern States* (slide 10)
- Low-cost study materials

CLEP Exams

34 exam titles in 5 categories

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

- American Government
- History of the United States I
- History of the United States II
- Human Growth and Development
- Introduction to Educational Psychology
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Introductory Psychology
- Introductory Sociology
- Social Sciences and History
- Western Civilization I
- Western Civilization II

BUSINESS

- Information Systems
- Principles of Management
- Principles of Marketing
- Financial Accounting
- Introductory Business Law

COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE

- American Literature
- Analyzing and Interpreting Literature
- *College Composition*
- College Composition Modular
- English Literature
- Humanities

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

- Calculus
- *College Algebra*
- Precalculus
- *College Mathematics*
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Natural Sciences

WORLD LANGUAGES

- French Language
- German Language
- *Spanish Language*
- Spanish with Writing (fall 2019)

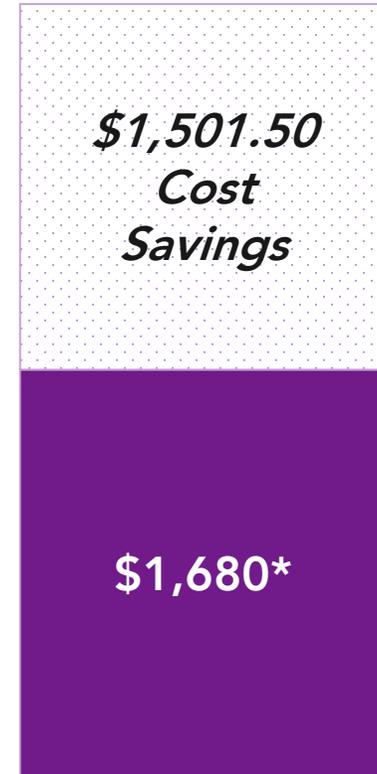
Money Saved, Credit Earned

*Includes:

- \$87 CLEP exam fee per exam for 5 exams
- \$25 test administration fee for 5 exams



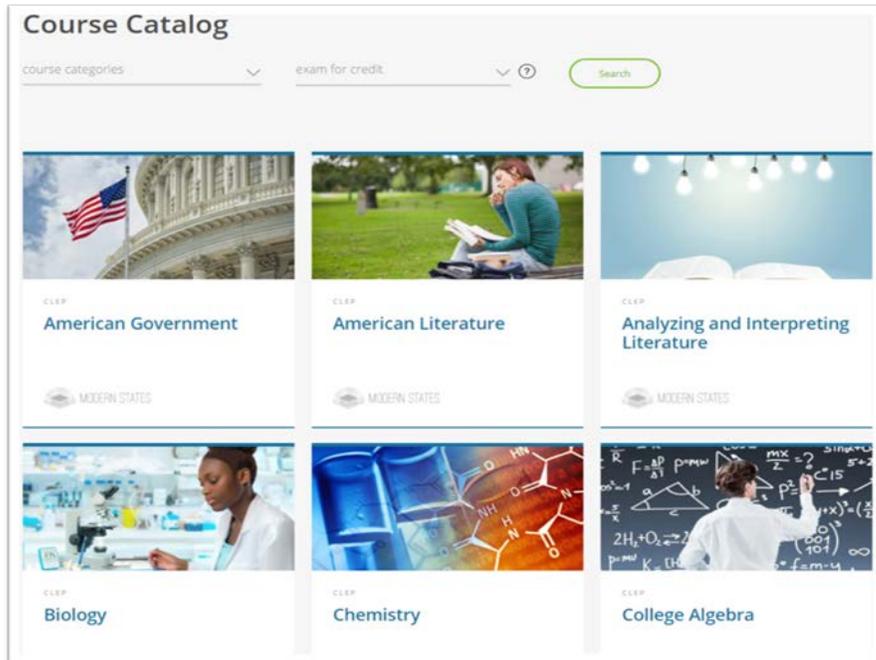
Cost of 15 credits
(FL in-state)



Cost of 15 CLEP credits

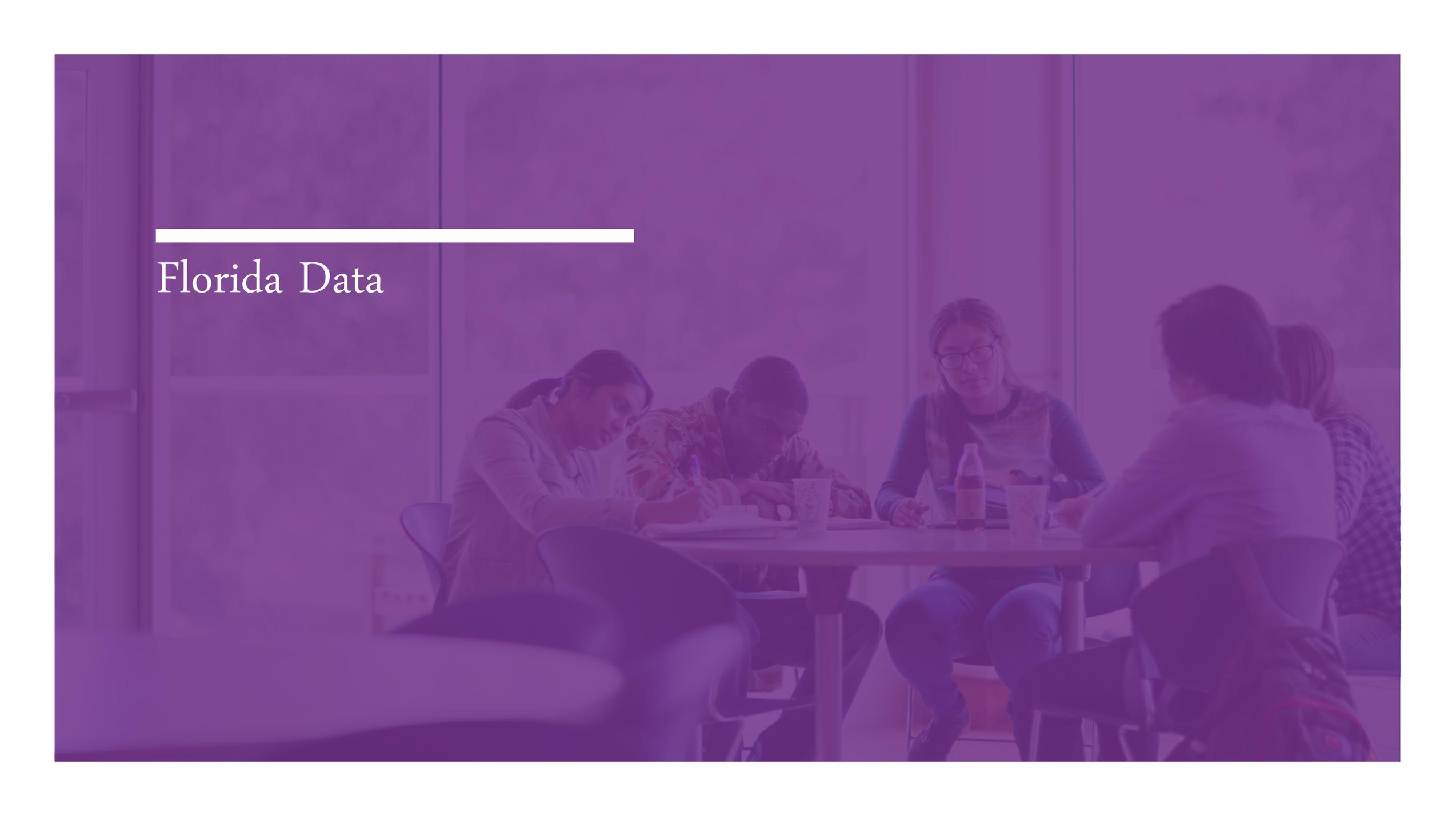
Modern States

Prepare for CLEP exams



- Modern States is a non-profit organization committed to promoting "Freshman Year for Free"
 - CLEP is a key strategy in their campaign
- CLEP exams have free corresponding courses
 - Fully on-line
 - Available to all
 - No costs at all – including course materials
 - Self-paced
- Modern States will pay for CLEP exams for persons who completed an online course and reimburse test administrative fees
- Visit www.modernstates.org/course

Florida Data

A group of people are seated around a table in a meeting room, engaged in a discussion. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The individuals are focused on their work, with some looking at documents or devices. The background shows large windows and a whiteboard.

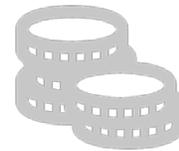
Today's students need degrees

67%



of the jobs created in Florida by 2025 will require education and training beyond high school

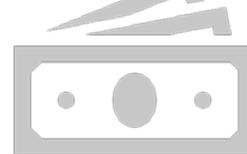
FCAN Newsletter, February 2019



\$500,000

Earnings high school graduates miss out on by not obtaining an Associate's degree

Lumina Foundation, Today's Student



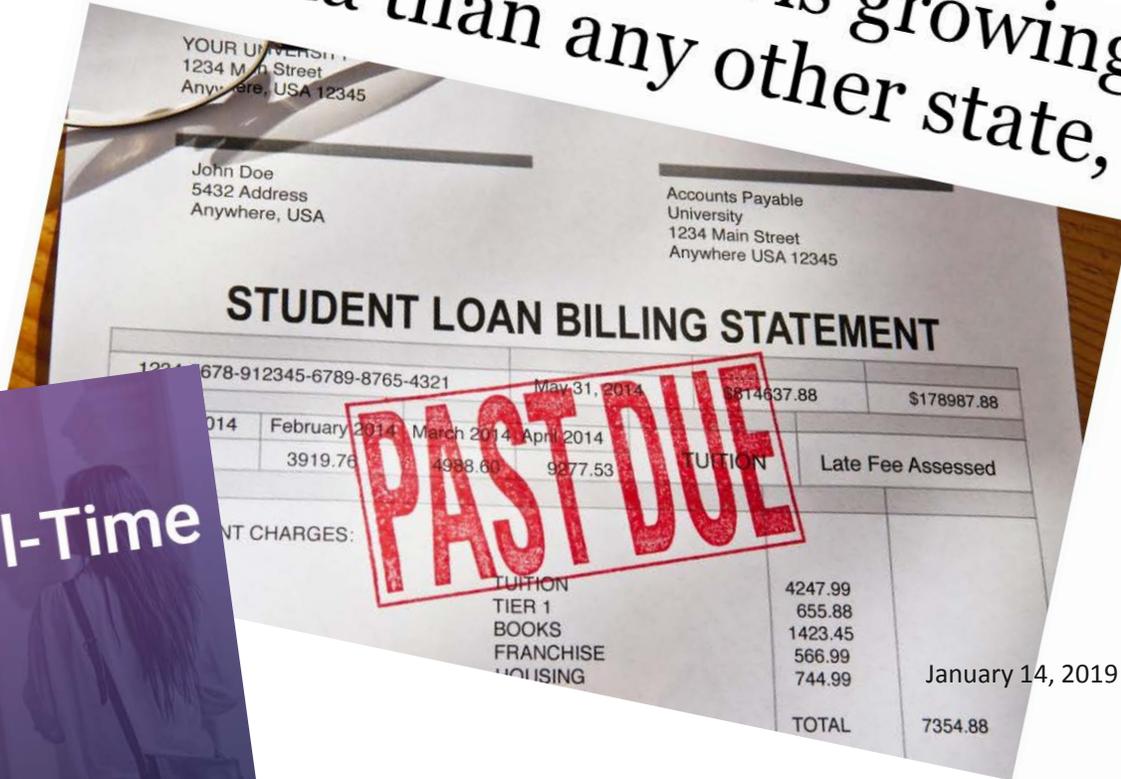
\$1,000,000

Earnings missed over a lifetime by not obtaining a Bachelor's degree

Lumina Foundation, Today's Student

Students face financial hurdles

Student loan debt is growing faster in Florida than any other state, study says



Research

Student Loan Debt Reaches All-Time High in 2018

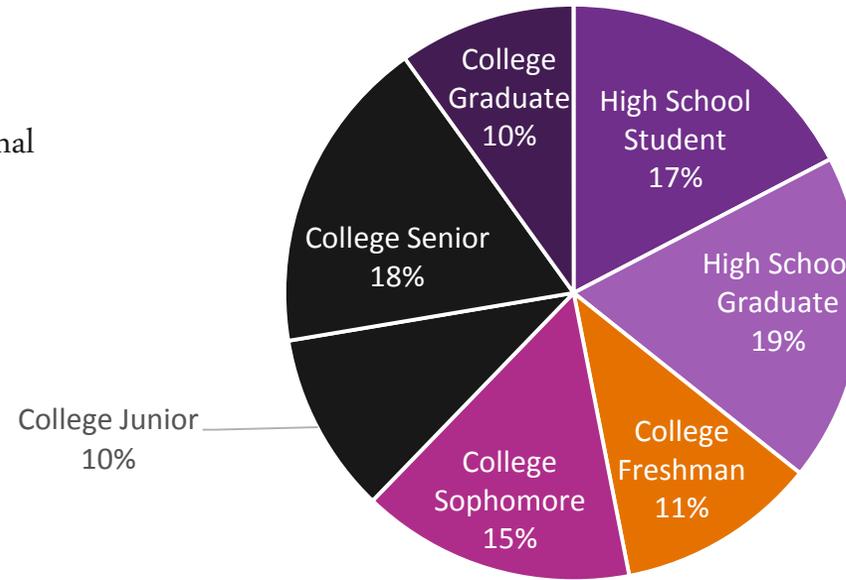
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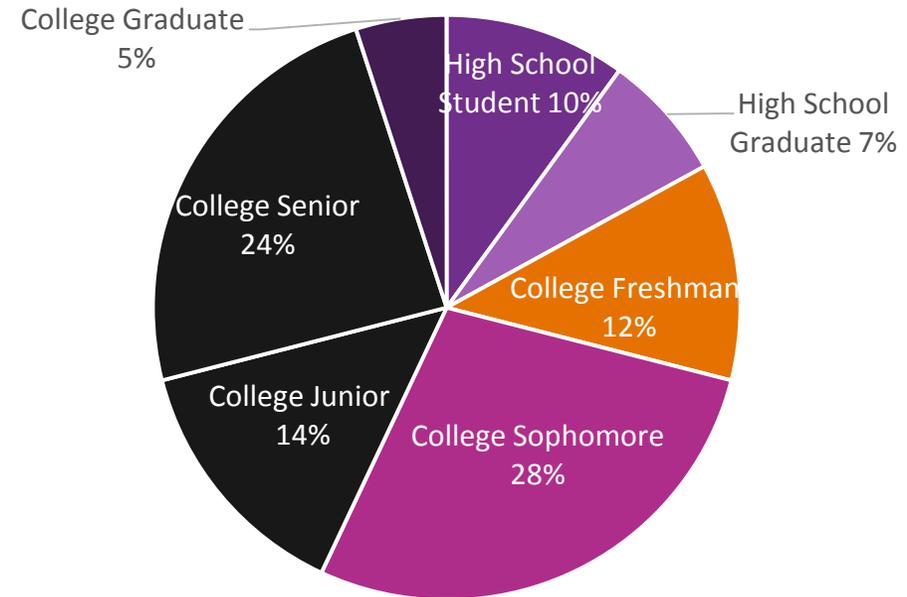
Age and Education Level

CLEP examinees 2017-18

National

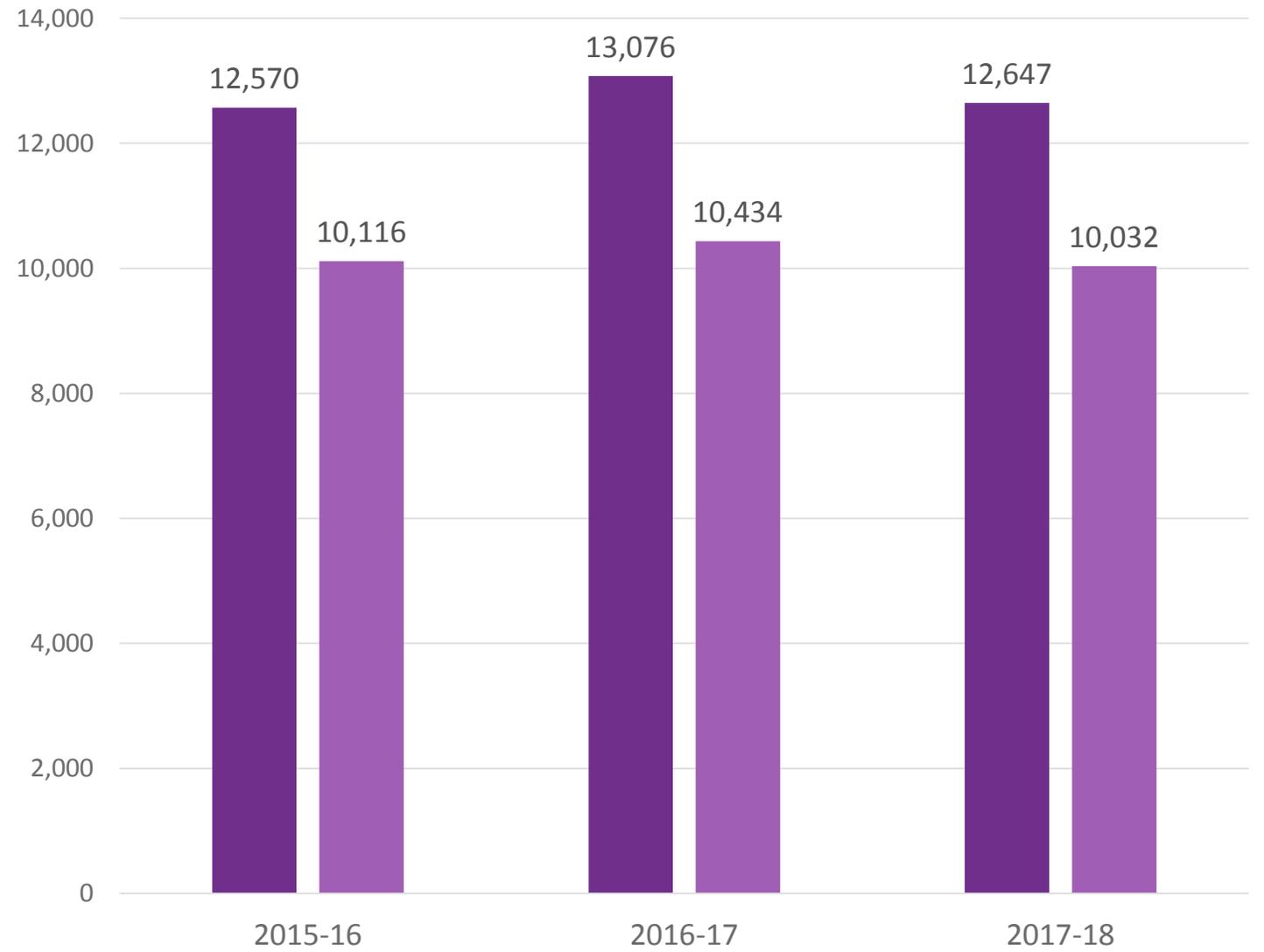


Florida



CLEP Performance

Florida, 3 year trend



CLEP by the Numbers

2017-18 Florida Students



10,032 CLEP Exams

with a score of 50 or higher



Estimated 30,096 college credits



Potential cost savings of \$6,383,361*

*Based on average rate of \$212.10. Estimate based on Table 5 of the 2017 College Board report, *Trends in College Pricing*. This report indicates the average in-state tuition and fees at Florida public four-year colleges is \$6,363 per year of \$212.10 per credit, assuming 30 credits were taken by a full-time student. These estimates also assume that all of the exams taken in Florida were applied toward college credit.

Florida CLEP policies

CREDIT ACCELERATION PROGRAM (CAP)

Section 1003.4295, F.S. 6 states:

“If a [high school] student attains a passing score on an AP examination or CLEP, then the school district is required to award course credit to the student who is not enrolled or who has not completed the course.”

ARTICULATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/0078391-acc-cbe.pdf>

“If a student achieves the score listed [50] on a CLEP exam, state universities and community colleges must award the minimum recommended credit for the course or course numbers listed, even if they do not offer the course. Up to 45 total credit-by-exam credits may be awarded for guaranteed transfer.”

Stories



Jonathon



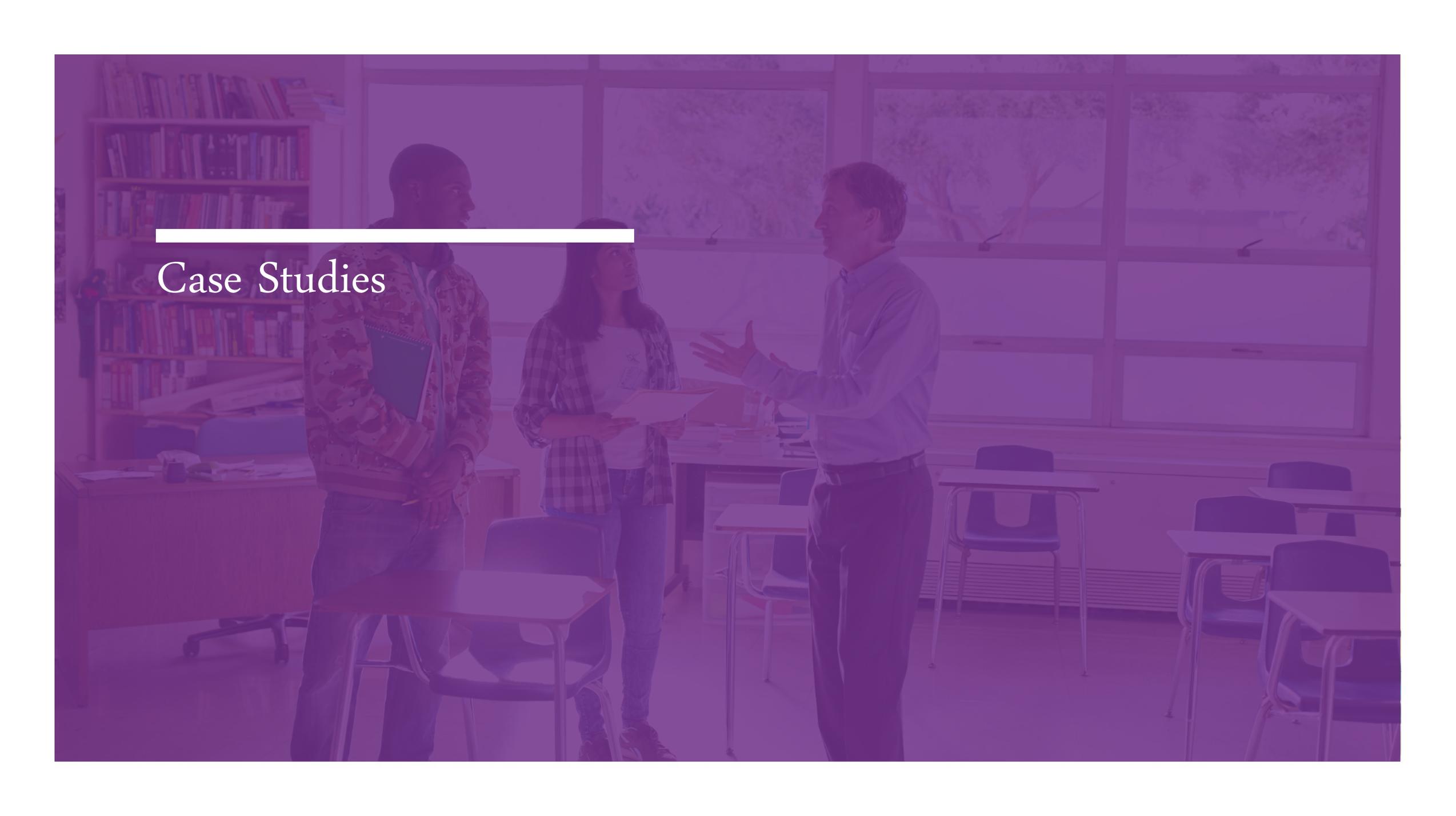
- Jonathon first prepared and passed US History I
- He continued to study and successfully completed 9 CLEP exams!
- By the numbers (Jonathan's estimates);
 - Earned 39 college credits according to ACE
 - 22 credits apply directly to my major of Engineering
 - My university considers me a sophomore, even though I've been a student for a single semester
- Additional benefits (Jonathan's analysis):
 - Improved overall test taking skills including time management
 - Received the highest academic scholarship from his university, saving another \$24,000

Sarahi



- Sarahi was approached by her high school guidance counselor to consider taking the Spanish Language CLEP exam
- Sarahi would be the first in her family to go to college and is a native Spanish speaker
- Her state (Idaho) provides funding to all high school students to pursue college credits in high school, including CLEP exams and associated test administration fees
- Sarahi earned 12 credits in Spanish, almost completing a minor
- Sarahi stated, "I hadn't ever heard of CLEP, but now thanks to these 12 credits, I feel like I have a head start and will be applying to college in the fall."

Case Studies



Sample CLEP Programs—High School

Boise State University

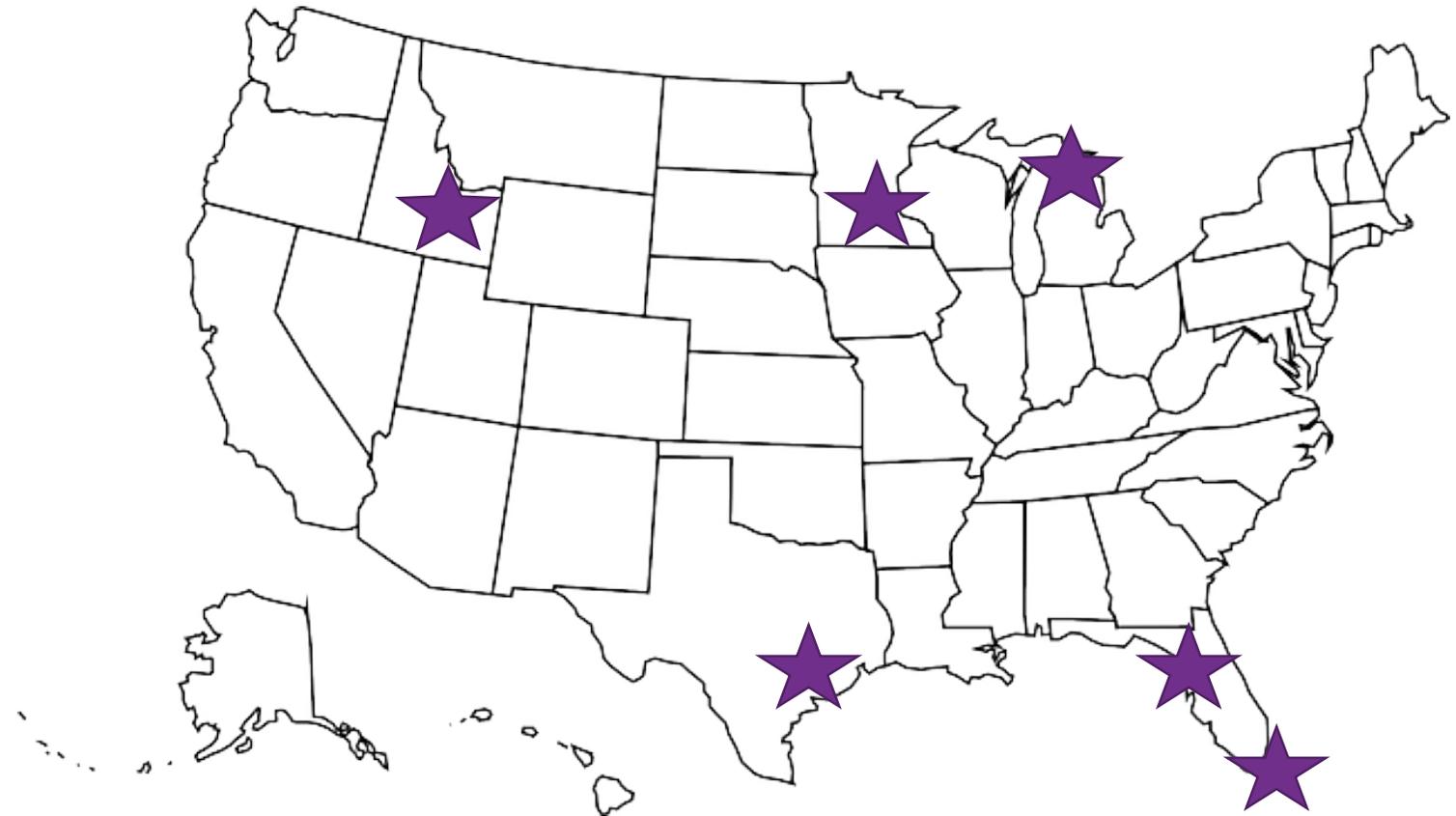
Aldine ISD

Moundview Public Schools

Sault High School

Orange County Schools

Miami Dade



Conversation



Potential Approach for Collaboration

Who makes a good partner?

- High schools
- Community organizations
- Colleges and universities
- Degree completion programs
- Veteran Services
- Employers
- Others?

How do we increase opportunity?

- Increase awareness around all credit options
- Systemically embed CLEP programs
- Other ideas?

What happens next?

- Communication plan
- Identify key stakeholders
- What else?

Thank You!

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The College Board Opportunity Scholarships is a new, national scholarship program.

- The College Board is committing **\$25 million in scholarships** over the next five years.
- **4,000 students** each year will earn **scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$40,000**.
- Half of the scholarships will be designated for students whose families earn less than \$60,000 per year.
- Students earn chances at scholarships by completing key actions along the path to college. Scholarships will be awarded monthly through drawings among all eligible students.

This is not your typical scholarship program. The College Board Opportunity Scholarships:

- Are open to **all** students, regardless of GPA, test scores, and family income
- Simplify the college planning process
- Reward effort and action
- Promote practice
- Don't require an application or essay—the program is all about rewarding students for taking the actions they need to access college

College Board Opportunity Scholarships is open to:

- Students in the Class of 2020 who attend high school in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories
- Students in the Class of 2021 can participate next year

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships recognize students who take six key actions to prepare for college.

1. Build Your College List

Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in with BigFuture™.

\$500 (600 scholarships)

2. Practice for the SAT®

Get ready for test day with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®.

\$1,000 (1,500 scholarships)

3. Improve Your Score

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score.

\$2,000 (150 scholarships)

4. Strengthen Your College List

Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools.

\$500 (400 scholarships)

5. Complete the FAFSA

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.

\$1,000 (800 scholarships)

6. Apply to Colleges

Apply to the schools you want to attend.

\$1,000 (500 scholarships)



Complete all six key actions to be eligible for the **Complete Your Journey Scholarship**
\$40,000
(25 scholarships)

All students can earn one of these scholarships, even students who never dreamed they could.

- Many students think scholarships are only for the best students or the best athletes.
- The College Board Opportunity Scholarships invite **all** students to take the key steps and earn chances at scholarships.
- These scholarships are not about how high you score, but how much you grow. They are not about where you start, but how far you've come.

Help your students get started on their path to earning scholarships.

- Students can visit [cb.org/opportunity](https://collegeboard.org/opportunity) to learn more and join the program.
- Encourage your students to start earning credit for the first two scholarships by:
 - Building their college list on BigFuture™ with 6+ schools (make sure they are logged in).
 - Practicing for the SAT® on Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® for 6+ hours (make sure they are logged in and have linked their Khan Academy and College Board accounts).