

WHAT SHOULD BE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
FLORIDA'S K-12 AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS?

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The education of the people in Florida need not be regarded as an activity of the youth. Florida is fortunate to have available to its citizenry a postsecondary system of 28 community colleges and a state university system supplemented by postsecondary vocational/technical schools and adult education programs provided by the 67 public school districts. Any adult citizen of this state regardless of age should be able to find opportunities for continued education accessible and available in all parts of the state. These opportunities have been developed as a total plan in order to provide for all the people in the state.

For those who wish to pursue continued personal development there are courses and programs available through local public school systems and offered in high school buildings, elementary school buildings, and a myriad of other locations. For those who wish to prepare for a profession such as teaching, medicine, law, architecture, or business, or for one of hundreds of other career occupations in the high technology, technical, or vocational areas there are community colleges which provide liberal education, technical education, vocational education, and manual skill development. These community colleges are located within commuting distance of most of the state's population. They also provide more general programs leading to admission as juniors in one