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**Clayton County Schools, Georgia – SACS accreditation
Admission of students to State University System of Florida institutions**

Out of concern for students from public schools in Clayton County, Georgia, and to ensure they have fair access to higher education in Florida, Chancellor Mark B. Rosenberg today will ask admissions directors of the 11 institutions of the State University System of Florida to evaluate Clayton County students on a case-by-case basis and consider those students for admission based on the school district's previous accreditation.

Florida's regulation on admissions provides each university with some flexibility when considering students from non-accredited high schools by stating that "Normally a high school diploma from a Florida public or regionally accredited high school, or its equivalent, shall be required for admission to a state university."

Accreditation is a serious issue. This special consideration is recommended by the Chancellor with the expectation that Clayton County schools will reestablish its accreditation as soon as possible.