

## **Florida Atlantic University High School**

### **General Purpose**

An Admissions Policy is established for the Florida Atlantic University High School (FAU High School) for the following:

1. To select students with the talent, motivation, and discipline necessary to succeed in a demanding academic collegiate environment, and
2. To comply with the 1002.32 F.S.

### **Legislative Authority Section 1002.32 (4), Florida Statute - Student Admissions**

Each developmental research school may establish a primary research objective related to fundamental issues and problems that occur in the public elementary and secondary schools of the state. A student population reflective of the student population of the public school environment in which the issues and problems are most prevalent shall be promoted and encouraged through the establishment and implementation of an admissions process, that is designed to result in a representative sample of public school enrollment based on sex, race, socio-economic status, and academic ability notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1000.05, Florida Statute.

*Florida Atlantic University High School* was established as a developmental research, dual-enrollment high school that serves academically talented students. As such, a rigorous selection process is required. In accordance with FAU Policy 5.010 Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Regulation, the criteria for admissions shall not have the effect of restricting access by persons of a particular race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, disability, socioeconomic status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

### **Eligibility for Admissions**

FAU High School admissions criteria are based on the competitiveness of applicants. To be eligible for consideration for admissions, an applicant must meet minimum academic requirements, as noted in the application. Meeting eligibility requirements does not guarantee an interview or admittance into the program.

FAU High School applications are considered incomplete until all required documentation has been received. Students applying to FAU High School are evaluated individually. Consideration is given to the following factors, including but not limited to:

### **Requirements**

- Next Generation ACCUPLACER (Reading, Writing, Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics) and WritePlacer College Readiness Test Scores
- School-Based Standardized Test Scores (Reading, Mathematics, Florida End-of Course Assessments, or other applicable state standardized test scores)
- Grade Point Average (GPA) and current semester grades
- Recommendation Letters
- Interview

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- Résumé and Personal Statement
- Student Attendance, Behavioral, and Discipline Records

### Completing the Application

From September 1 through February 1 of each year, an online admissions application is made available via the Florida Atlantic University Schools website <http://applypk12.fau.edu/fauhs>.

Applying to FAU High School requires completing an online application and providing the required documentation. There are two rounds of selection every school year, the Early Selection Round and the Regular Selection Round.

A student's application may be denied or any subsequent enrollment may be terminated or revoked if the application or documentation provided is incomplete, inaccurate, has false or misleading information, or if any information has been withheld.

### Interviews

The admissions committee, comprised of the principal/director, associate director, assistant principal, and select high school faculty and staff (designees and additional committee members may be included as needed) determines which applicants will be interviewed. Invited candidates are interviewed by a cross representation of stakeholders that may include alumni, staff, and faculty. Factors assessed during the interview may include maturity, organizational skills, communication skills, motivation, and a holistic assessment of any attributes the applicant possesses that would add to the diversity of the incoming class.

### Communication

The status of the online application is maintained in the application portal. Application status is designated as follows:

Eligible for Review: submission of a completed application

In Processing: application has not been submitted or incomplete

Parents/Guardians and students are able to view the status of their application using the online portal. They are permitted to update their application accordingly through the deadline period.

### Timeline

FAU High School provides an admissions decision no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Early Round: Applications received on or prior to November 15<sup>th</sup> will receive consideration for early round decisions made no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Regular Round: Applications received after November 15<sup>th</sup> or prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> will receive consideration for regular round decisions made no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Selection Process**

Completed applications and interview results are reviewed by the admissions committee. Based on a holistic evaluation of a student's application, interview results, and supporting documentation, the admissions committee recommends students for admittance.

### **Students Not Selected**

Students who meet the minimum criteria may be deferred to Regular Round. Students not selected for admittance will be notified by email.

## **Student Enrollment**

### **Students Selected**

Upon selection, the parent/guardian is contacted through email and the online application portal. Additionally, provided in this communication is information on the processes and documentation needed to finalize acceptance and placement. If guidelines and deadlines are not met, acceptance to FAU High School may be rescinded.

### **Acknowledgement of Acceptance**

The parent/guardian has five (5) business days from the date of the email to accept the invitation and additional five (5) business days to submit the required documents as identified in the Enrollment Packet.

### **Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Services**

FAU High School offers exceptional student education services and accommodations in an inclusive setting. Parents/Guardians must provide their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan status. Students with IEP services that cannot be implemented by FAU High School are referred back to their local high school.

### **Rules and Policies**

All students enrolled are considered students of both the FAU High School and Florida Atlantic University. As such, students are to adhere to all FAU High School and University rules, regulations, policies, including but not limited to applicable fees, Student Code of Conduct, and guidelines for promotion outlined in the Student Progression Plan.

### **Transportation Requirement**

Parents/Guardians are responsible to ensure their student has transportation to the high school and to the university campus.

### **Administrative Placement**

The Office of PK-12 Schools and Educational Programs may admit a student under special circumstances.

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Statutory Authority: 1002.32 (4) F.S.

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