Florida Atlantic University High School Admission Policy

General Purpose
An Admissions Policy is established for the Florida Atlantic University High School (FAU High School), including Florida Atlantic University High School – Boca Raton Campus and Florida Atlantic University High School – Jupiter Campus, in partnership with Max Planck Academy, 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 s.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.

Florida Atlantic University High School Eligibility, Process, and Enrollment Requirements

Eligibility for Admissions

FAU High School admissions criteria are based on the competitiveness of applicants. 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
- Standardized Test Scores (ACCUPLACER, ~~PSAT~~, SAT, ACT, or other approved standardized test)
- School-Based Standardized Test Scores (Reading, Mathematics, Florida End-of-Course Assessments, or other applicable state standardized test scores)

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- Grade Point Average (GPA) and current semester grades, at a minimum, meet state of Florida dual enrollment requirements
- Recommendation Letters
- Interview
- Résumé and Personal Statement
- Student Attendance, Behavioral, and Discipline Records
- Requisite courses

Completing the Application

From September through January 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.

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~~, school and district administration, ~~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.

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.

Student Enrollment

Students Selected
Upon selection, the parent/guardian is notified through 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 acceptance notification to accept their placement 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.

On-Campus Housing and Residences
While a student remains matriculated as an FAU High School student, the student will not be permitted to live in on-campus housing or residences, even if the student is of legal age.

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

Withdrawal of Invitation
Prior to acceptance, students must provide their last quarter/semester transcripts and behavioral record. A withdrawal of invitation may be extended to a student when an incoming student's academic or behavioral record prevents the student from meeting the minimum requirements for final acceptance. The parent/guardian and student will be notified of the withdrawal of the invitation to attend A.D. Henderson and FAU High School.

Re-Enrollment of Currently Enrolled Students

Current students will re-register ~~during~~ <u>mid-February through</u> March <u>15th</u> of the academic school year. Re-registration is a commitment of attendance for the next academic school year and is completed by ~~completing~~ <u>submitting</u> the re-enrollment electronic form. Parents/guardians of current students who fail to re-enroll by March 15th or have any outstanding balances due to the school will be considered as forfeiting their student enrollment position and will NOT be enrolled for the next school year.

Statutory Authority: 1002.32 (4) F.S.

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