
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 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 s.1000.05, F.S.

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 admission into the program.

FAU High School applications are considered incomplete until all required documentation has been received. All documentation, recommendations, and forms must be submitted by the application deadline to be considered for admission. Students applying to FAU High School are evaluated individually. Consideration is given to the following factors, including but not limited to:

Requirements

- Entrance Exam Scores (ACCUPLACER, SAT, or ACT)
- School-Based Standardized Test Scores (Reading/English, Mathematics, Florida End-of-Course Assessments, or other applicable state or private school standardized test scores)

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- Grade Point Average (GPA) and current semester grades, at a minimum, meet the state of Florida dual enrollment requirements
- Report cards from both the prior school year and the current year must be submitted, including online courses, if applicable.
- Student support plans or evaluations, if applicable (e.g., updated 504 Plan Accommodations, Individualized Education Plan, Educational Plan, private evaluation, or other learning plans)
- Recommendation forms are sent from the application system via email to the following:
 - Two current core subject teachers
 - One school administrator or school counselor
 - An additional recommendation from a teacher or other educator/coach is optional
- Interview (If invited for an interview after the admissions committee's initial screening.)
- Student Personal Statement
- Student Attendance, Behavioral, and Discipline records from the current and prior school year
- 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. Applying to FAU High School requires completing an online application and providing the required documentation. A checklist will be available on the Admissions Progress tab of the parent application dashboard outlining the required items. Applications will be considered incomplete if any checklist items are missing. Submission of an application does not guarantee enrollment.

The application requires the disclosure and documentation of pertinent information on the student, family, and school history. All information and documents provided must be accurate, complete, and current. Failure to upload required documentation, disclose pertinent information, or provide false or misleading information constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree under Florida law. Such actions, including but not limited to, providing outdated documentation, withholding documentation, or providing false statements, will result in disqualification from consideration or enrollment, the revocation of any offer of admission, and/or immediate withdrawal from the school program at any time.

Interviews

The admissions committee, comprised of ~~the school and district administration~~ leaders 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~~ contribute to the diversity composition of the incoming class.

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Early Admission Consideration for A.D. Henderson University School

Students currently enrolled at A.D. Henderson University School may be considered for early admission to FAU High School based on criteria determined by the admissions committee. Eligible students may be invited to apply through the early admission process at the discretion of the committee.

Communication

Parents/Guardians and students may monitor the status of their application by logging into their application account and by reviewing the checklist. Checklist items are designated as follows:

- Submitted: The required item has been submitted by the student.
- Completed: The submitted item has been reviewed and processed by admissions and will display a “received” date.

Applications with all required checklist items submitted by the deadline will be reviewed by the admissions committee.

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 admission.

Student Enrollment

Students Selected

Upon selection, the parent/guardian is notified through the online application portal. Additionally, ~~provided in~~ this communication provides 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.

Acknowledgment of Acceptance

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

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and Other Support Services

FAU High School offers exceptional student education services and accommodations in an inclusive setting. Parents/Guardians must provide their child’s most up-to-date Individual Education Plan (IEP), -504 Accommodation Plan, Educational Gifted Plan (EP), and/or Private Evaluation. Students with educational plans, such as a 504 plan or IEP, that cannot be serviced or implemented by FAU High School may be referred to another school or district that can accommodate the student’s needs.

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Rules and Policies

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

Transportation Requirement

Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring 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~~ at 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 disciplinary records. Consideration for final enrollment is dependent on the following:

- **Course Transcripts, including online courses, if applicable:** Grades of A or B
- **Unweighted GPA:** Minimum of 3.6 (incoming 9th grade) and 3.8 (Incoming 10th/11th grade) on a 4.0 scale
- **FAST and End-of-Course (EOC) Scores:** Levels 4 or 5 (if applicable)
- **Disciplinary Record:** No infractions, including academic dishonesty
- **Attendance Record:** Minimal absences and tardies
- **Student Summer Responsibilities:** Completion of required summer assignments and attendance at required summer sessions
- **Complete and Accurate Application and Documentation**

A withdrawal of invitation may be extended to a student when an incoming student's academic record, disciplinary record, and other considerations, as listed above, prevent 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 mid-February through March 15th of the academic school year. Re-registration is a commitment of attendance for the next academic school year and is completed by submitting the re-enrollment electronic forms. 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~~

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~~forfeiting~~ to have forfeited their student enrollment position and will NOT be enrolled for the next school year.

Statutory Authority: s.1002.32 (4) F.S.

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