



## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Early Admissions High School Diploma Agreement

**DEFINITION:** Early Admissions allows an academically outstanding senior high school student to enroll in college courses and attend college on a full-time basis. The two semesters of college coursework are substituted for the senior year of high school and must be completed as a full-time student at an accredited college or university. The student may participate in high school extracurricular activities; such as sports, graduation ceremony, etc. Diploma will be issued by the student's home high school.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. The student completes the 11th grade year at the senior high school. Minimally, the student must have earned the required three credits in English, three credits in mathematics (including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II) and three credits in science (including Physical Science/Earth Space Science, Biology, Chemistry/Physics); as well as two credits in social studies (including World History and United States History), one credit in performing fine arts, one-half credit in physical education and one-half credit in personal fitness.
2. The student meets all other standards for demonstrating mastery of skills and competence for a standard high school diploma including; passing the Grade 10 FCAT Reading (Level 3 or higher), passing End of Course Assessments (EOC's), and fulfilling the community service requirement for graduation and/or Bright Futures.
3. The student earns a minimum cumulative **unweighted** 3.5 GPA by the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
4. The student must meet one of the College Entrance exam requirements for the College/University Early Admissions Program.

**Miami Dade College (MDC): Any combination of these passing scores may be used.**

___ PERT:	Minimum score of Reading: 104, Writing: 99, Mathematics: 113
___ ACT:	Minimum score of Reading: 18, English: 17, Mathematics: 19
___ SAT:	Minimum score of Critical Reading: 440, Mathematics: 440
___ Grade 10 FCAT 2.0:	Minimum score of Reading: 262
___ ACCUPLACER (CPT):	Minimum score of Reading: 83, Writing: 83, Elementary Algebra 72

**Florida International University (FIU)**

___ SAT:	Minimum score of 1800
___ ACT:	Minimum score of 26

5. Other College/University Requirements: In addition to meeting College/University entrance exam requirements, students must also complete the following prior to the end of junior year:

Miami Dade College (MDC) Requirements:

- It is preferred that the Early Admissions candidate has already participated in Dual Enrollment (DE) courses during the High School years;
- Contact the Dual Enrollment Coordinator office at the MDC campus of choice in order to initiate the admissions process;
- Complete the MDC Early Admissions Program Application available on <http://www.mdc.edu> and submit as instructed on the form;
- Submit a recommendation letter from their current school principal attesting to the student's academic and social development, level of maturity, and independence; and
- Prior to enrolling as an Early Admissions student, the student must participate in the MDC

orientation held at the various MDC campuses.

- High School Transcript

Florida International University (FIU) Requirements:

- Submit a recommendation letter from their current school principal attesting to the student's academic and social development, level of maturity, and independence;
  - Submit an unofficial transcript completed at least 4 weeks prior to the beginning of the Fall semester;
  - Contact the Undergraduate Education office at FIU to schedule an interview with Dr. William Beesting, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education. The interview must take place at least one month prior to the Fall Semester;
  - Submit a special application for the Full-time dual enrollment program which will be provided during the interview with the associate dean;
  - Students desiring later admissions as full-time, degree-seeking students must complete the standard admissions application located at <http://admissions.fiu.edu/>.
6. Early Admissions students are not eligible for the Bright Futures Scholarship or any type of state or federal aid. Early Admissions does not constitute admission to the university.
  7. The student meets the testing and admissions requirements set by the postsecondary institution (the student must be admitted as an early admissions student by the college or university) before the beginning of the 12th grade.
  8. The student demonstrates a level of maturity sufficient to meet the academic demands and social challenges of a college program as indicated by; outstanding academic achievement, above average attendance, and exemplary behavior in school.
  9. The parent or guardian has met with the school counselor to discuss the benefits, demands, and expectations of the program, and has given his or her consent. The student is responsible for submitting the College/University Official Transcript to his or her home school at the end of each semester, once grades have been posted, as well as returning their textbooks to the school.
  10. Students are not allowed to repeat courses in which they obtain a "W" (withdrawal), "D" or "F". The grade will stay on his/her college transcript. The course may be repeated at the college/university after the student graduates from high school and is enrolled as a regular college student.
  11. If the student drops a course and falls below the 12-credit minimum for the semester, the student will no longer be permitted to continue participation in the Early Admissions Program and will be returned to his or her home high school.

**ADMISSION PROCEDURES: (STUDENT IS NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM HOME SCHOOL):**

*The student agrees to accept responsibility for completing the following procedures in order to qualify for a standard high school diploma:*

1. Provide all the required documentation, including Official Transcripts, from the college or university to the senior high school.
2. Follow all the procedures outlined in **Early Admissions Guidelines "Student Responsibilities" section** and submit the completed agreement FM-2829 to the school counselor, where it will be maintained in the Cumulative Record Folder.

3. Keep a copy of the agreement FM-2829 to present to the school principal upon completion of all college and graduation requirements.
4. Complete two college semesters and maintain at least a B average.
5. Request that the college transcript be sent to their home senior high school for evaluation. All final grades submitted by the college will be entered into the student's permanent academic record. The home senior high school will issue the students high school diploma.
6. Please note that the College/University may cancel a course prior to the beginning of the semester. Students are responsible for selecting another course in a timely manner in order to continue meeting the requirements for the Early Admissions Program.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Early Admissions High School Diploma Agreement Form**  
**For Early Admission to College Candidates**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Postsecondary Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT'S COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**Fall Semester (Minimum of 12 credits per semester is required. Maximum is 15 credits.\*)**

<b>Suggested College Courses</b> ALL Courses listed below must have a minimum of 0.5 high school credit equivalency	<b>College Credits*</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Meets graduation requirement</b> Indicate with a ✓
English –			
Economics – OR American Government			
Mathematics -			
Other -			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>			

**Spring Semester (Minimum of 12 credits per semester is required. Maximum is 15 credits.\*)**

<b>Suggested College Courses</b> Courses with a minimum of 0.5 high school credit equivalency	<b>College Credits*</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Meets graduation requirement</b> Indicate with a ✓
English –			
Economics – OR American Government			
Mathematics -			
Other -			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>			

\* Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits per semester; maximum is 15 credits. If at anytime an Early Admissions student does not meet this requirement, the student must return to the home senior high school.

**COMPREHENSIVE PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR EARLY ADMISSIONS**


Attach additional sheets if needed.

The signatures below represent an understanding of and an agreement to all the Early Admissions Procedures and Guidelines. Additionally, all required documentation is complete and attached.

_____	_____
<b>Student Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____
<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____
<b>School Counselor Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____
<b>School Principal Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____
<b>College/University Early Admissions Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**\*Attach all appropriate documentation and file in the student's Cumulative Record Folder. A copy of the completed form should be provided to the student. STUDENT IS NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM HOME SCHOOL.**

**The student is eligible to receive a standard high school diploma. All graduation requirements have been completed.**

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ **School Principal's signature only** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**