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Information Agenda Item: Revision for the 2016-2017 FCECA Handbook

Applicable Statute or Regulation: BOE 1.1 Powers and Duties of Board

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: No budgetary impact.

History/Background: As the FCECA program continues to change it is necessary to make changes to the FCECA Student Handbook. The proposed changes will address the scoring criteria for the ACT, course sequence changes for the Information Technology track, and it will simplify and clarify the student application as well as the guidance counselors' informational page. This will be accomplished by combing the FCECA handbook and application with and FCITA handbook and application into a single handbook and application.

Recommended Action: Approve as recommended.

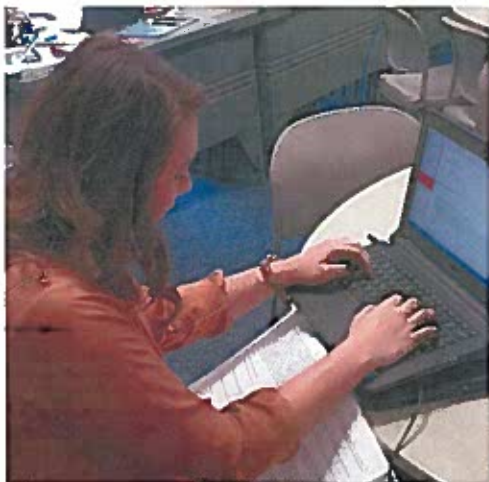**Contact Person:** Dale Pack, Director of District Wide Services

Date: May 10th, 2016

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DIRECTOR

SUPERINTENDENT

2016 - 2017 Handbook for Floyd County Early College & Information Technology Academies

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"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher." Japanese Proverb

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Vision

Building A Better Future for Every Child Every Day

By

Ensuring All Students are College and Career Ready

FCECA

Floyd County Early College Academy

FCITA

Floyd County Information Technology Academy

Mission

The Mission of the Floyd County Schools Early College Academy and Information Technology Academy is to accelerate learning by ensuring students are engaged in challenging experiences that enhance their readiness for college and career. By connecting high school and college experiences, our district seeks to develop the academic, personal, creative, social, and leadership abilities of our students.

Welcome To The Floyd County
Early College & Information Technology Academies
Here's What's Most Important

- *Their safety*
- *Their learning*
- *Their opportunities*
- *Their success*
- *Their happiness*

"America's future walks through our door everyday."

Superintendent's Message

In Floyd County Schools, we believe *It's All About Kids* and that's why we're excited about this terrific opportunity for our students. The *Floyd County Early College Academy (FCECA)* and *Floyd County Information Technology Academy (FCITA)* are programs designed to meet the needs of students who excel academically and who possess the personal characteristics needed to successfully attend college earlier than the traditional age. Academy students will enjoy the best of both worlds as they'll be earning college credit and attending classes on a college campus while still participating in all the extra-curricular activities at their "home" high schools. Floyd County will be the only district in our area offering this option for high school students.

Here's how it works. Students from all our high schools are eligible to apply through a competitive acceptance process. Students will be selected for admission by the end of their sophomore year and those who gain admittance will attend classes on the Big Sandy Community and Technical College campus in Prestonsburg. The academic program will be enhanced and rigorous with the educational goal of graduating from high school while simultaneously earning an associate degree.

Providing our students a safe place to learn is a top priority and we understand that even our best and most mature students occasionally need guidance and support. Students attending the Academy will be under the supervision of staff from Floyd County Schools and Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Even though they're young adults, we'll be close by.

This handbook outlines specific requirements and criteria and hopefully will answer most, if not all, of your questions. If you need additional information please contact your local school counselor or Dale Pack, Director of Instruction with our office. Mr. Pack can be reached by telephone at 886-5545 or via email at dale.pack@floyd.kyschools.us. Please contact us anytime, we love talking about the Floyd County Early College Academy.

Dr. Henry L. Webb
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President's Message

Dear Prospective Student:

Awaiting response from current president

(If omitted, Table of Contents will be readjusted)

Sincerely,

President

General Information

Mailing Address: Floyd County Schools
106 North Front Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Physical Address: Floyd County Early College Academy
Big Sandy Community and Technical College
Box 157, One Bert Combs Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Phone: 606-889-4736
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Policies & Procedures
Academy students will be subject to all of the applicable policies and procedures of the Floyd County Board of Education and Big Sandy Community Technical College.

Daily Schedule and Inclement Weather
FCECA & FCITA will be on a "Performance Based System". Start and end times of the Academies will be 8:15 a.m.—3:05 p.m. Monday—Thursday when school is in session at BSCTC. Students will follow the BSCTC schedule unless inclement weather causes Floyd County Schools to close. If FCS are closed due to inclement weather students are not required to attend school. However, under parent discretion students may attend classes. (No buses will run.)

Tutoring Work Program Opportunities
Fridays provide a unique opportunity for academy students to participate in a Work Program that gives 28 students opportunities to become an assistant or tutor at a designated FC school. The district agrees to give each participant minimum wage for up to four hours each Friday, a maximum of 36 Fridays in a school year. To be eligible, Academy students must fill out the Floyd County Early College Work Program Application and agree to all FCS policies. Priority will be given to second year Academy students. Fridays also afford Academy students the opportunity to participate in other programs such as hospital volunteer programs, mentorships, job shadowing and so forth.

Transportation
Academy students will be subject to all of the applicable policies and procedures of the Floyd County Board of Education.

Meals
Floyd County Schools will provide student meals from a local school cafeteria.

Participation in Co/Extra-Curricular Activities
Students of the Academy can continue to participate in any co/extra-curricular activity offered at their home school.

Student Drug Testing
All student drug testing policies of the Floyd County Schools remain in effect for students enrolled in the Academy.

Required High School Courses and
Sample Course Sequence for High School Graduation and
Associate Degree in the Sciences

8th Grade

Algebra I

9th Grade

Geometry

English I

Integrated Science

Intro to Social Studies

Foreign Language

Health/PE

10th Grade

Biology I

US History

Algebra II

English II

Foreign Language II

*Students considering FCITA will also need a VPA/Arts & Humanities course.

11th Grade

Fall Semester

ENGLISH 101	3 hrs
HISTORY 108	3 hrs
BIOLOGY 150	3 hrs
BIOLOGY 151	1 hrs
FYE 105	3 hrs
MAT 150	3 hrs

Spring Semester

ENGLISH 102	3 hrs
SOCIOLOGY 101	3 hrs
BIOLOGY 152	3 hrs
BIOLOGY 153	1 hrs
CIS 105	3 hrs
ART 100	3 hrs

12th Grade

Fall Semester

CHE 170/173/175	5 hrs
MAT 175	5 hrs
BIO 137	4 hrs
SOC 235	3 hrs
PSY 110	3 hrs

Spring Semester

CHE 180/183/185	5 hrs
MAT 185	5 hrs
STATISTICS 220	3 hrs
BIO 139	4 hrs
HUM Elective	3 hrs

Big Sandy
Community & Technical College
HIGHER EDUCATION BEGINS HERE

Required High School Courses and
Sample Course Sequence for High School Graduation and
Associate Degree in the Arts

8th Grade	11th Grade		12th Grade	
Algebra I	**Fall Semester**		**Fall Semester**	
	ENGLISH 101	3 hrs	HIS 240	3 hrs
9th Grade	HISTORY 108	3 hrs	ENG 161	3 hrs
Geometry	BIO 112	3 hrs	COM 181	3 hrs
English I	BIO 113	1 hrs	SOC 152	3 hrs
Integrated Science	FYE 105	3 hrs	PSY 110	3 hrs
Intro to Social Studies	MAT 150	3 hrs		
Foreign Language				
Health/PE	**Spring Semester**		**Spring Semester**	
	ENGLISH 102	3 hrs	STA 220	3 hrs
10th Grade	SOCIOLOGY 101	3 hrs	HUM EL	3 hrs
Biology I	BIO 130	3 hrs	SOC 235	3 hrs
US History	ART 100	3 hrs	COM 54	3hrs
Algebra II	CS 115	3 hrs	PSY 223	3 hrs
English II				
Foreign Language II				

*Students considering FCITA will also need a VPA/Arts & Humanities course.

"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who can not learn, unlearn and relearn." Alvin

Required High School Courses and
Sample Course Sequence for High School Graduation and
Associate Degree in Applied Science
Computer & Information Technology

8th Grade	Students begin first semester having taken CIT 105		12th Grade	
Algebra I	**11th Grade**		**Fall Semester**	
	Fall Semester		CIT 170 Database Design	3 hrs
9th Grade	CIT 111 Hardware and Software	4 hrs	CIT 217 Unix/Linux Administration	3 hrs
Geometry	CIT 161 Networking Fundamentals	4 hrs	CIT 120 Computational Thinking	3 hrs
English I	ENG 101 Writing I	3 hrs	CIT 209 Cisco III	4 hrs
Integrated Science	MAT 150 College Algebra	3 hrs	STA 220 Statistics	3 hrs
Intro to Social Studies	CIT 130 Productivity Software	3 hrs		
Foreign Language				
Health/PE	**Spring Semester**		**Spring Semester**	
	ENG 161 Heritage/Humanities	3 hrs	CIT 148 Visual Basic	3 hrs
10th Grade	CIT 167 Cisco II	4 hrs	CIT 212 Cisco IV	4 hrs
Biology I	BIO 112 Intro to Biology/Science	3 hrs	CIT 214 Microsoft Server Configuration	3 hrs
US History	CIT 150 Internet Technologies	3 hrs	PSY 110 Intro to Psychology	3 hrs
Algebra II	CIT 180 Security Fundamentals	3 hrs	CIT 291 Capstone	3 hrs
English II				
Foreign Language II				
VPA/Arts & Humanities				

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Community & Technical College
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Floyd County
Early College Academy
&
Information Technology Academy
Admissions Process

Enrollment in the Academy is open to all our students and is a competitive process. The next few pages will discuss how applications will be scored. Basically, there's an eight part scoring rubric or guide that is heavily weighted toward academic performance and attendance. We believe that students who can demonstrate past academic success and who realize the importance of being in school every day have the best chance for success in the demanding academy environment.

Applications will be scored by a scoring committee comprised of FCS staff. Here's an overview of the values.

CRITERIA	POINT VALUE
Grade Point Average	35
Assessments	30
Math –ACT 22 or higher	3
Attendance	15
Extra-Curricular Activities	5
Community Service	3
Honors & Awards	3
Household Income	3
1st Generation College	3
Total	100

"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know."
Daniel J. Boorstin

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Floyd County
Early College & Information Technology Academy
Application Scoring Criteria

Grade Point Average

GPA	Point Value
(unweighted) 4.0..........	35
3.8 to 3.9..........	32
3.6 to 3.7..........	29
3.4 to 3.5..........	26
3.2 to 3.3	23
3.0 to 3.1..........	20

*minimum 3.0 GPA required for admission

Assessment

ACT Score	Point Value
36..........30
35..........29
34..........28
33..........27
32..........26
31..........25
30..........24
29..........23
28..........22
27..........21
26..........20
25..........19
24..........18
23..........17
22..........16
21..........15
20..........14
19..........13
18..........12

Minimum ACT Scores required to apply and be admitted:

18 in English
19 in Math (< 22 requires a Math Lab) *** 22 or higher 3 points
20 in Reading

Minimum scores established by the Council for Post-Secondary Education

Application Scoring Criteria
continued

Student Attendance %	Point Value
100 %	15
98 to 99%	10
95 to 97%	5

*Minimum of 95% attendance required to apply and be admitted

*Attendance will be calculated from 8th grade until submission of the application

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Co/Extra-Curricular Activities	# Activities	Point Value
Middle & High School	3 or more	5
	2	3
	1	2
	0	0

Community Service	# Hours	Point Value
Middle & High School	24 or more	3
	16 - 23	2
	1 - 15	1
	0	0

Honors and Awards Middle & High School	# Honors and Awards	Point Value
	5 or more	3
	1 to 4	1
	0	0

Household Income

Eligible for free or reduced priced meals	If YES	3 points

1st Generation College limited to parents	If YES	3 points

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Guidance Counselor Cover Sheet

(Check one or indicate student's 1st & 2nd choice)

___Early College Academy   ___Information Technology Academy

Name _____   School _____

CHECK ONE: Sophomore ☐   Junior ☐

C - Completed   IP - In Progress

_____English I   GPA_____

_____English II   **Minumum 3.0 GPA required**

	Date Taken

_____Algebra I

Highest ACT **Compo-**

_____Algebra II   **site**_____ / _____

_____Geometry   Highest ACT **English**_____ / _____

Highest ACT **Math**_____ / _____

_____Social Studies   Highest ACT **Reading**_____ / _____

_____US History   **Student must meet CPE benchmarks to apply and be accepted:**

English - 18, Math - 19, Reading - 20

_____Integrated Science

_____Biology   Attendance (8th grade)_____ **%**

Attendance (9th grade)_____ **%**

_____Health   Attendance (10th grade)_____ **%**

_____PE   **Attendance (11th grade)**_____ **%**

Average Attendance:_____ **%**

_____Foreign Language I   **Minimum Average Attendance of 95% to apply**

_____Foreign Language II

Free / Reduced Lunch **YES**☐   **NO**☐

*VPA /
_____**Arts & Humanities**   1st Generation College **YES**☐   **NO**☐
*Needed for FCITA

Guidance Counselor Signature:_____

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Floyd County Schools Application for Admission

(Check one or indicate 1st & 2nd choice)

_____ **Early College Academy**

_____ **Information Technology Academy**

Student Contact Information:

Student Name: _____   _____   _____
                        Last   First   Middle Initial

School Currently Attending: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____   Current Grade Level: _____

Mailing Address: _____
                              City/State/Zip

Student Telephone #'s: (1) _____ (2) _____
                                    Home   Cell

Student's Email Address: _____

Parents / Legal Guardians Contact Information:

Father/Legal Guardian's Name: _____   _____
                                        Last   First

Mailing Address: _____
                              City/State/Zip

Telephone #'s: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
                        Home   Cell   Work

Email Address: _____

Mother/Legal Guardian's Name: _____   _____
                                        Last   First

Mailing Address: _____
                              City/State/Zip

Telephone #'s: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
                        Home   Cell   Work

Email Address: _____

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The Floyd County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, or disability in employment,

Co/Extra-curricular Activities: List the extra-curricular activities in which you are or have participated in 8th through present grade.

Activity	School Grade
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Community Service: List any volunteer community service in 8th through present grade with the amount of time for each service event.

Activity	Time (example: 15 hrs)	Frequency (example: weekly)	Length of Time (example: 1 year)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Honors and Awards: List honors or awards received in 8th through present grade.

Honor or Award	Grade	Individual or Group Award
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

FCECA / FCITA Application
Continued

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Include Attachments:

- Official copy of applicant's high school transcripts.
- Copies of ACT student test report.
- Copies of applicant's attendance reports for 8th through present grade.
- Copy of current schedule

ACT Composite	Date Taken	English	Math	Reading

Please verify the following statements:

To the best of my knowledge, this applicant meets eligibility requirements for free and reduced priced meals.

_____ Yes   _____ No

To the best of my knowledge, this applicant is a 1st Generation college student.
("Yes" means that the applicant's parents have not or are not attending any college or university)

_____ Yes   _____ No

This applicant has had no disciplinary referrals deemed serious enough to disqualify them from the Academy.

_____ Yes   _____ No

If accepted this applicant will be transported to the Academy by the following method:

_____ Transported via school bus.

_____ Transported by parent or guardian.

_____ Student driver.

_____   _____
Signature of School Administrator   Date

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FCECA / FCITA
Student / Parent Contract

Academic Standards

1. Students shall be required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 each semester or they will be placed on probation for the following semester.
2. Any student receiving a grade lower than a "C" in any individual class will be placed on academic probation regardless of cumulative GPA.
3. A second academic probation shall result in dismissal from the Academy.
4. FCECA and FCITA students may not switch academies at any point. Course sequences are specific to associate degree requirements.

Academic Probation

1. An assistance conference will be held for any student who does not maintain the required GPA. The staff of the Academy, the parent(s) or guardian of the students will be required to attend.
2. An academic improvement plan designed to assist the student in improving his or her grade point average will be developed, implemented and monitored during the probationary period.
3. Failure to comply with the academic improvement plan will result in removal from the Academy.
4. Any second semester senior on academic probation and whose GPA is less than the required minimum for the second semester will not receive the Academy seal on his or her high school graduation diploma.

Disciplinary Probation and Removal from the Academy

1. Any student receiving a disciplinary referral may be removed from the academy.
2. Any student will be removed from the Academy for:
   - (A) Skipping class
   - (B) A single sufficiently serious behavior issue
   - (C) Failure to maintain 95% attendance
   - (D) Academic bankruptcy
   - (E) Failure to give a "Good Faith Effort" in all academic endeavors.
3. Any student deemed truant by the Floyd County Schools Student Handbook will be removed from the Academy.

Students Returning to High School

If a student returns to High School prior to the end of the semester, the student/parent or guardian will be responsible for reimbursement to the Floyd County Board of Education for tuition, books, and any other fees associated with the student's withdrawal from the academy. The student/parent is also responsible for any damages or fees related to books or materials not returned in acceptable condition.

Recognizing that enrollment and attendance in the Academy is a privilege and not a right, we, the undersigned, have read, fully understand, support and agree that the expectations set forth in this document serve as the requirements for participating in FCECA & FCITA.

_____   _____
Student Signature   Date

_____   _____
Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

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CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Date: ___/___/___

To Whom It May Concern:

As parent/guardian of _____ whose birthday is
                                            Complete Name (First, Middle, Last)

_____/_____/_____, I authorize and approve the release of information concerning my child from and

between the following schools:

Floyd County Schools
Big Sandy Community and Technical College

This information shall specifically include:

_____ Medical records as are necessary for admission and student welfare;

_____ Cumulative records, including attendance records, grades, and other appropriate information as
deemed applicable for educational purposes.

My signature below constitutes notice to me that this information will be disclosed only to school personnel who have a legitimate educational interest in my child. I understand that I may inspect this information and/or the records if I so choose.
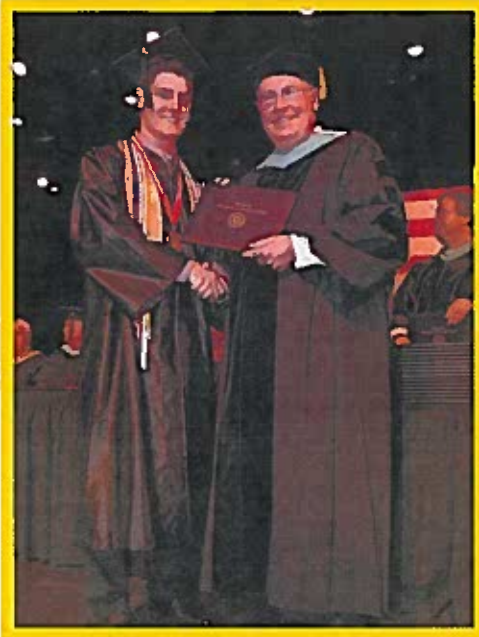
Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

_____

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Which ACT score will be used? *The highest ACT score from the applicant will be used for scoring purposes by the admissions committee.*

2. Can students of the Academy leave campus during the school day? *Procedures will be the same as those currently in place at Floyd County high schools.*

3. What activities are considered co/extra-curricular? *Any activities established by the council of the student's home school.*

4. How will community service be defined for Academy admission? *For purposes of scoring applications to the Academy, community service will be defined as volunteerism that benefits the community at large.*

5. If I transfer to Floyd County Schools, will I be eligible to apply to the Academy? *Yes; provided that all admission criteria is met.*

6. Can an Academy student ride to and from school with another student? *Transportation of students not transported by FCS buses is the sole responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian.*

7. Are there any expenses to the Academy? *Tuition, books, laptops, transportation, breakfast, and lunch are provided for all academy students.*

8. Who will be teaching the classes at the Academy? *Classes are taught by faculty members of BSCTC.*

9. Will the Academy have a graduation ceremony? *Academy students will participate in graduation ceremonies at their home school. Seniors receiving an Associate Degree will also be invited to participate in the BSCTC commencement.*

10. Can I attend events at my home school that occur during the school day? *With the exception of Fridays, generally speaking, attendance by Academy students at home school events during the regular school day will not be possible given issues relating to transportation and attendance.*

11. Can the mobile technology devices used at the Academy be taken home by students? *Yes; as long as the standards for acceptable use are followed.*

12. Can a student switch from one academy to another once classes have begun? *No; Course sequence and funding are different for each academy.*

<u>Additional Opportunities of the Academy</u>

- Upon meeting requirements, one Placement will be reserved for an Academy student in the University of Pikeville School of Osteopathic Medicine.

- Academy Students who become certified teachers in **<u>a critical teacher shortage area*</u>** and are hired to teach in Floyd County Schools will be reimbursed for tuition costs up to $3000 per year for five years. *The teacher shortage area will be based on Kentucky's need according to the US Department of Education list and upheld from the day of enrollment into the FCECA and/or through the date of employment.*

- Each year our goal is to take Academy students on public and private college and university campus visits.

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