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Information Agenda Item: Revision for the 2017-2018 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 increase the minimum GPA for enrollment into the Academy and update ACT score guidelines that align with scores established by the Council for Post-Secondary Education.

Recommended Action: Approve as recommended.

Contact Person: Dale Pack, Director of District Wide Services

Date: August 31, 2017

DIRECTOR

SUPERINTENDENT



2017 - 2018 Floyd County Schools Early College Academy Handbook



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



Vision

Building A Better Future for Every Child Every Day

By

Ensuring All Students are College and Career Ready



Floyd County Early College Academy



Mission

The Mission of the Floyd County Schools Early College 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 Academy 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 is why we are excited about this terrific opportunity for our students. The *Floyd County Early College Academy (FCECA)* is a program 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 will 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.

Students from all Floyd County high schools are eligible to apply through a competitive acceptance process. Students will be selected for admission during the second semester of their sophomore year and those who gain admittance will attend classes on the of Big Sandy Community and Technical College 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 are young adults, we will 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 606-886-2354 or via email at dale.pack@floyd.kyschools.us. Please contact us anytime, we love talking about the Floyd County Early College Academy.

Steve Trimble
Interim Superintendent, Floyd County Schools

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 – 3:30 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 and Technical College.

Daily Schedule and Inclement Weather

FCECA will be on a “Performance Based System”. Start and end times of the Academy 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.)

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

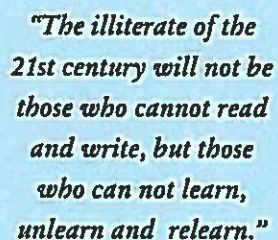
All student drug testing policies of the Floyd County Schools remain in effect for students enrolled in the Academy.

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

<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>11th Grade</u>	<u>12th Grade</u>
Algebra I	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Fall Semester</u>
	ENGLISH 101 3 hrs (Writing I)	CHEMISTRY 170 & 175 5 hrs OR (Lab)
<u>9th Grade</u>	HISTORY 109 3 hrs	PHY 201 & PHY 202 (Lab) 5 hrs (College Physics)
Geometry	BIOLOGY 150 & 151 4 hrs OR (Lab)	MAT 175 5 hrs (Calculus I)
English I	BIO 137 4 hrs (Human Anatomy & Physiology)	SOCIOLOGY 152 3 hrs OR
Integrated Science	COM 181 3 hrs (Basic Public Speaking)	PSYCHOLOGY 110 3 hrs
Intro to Social Studies	FYE 105 3 hrs (Achieving Academic Success)	ART 100 3 hrs
Foreign Language	MAT 150 3 hrs (College Algebra)	
Health/PE	<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
	ENGLISH 102 3 hrs (Writing II)	CHEMISTRY 180 & 185 5 hrs OR (Lab)
<u>10th Grade</u>	SOCIOLOGY 101 3 hrs	PHY 203 & PHY 204 (Lab) 5 hrs (College Physics II)
Biology I	BIOLOGY 152 & 153 4 hrs OR (Lab)	MAT 185 5 hrs (Calculus II)
US History	BIO 139 4 hrs (Human Anatomy & Physiology II)	STATISTICS 220 3 hrs
Algebra II	CIT 105 3 hrs (Intro to Computers)	COM 252 3 hrs (Interpersonal Communications)
English II	MAT 155 3 hrs (Trigonometry)	OR COM 254 3 hrs (Intercultural Communications)
Foreign Language II		

Associate Degree in the Arts

RELIGION 130 3 hrs
(Humanities Elective)





Floyd County Early College 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. There is 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. The point values are listed below.

CRITERIA	POINT VALUE
Grade Point Average	35
Assessments	30
Attendance	15
Extra-Curricular Activities	5
Community Service	3
Honors & Awards	2
Household Income	5
1st Generation College	5
Total	100

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

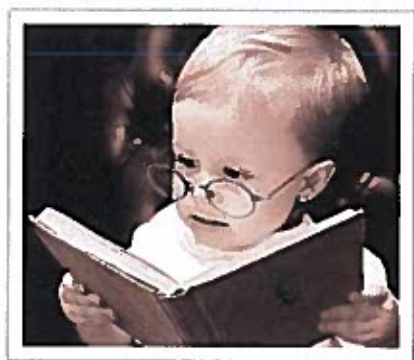




Floyd County Early College Academy Application Scoring Criteria

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 GPA 3.0	required for admission
*minimum GPA 3.5	With 9th grade class of 2018



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
22 in MATH
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**

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	# Honors and Awards	Point Value
Middle & High School	5 or more.....	2
	1 to 4.....	1
	0.....	0

Household Income	
Eligible for free or reduced priced meals	If YES.....5 points
1st Generation College limited to parents	If YES.....5 points

Guidance Counselor Cover Sheet

Name _____ School _____

CHECK ONE: Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐

C - Completed IP - In Progress

_____ English I GPA _____

_____ English II **Minumum 3.0 GPA required**

_____ Algebra I Date Taken

_____ Algebra II Highest ACT Composite _____ / _____

_____ 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 - 22, 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 ☐

1st Generation College YES ☐ NO ☐

Guidance Counselor Signature: _____



FCECA Application

To be completed by
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR & ADMINISTRATOR

Include Attachments:

- Guidance Counselor Cover Sheet
- 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, they have _____ No, they have NOT

Signature of School Guidance Counselor

Date

Signature of School Administrator

Date



**Floyd County Schools
Floyd County Early College Academy
Application for Admission**

Student Contact Information: (Please type)

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: _____

If accepted, this student will be transported to and from the Academy by the following method:

_____ School Bus _____ Parent or Guardian _____ Student Driver



FCECA Application Continued

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

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.

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(s) 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) Tardies in excess of 4 per semester
 - (E) Academic bankruptcy
 - (F) 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.

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: _____

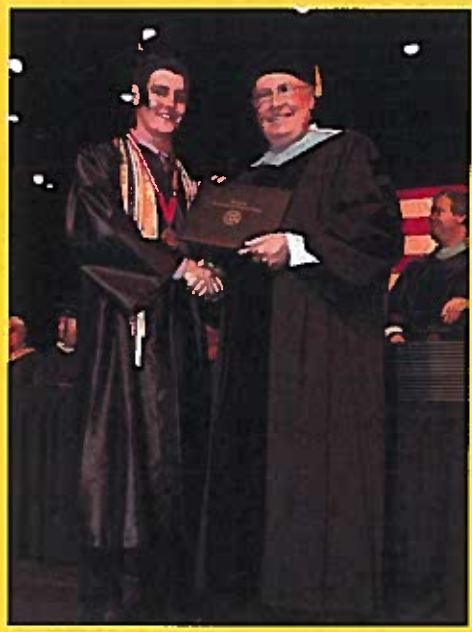
Date: _____

Address: _____



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



Additional Opportunities of the Academy

- ◆ 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 the areas of **Math, Science, Foreign Language, and Special Education/Moderate & Severe Disabilities** and are hired to teach in Floyd County Schools will be reimbursed for tuition costs up to \$3000 per year for five years.
- ◆ Each year our goal is to take Academy students on public and private college and university campus visits.

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