Student Eligibility and Admissions

Student Enrollment Approval

Students must be approved by the District designee to be eligible for the program. Enrollment is open for admission in the program at any time.

Program Pathways

<<Program_Pathways>>

Residency

In-State Students

Only students who are residents of the state of Florida are eligible to participate in the District's Graduation Alliance Program.

In-District Students

Students who reside within the District's geographic boundaries must be approved by the District's administrators in order to participate in the Graduation Alliance Program.

Out-of-District Students

Students who do not reside within the District's geographic boundaries may be accepted into the Graduation Alliance Program. The District is responsible for following and documenting state requirements for out-of-District student transfers.

Age Restrictions

The District's Graduation Alliance Program is open to middle and high school-age students. High school age is defined by the state of Florida to be students who have not yet earned a high school diploma. Additionally, students must have completed 8th grade on the first day of school to participate in the program.

Graduation Alliance will work with each District partner to align the maximum age of student enrollment with local school board policy.

Non-English Native Language Speakers

The District's Graduation Alliance Program currently includes ELL curriculum in the form of reading remediation content that can be utilized to meet instructional requirements in state law. Graduation Alliance will work with the District to implement the program as a support to students gaining more fluency in English vocabulary. The District is responsible for ELL assessment, placement, and services required for identifying and serving non-English Language Proficient students in accordance with state law.

Special Education

Students who are in need of special education services in order to be successful in their schoolwork will obtain services through the District. The administrators of the Graduation Alliance Program will cooperate with District Special Education personnel in providing information and data about courses and student performance, as required.

To ensure that students referred for placement in the District's Graduation Alliance Program have a skill set, which will allow them success, the following process will prove helpful.

1. All students will be referred to building level gatekeepers
2. Gatekeepers will send all names to the Special Education Department to screen for special education services.
3. If a student has an IEP or 504, further evaluation of the student's likelihood for success will occur in the SPED Department.
4. If approved:
    a. Gatekeeper will refer student to GA for recruitment
    b. SPED Department will review IEP for any changes that may need to occur
    c. Student will continue to receive specially designed instruction from the District, during school hours.

Expelled/Suspended Students

The District reserves the right to deny participation in the Graduation Alliance Program to students who are currently under suspension or expulsion.

Florida Educational Equity Act

Discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, religion, or marital status against a student or an employee in the state system of public K-20

education is prohibited. No person in this state shall, on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, religion, or marital status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any public K-20 education program or activity, or in any employment conditions or practices, conducted by a public educational institution that receives or benefits from federal or state financial assistance.

Non-discrimination Policy

Admission to the District Graduation Alliance Program is not determined on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or veteran status, with the exception that students must be high school-age, as defined by the state of Florida in order to participate.

Student Enrollment Requirements

Enrollment into the District's Graduation Alliance Program is subject to satisfactory completion of the following:

- Online Student Enrollment Form
- Student Honor Code
- Terms of Use
- Financial Responsibility Form (if a laptop has been requested for the Student)
- Additional forms as required by «SD_Operating_Name»
- Additional forms as required by the state of Florida
- First class assignment
- Strong start meetup attendance
- STAR assessment

Technology Requirements

In order to participate in the District's Graduation Alliance Program, students must have reliable access to a computer with on board internet access. A list of technical specifications is available to students prior to enrollment on the District's Graduation Alliance website.

Graduation Alliance will provide a computer and internet access to students who need them for use while they participate in the District's Graduation Alliance Program.

Denial of Participation

The District may deny participation an applicant for the Graduation Alliance Program for the following reasons:

- Student's attendance in the Program is likely to create a risk to health or safety of other students/staff.
- Student is currently attending the District's high school.
- Student is not a resident of the District.

Appeals Process

Students who have been denied admission to the District Graduation Alliance Program may appeal the decision. Students who wish to appeal the School's decision must inform the District superintendent in writing.

Waiting List

Enrollment into the District's Graduation Alliance Program is on a first-come, first-served basis. If the Program administrators deem that admitting students past a certain number would pose undue strain on the Program's administrative or instructional staff, students may be placed on a waiting list. Students' names will be placed on the waiting list in the order in which they complete all required Student Enrollment forms. As space becomes available, enrollment and registration decisions will be made for students in the order in which their names were placed on the list.