

# 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.

## 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 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade on the first day of school to participate in the program.

## Non-English Native Language Speakers

Graduation Alliance strives to support students who have been identified by their home district as having English learning (EL) needs. Based on the students' English language proficiency level, as provided by the district, accommodations, and a curriculum built on Universal Design for Learning principles are a few ways to support EL learning needs in a virtual setting. In addition, all students have opportunities to access one-to-one tutoring support and academic interventions. The district remains responsible for all EL assessments, including initial placement and annual state requirements. Further, any additional EL services, as defined by federal and state law, will be provided by the district. In addition, the district remains responsible for addressing the translation and interpretation request needs of parents whose primary language is other than English.

## 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. SPED department will approve or deny the recommendation.
5. If approved:
  1. Gatekeeper will refer student to GA for recruitment
  2. SPED Department will review IEP for any changes that may need to occur
  3. 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.

## 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

## 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 the 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.