

The proposed Regulation 6.005, Admission of Associate in Arts High School Students, provides a more flexible admissions process for students who earn an Associate in Arts (A.A.) while in high school and are seeking admission to a State University System institution. Current Board of Governors Regulation 6.002, Admission of Undergraduate First-Time-in-College, Degree-Seeking Freshmen (FTIC), outlines admission for high school graduates as defined as students who have earned less than twelve postsecondary semester credit hours prior to high school graduation. There is a cohort of students who earn enough credit prior to high school graduation to receive the A.A. degree. These students could not be considered transfer students under Board of Governors Regulation 6.004 because the academic credit was not earned after higher school graduation. These students would then, in turn, not be eligible for the benefits afforded A.A. transfer students.

The proposed Regulation 6.005 provides the opportunity for the university admissions office to apply the standard, either first-time-in-college or A.A. transfer, that is most beneficial to the student for admission consideration. If admitted, the student will still be expected to meet the specified criteria under the appropriate requirements. If admitted as an FTIC student, the university would follow the criteria in Regulation 6.002, in which the student is expected to meet

- (1) High school students participating in dual enrollment and other acceleration programs who are on track to earn an associate in arts (A.A.) degree from a Florida College System (FCS) or State University System (SUS) institution and who do not meet the requirements of Board of Governors Regulation 6.004 may be considered for admission as either a first-time-in-college (FTIC) freshman or as a potential A.A. transfer student.
- (2) All Statewide Course Numbering System postsecondary credit shall be accepted according to Board of Governors Regulation 8.007 irrespective of selecting the option to admit the student either as an FTIC or A.A. transfer. The applicability of such credit will be determined based on the student's intended baccalaureate degree requirements and shall be awarded in a way that provides maximum benefit to the student.
- (3) Within the curriculum, space, and fiscal limitations, admission to the upper division of one of the SUS institutions shall be granted to those selected for the A.A. option, provided the A.A. degree meets the requirements of Board of Governors Regulation 6.004(3)(b). Admission to the student's preferred public institution or program is not guaranteed. Students who have not completed the required common prerequisites for the degree program may not be admitted or may have their admission offer rescinded if they do not complete the required prerequisites prior to enrollment.
- (4) Admission as an FTIC student does not prohibit admission to the upper division of one of the SUS institution degree programs for students meeting program admission requirements.
- (5) Admission is contingent upon completing all additional requirements for admission as required by each university to which the student applies.
 - (a) Students selected for the FTIC option must meet the requirements per Regulation 6.002.
 - (b) Students who would benefit from the A.A. admissions option have the choice to submit SAT and or ACT test scores.
 - (c) Students may find their admission offer rescinded if they do not complete their last year of high school and A.A. (for A.A. transfer student admission) as specified. Students modifying their coursework after the submission of their application for admission must inform the SUS institution(s) of the change(s). Final high school transcripts and FCS, SUS, or other postsecondary transcripts are required.
- (6) SUS institutions must provide written information on their admission website regarding the consequences that accompany test-optional decisions and any other relevant information that may be helpful to students when applying for admission.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; History: XX-XX-XXXX.