

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: NONTRADITIONAL
EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES

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	<p>240. NONTRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES</p>
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Pennsylvania Department of Education provides that exceptionally able students may leave high school prior to the senior year to attend a college or university full-time, at the discretion of the school district.</p> <p>While recognizing the student's right of self-determination, the Southern Fulton School District is also aware of the academic and social adjustments incurred in making the transition from high school to college.</p>
<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</p>	<p>The Board of the Southern Fulton School District will review and approve the student(s) recommended by the principal of the junior/senior high school to attend a college or university full-time.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Early Admission To Postsecondary Programs</u></p> <p>The student must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successfully complete the eleventh grade with a B+ (3.5) or better GPA. 2. Complete or have scheduled sufficient credits in the high school program to meet all the graduation requirements. 3. Have at least a minimum 1150 SAT score. 4. Meet all requirements for the early studies program at the college or university for which the student is seeking admission. 5. Must take at least the minimum number of credits per semester to maintain full-time status at the college or university. 6. Complete the SFSD's Early Admission to Post Secondary Programs Application Packet.
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7. Complete a preliminary interview with the counselor, parent/guardian, and principal.
8. Receive at least three (3) recommendations from teachers of academic subjects.
9. Provide a formal letter of acceptance from the college/university.
10. Submit college grades to the high school in a timely manner as established by the college grade reporting schedule.

Additional Considerations

The early admission student may receive his/her high school graduation diploma upon successful completion of the freshman year at the college or university and must have at least a 2.0 GPA at the completion of the freshman year.

The early admission student may participate in the high school Baccalaureate and Commencement programs.

The early admission student will not be included in class rank.

Full-time early admission students will not be considered for any awards or honors.

Earned college credits will count in the total credits indicated on the high school transcript.

College transcripts will be attached to the high school transcript.

College tuition, transportation, and all other related costs for attending the college/university are the responsibility of the student/parent(s)/guardian(s).

The student is not eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at the high school level.

College Classes Offered On-Site

When a student elects a college level course offered in our high schools, the credits earned will be acceptable for high school graduation.

If the credits only apply to high school graduation, there will be no student obligation for payment.

	<p>If the credits are to be for both high school graduation and university transcripts, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will pay the tuition, books, any lab fees, and related costs.</p> <p>The student is eligible to participate in all extracurricular activities at the high school level.</p> <p><u>College Credits Offered Off-Site</u></p> <p>When a student maintains high school enrollment, s/he must make the necessary arrangements to be able to take college courses at a campus during the school day; these credits will be applicable for high school graduation.</p> <p>Tuition/Books/Fees will be the responsibility of the student/parent(s)/guardian(s).</p> <p>Transportation will be the responsibility of student/parent(s)/guardian(s).</p> <p>The student is eligible to participate in all extracurricular activities at the high school level.</p> <p><u>Distance Learning</u></p> <p>As technology advances, distance learning opportunities will exist. When students take regular high school courses via distance learning, the school district will assume all financial obligations. However, if the distance learning course is for college credit, the student/parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for tuition/books/fees.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 11.4, 11.5, 11.8</p> <p>Board Policy – 217</p>
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