



## EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM Student and Parent Participation Agreement

We understand that the goal of The Early College Program is to enable students to earn both their diploma and a university-transfer Associate in Arts (AA) Degree by high school graduation. Please review the below program terms. Your signatures are required for participation.

1. Students must have completed the EFSC Admissions process including the Dual Enrollment Online Orientation, and attended an in-person Early College Orientation with a parent/guardian to participate in the Early College Program.
2. Early College participants will attend classes at EFSC with students of varying ages and life experiences and are subject to the same policies and responsibilities as traditional college students.
3. Students are responsible for knowing important dates on the EFSC Academic Calendar, including registration, add/drop and withdrawal deadlines, and important due dates identified in each course syllabus.
4. The student’s EFSC Titan email is the official means for communicating with college faculty and staff. College employees may not communicate with a registered student using the student’s personal email account.
5. Course content, instruction, academic expectations, and educational materials in EFSC courses have been developed for adult students (typically aged 18 or older) and will not be modified or changed to accommodate younger students.
6. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), progress reports, test scores, and assignment and final grades are examples of protected student information. Parents may not access this information without the written authorization of the student.
7. The high school counselor is the point of contact for parents seeking information about their student’s academic progress at EFSC. Parents may not contact their child’s EFSC instructor in person, by phone, or by email for this information.
8. EFSC uses the Canvas Learning Management System in online and campus classes. First-time students must complete the online Student Canvas Orientation and should be aware that their instructors may require an assignment during add/drop week.
9. Students must meet placement test score and GPA requirements for initial entry, then maintain an unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 and a college GPA of at least 2.0 to remain enrolled in the program. A college ready math score is required by 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
10. Grades received in EFSC courses become a part of the student’s permanent college *and* high school transcripts; a pattern of poor grades and withdrawals from dual enrollment classes can impact future college admissions, scholarships, and financial aid.
11. Students are expected to follow the EFSC Student Code of Conduct. Cheating, including plagiarism, is a serious disciplinary offense at EFSC and students may receive a grade of “F” in the class, as well as lose their dual enrollment eligibility.
12. The State of Florida guarantees that students who graduate from a Florida state college with an AA degree will be admitted to one of the twelve public Florida universities. They are not guaranteed immediate admission, however, to the university of their choice, nor to the selected major at the university.
13. All AA degree students are required to identify their intended university major at 30 credit hours. This enables students to complete the prerequisites for their chosen bachelor’s degree program within their AA degree. Students may change their major, but this may delay entry into their selected program of study at the university of attendance.
14. Students must follow the directions provided by their high school to receive free required college textbooks; students are responsible to pay for required consumable materials, such as workbooks and/or lab manuals, the annual parking permit, the Wi-Fi access fee, and any EFSC parking fines/tickets.
15. Transportation will be provided to 10<sup>th</sup> graders during the Early College day at EFSC. Students are responsible for their own transportation when public schools are not in session. Eleventh and twelfth graders, and tenth graders who take courses offered outside the Early College day, are responsible for their own transportation to campus.
16. Students are expected to consult regularly with their high school counselor and EFSC advisor to select courses that meet high school graduation and AA degree completion requirements.
17. Students must attend EFSC classes regularly and are responsible for knowing the attendance policy for each of their classes. Students follow both the BPS and EFSC Academic Calendars.

**Our signatures indicate we are aware of program policies and agree to adhere to these stipulations:**

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Student Name (Please print)

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Student Signature Date

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Parent Name (Please print)

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Parent Signature Date