

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
June 30, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Board of Governors Regulation 6.005,  
Admission of Associate in Arts High School Students

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Board of Governors Regulation 6.005, Admission of Associate in Arts High School Students.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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 college preparatory curriculum requirements and submit the admission test scores. If admitted under Regulation 6.004, students may submit the admission test scores, but the scores are not required.

In addition, the proposed regulation requires institutions to provide clear guidance on the options for students during this process.

Board staff worked collaboratively with staff from the Department of Education Division of Florida Colleges in developing the proposed regulation.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of

Governors, the amended regulation will be available for public comment for thirty days. If no concerns are raised during that time, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

In Academic and Student Affairs  
Committee Materials