

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

August 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 6.005, Admission of Associate in Arts High School Students

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the amendment to 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

Board of Governors 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 students who have earned less than twelve postsecondary semester credit hours before high school graduation. A significant number of high school students earn enough credit before high school graduation to receive the A.A. degree. These students do not meet the criteria for transfer students under Board of Governors Regulation 6.004 because the students earn academic credit before high school graduation. These students would then, in turn, not be eligible for the benefits afforded A.A. transfer students.

The proposed Regulation 6.005 allows university admissions offices 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 must meet the specified criteria under the appropriate requirements. If admitted as an FTIC student, the university would follow the criteria in Regulation 6.002, including the college preparatory curriculum and admission test score requirements. 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 the Division of Florida Colleges staff from the Florida Department of Education to develop the proposed regulation.

The Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.005, Admission of Associate in Arts High School Students, at

its June 30, 2022, meeting. Following approval of the public notice of intent, no public comments were received, and the regulation as drafted is ready for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 6.005, Admission of
Associate in Arts High School
Students