PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

2019-2020 APPLICATION FOR EARLY ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S HONORS PROGRAM

Student Name (PRINT) _____
LAST FIRST MI

School Name _____ PCS STUDENT ID# | | | | | | | | | | |

STUDENT MAILING ADDRESS:_____

STUDENT CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____ PARENT CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

The School Board of Pinellas County supports early admission to college as one of the many educational programs available for students. Early admission students must meet and complete all of the conditions listed in this application in order to receive a high school diploma.

1. The student must present this completed form to the University of South Florida (USF) and complete a USF application package for consideration of acceptance to the Honors College. Application may be made during the Spring of the junior year if a student meets the following criteria:
   - Earn 18 credits toward high school graduation by the end of the grade 11.
   - Maintain a cumulative unweighted grade point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale for all high school work attempted.
   - Achieve proficiency on all must pass assessments.
   - Model responsible behavior that is not disruptive to the learning process or the efficient administration of a course.
   - Achieve an acceptable score for college-level courses on the SAT (1300 or higher) or ACT (29 or higher).
   - Earn 1.0 high school credit in: Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE) course, Geometry and World History courses by last day of grade 11 (by May 15 for courses taken through FLVS).
   - Meet all admission requirements by May 15th.
2. The student must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grade scale.
3. All courses and/or credit **required** for graduation from a Pinellas County high school must be completed before a diploma will be granted.

A.	Four language arts credits	4.0
B.	Four mathematics credits, including 1.0 credit in Algebra I and 1.0 credit in Geometry	4.0
C.	Three social studies credits, including 1.0 credit of American history, 1.0 credit of world history, 0.5 credit of economics with financial literacy and 0.5 credit of American government	3.0
D.	Three science credits, including 1.0 credit in Biology and 2 credits in equally rigorous courses.	3.0
E.	One Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE) credit	1.0
F.	One credit in fine arts, speech and debate, or practical arts	1.0
G.	One online course	
H.	Additional credits in any subject area for a total of 24 credits	8.0

This student is recommended to USF as an early admissions applicant. The following courses must be taken to meet high school graduation requirements:

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Counselor Name (PRINT) _____ Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

4. The student may be awarded a high school diploma at the time of the regularly scheduled graduation ceremony, or at a time convenient to the principal, provided that all of the above conditions are met. Early admission students who were inducted into National Honor Society (NHS) during their junior year may be recognized for this accomplishment along with other NHS members during the graduation ceremony. In order to participate in such ceremonies, the student must be aware of the school graduation procedures and shall follow all such procedures in proper sequence or the diploma cannot be issued.
5. An early admission student is not included in high school class rank for consideration for valedictorian or salutatorian. Early admission students are included, however, in the school's Talented 20 calculation.
6. Early admission students may not take courses in adult night school, Pinellas Virtual School or Florida Virtual School.
7. Early admission students may participate in high school sponsored sports or activities but must abide by the Student Code of Conduct. If a student violates the Student Code of Conduct, participation in future high school activities may be restricted and the student may be removed from the Early Admissions program.
8. Application for early admission indicates that the student intends to participate in the program for his/her full senior year.
9. AT THE START OF EACH SEMESTER the student must provide the high school with a schedule from the college. The college must provide to the student, a complete official transcript of grades and college credits earned at the end of each semester; which the student must provide to the high school. The student must also return all textbooks to the school. Failure to complete these tasks will result in a delay in the issuing of accurate transcripts and your HS diploma. This may also result in denial to participate in the graduation ceremony.
10. I intend to meet the requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Yes _____ No _____

    If yes, I understand that my college course selections must be preapproved in writing by the high school principal or designee. Early admissions students should follow the same process for qualifying for the Florida Bright Futures Award Program as traditional students. Early admission students may apply for the Bright Futures Program starting December 1 of their early admission school year. If qualified, early admission students start receiving funding in August after their high school graduation. An early admission student who has not met the curriculum requirements may use college credits earned to satisfy curriculum requirement and apply at the end of the early admission academic year.
11. Early Admission students are not packaged with aid (e.g. Admissions scholarships, Federal Grants, etc.) until the first year post-high school. Students are typically packaged in April of their first-year at USF for subsequent years; should a student decide to attend another college, they will receive a funding package according to that school's timeline.

    As a Dual Enrollment program under Florida statutes (F.S. 1007.271), Early Admission student have tuition and instructional materials covered by the student's school district. This does not include some fees (e.g. ID, transcripts, parking, etc.) nor does it include room and board; these costs are the responsibility of the student.
12. The parent signature on this form indicates that the parent understands that early admission students are studying on a college campus which is an adult setting and are not under the direct supervision of a PCS employee. When a student participates in an early admission program, the high school is no longer responsible for monitoring the attendance and academic progress in the college courses.

We understand that information about the student's academic progress, behavior and overall performance as a dual credit student will be available from the College/University to both students and parents/legal guardian(s) as guided by USF's policies.

By signing below, I/we, the parent(s) (or eligible student if 18), consent to PCS's release of the student's education records to the College during the period of dual enrollment.

Student Signature _____ Date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Principal Signature _____ Date _____