



Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School - Lee Campus is a public charter high school with an open enrollment policy. All FSWC-Lee students follow an honors level and STEM based curriculum, providing students with the opportunity to graduate with an associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously.

Our curriculum and student management philosophies follow the nationally recognized pre-collegiate / collegiate model where students take honors level classes during their freshmen and sophomore years in a traditional high school facility. For eligible students, the junior and senior years consist of dual enrollment classes taken on the campus of Florida SouthWestern State College where students are offered all the challenges and rewards of being independent learners. This course of study affords participants the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate of arts degree in just four years of study. With this tremendous opportunity comes an expectation to be highly motivated and focused on academic pursuits beginning the very first day of the very first year of school. Potential students should be prepared to have academics as their primary school priority and are expected to exhibit a high degree of personal integrity and social maturity during their time at FSWC - Lee.

In order to participate, all potential students will be offered the process outlined below:

- FSWC - Lee will host the following face to face Open Houses as well as small group tours during the day. The online enrollment lottery process will open on Thursday, November 17, 2016 and end at midnight on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.
  - Thursday, November 17, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria
  - Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria
- Small group tours will be held on Friday mornings starting on December 2, 2016. To RSVP, please call 239-432-7377 or contact Lisa Betz via email at [lbetz@fsw.edu](mailto:lbetz@fsw.edu).



Additional information is provided on the numbered points below along with some frequently asked questions related to the enrollment process

1. Our lottery process is not based on merit as we run an open enrollment campus. Lottery registrations can be accomplished online once the process opens on Thursday, November 17, 2016 and closes on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The school webpage has a large red button to link you to the lottery registration.
2. Florida statute provides for sibling and employee preference and all applicants (including those claiming either of these statuses) must participate in and indicate their intent during the lottery process.
3. The actual lottery will be open to the public on April 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Building U, Room 102. This process will rank order applicants as we prepare to accept 118 incoming freshmen and 118 sophomore students with another 200 seats available for fully qualified Dual Enrollment junior and seniors.
4. In year's past freshmen and sophomore seats that open during the year were filled with lottery participants based on their ranking number. This midyear transition has historically proved to be difficult for students and effective with the 2016-2017 school year, we will not enroll freshmen or sophomore students after the first month of school.
5. Fully qualified Dual Enrollment students will be added based on the preference established by their lottery numbers at the beginning of each semester for their junior year and/or during the fall semester of their senior year.



## Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to attend?

As required by statute, an open admission policy means that any student who is promoted to 9th grade may apply and have an equal opportunity as guaranteed by a publicly held lottery system. The only exceptions are sibling and employee preference as provided for in the statute.

What if I am not in the first 118 students to be picked in the lottery?

All applications will be rank ordered at the public lottery to establish a waiting list. When a seat opens, the potentially enrolling family will be contacted and have 48 hours to accept the seat before the opportunity is then offered to another student.

Will I have the option to transfer midyear if I am not selected in the initial lottery?

In year's past, midyear transitions have been very limited and historically difficult for students. Effective with the 2017-2018 school year, there will be no midyear transfers into FSWC - Lee for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Fully qualified D.E. students may enter for the fall and/or spring semesters.

Should I complete a LCSD School Choice application also?

There is no guarantee (except through sibling preference and/or employee preference) of admissions to FSWC - Lee. All families are encouraged to register for the FSWC - Lee lottery and complete an application to the LCSD and so that students have the opportunity to select the most appropriate choice after the FSWC - Lee lottery.

What if I register for a lottery number and then I change my mind?

You can decline a seat at any time; before the lottery, after you are accepted, or while you are on the waiting for the first day of school. You may also withdraw at any time once you are formally enrolled. We respect your right to make educational decisions that are in your best interest.

Who qualifies for sibling preference?

In-coming students who share a common legal guardian or parent with a current student may claim sibling preference. The sibling preference will apply if the current sibling will still be attending school in August of the incoming ninth grader. For example, if you have a student that is a senior this year that will graduate and an incoming ninth grader next year - that will NOT qualify for a sibling preference. Please call the office for acceptable forms of documentation; tax return, birth certificate, court papers, etc.

Who qualifies for employee preference?

Full time employees (as verified through Human Resources) of Florida SouthWestern State College may claim employee preference.



What if I lose my Lottery Registration Number?

Simply call the office at 432-6767 and we can re-issue a duplicate receipt.

What if I don't have a computer or internet access?

FSWC - Lee will provide electronic access during open house events and during normal business hours in the front office. Please call 432-6767 if you have other extenuating circumstances.

Will there be bus transportation or any other fees?

There are no book, uniform, or tuition fees for students. A limited bus system with depot style service is provided and details will be confirmed after the student addresses are finalized.

Does FSWC - Lee have a sports program?

FSWC - Lee has opted not to participate in FHSAA sanctioned sports and is focusing on student interest clubs and academic preparation. There is an opportunity for students to participate at a Lee County Public High School through the LCSD choice office.

Will we add more busses next year?

FSWC - Lee will continue to run depot style routes just like this year. We have four busses that cover all areas of Lee County. Please see the existing bus routes on our web page for some indication of how things worked during the 2017 - 2018 school year.

What happens if I get in trouble at school?

Students here expect students to behave and mis-behavior is minimal and infrequent. Consequences include timeout, detention, suspension, ect....just like a regular school.

How does lunch work?

We have regular lunch shifts and eat in our own cafeteria. We participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). If you wish to participate in that program you will need to fill out a separate application for your student that attends FSWC, even if you have filled one out online for a student that attends a Lee County District school. The criteria for Free and Reduced lunches will be identical to what the Lee County School District uses. Our food vendor serves fresh fruit, vegetables, and "home cooked" food.

Can I "hang out at the college" after school?

High school students must remain at the HIGH SCHOOL campus unless escorted by a parent or staff member. When students are dual enrolled during their Junior and Senior years, they will travel freely around campus.



How many college credits will I have when I graduate?

Assuming you meet the dual enrollment criteria and begin dual enrollment the junior year, you have the opportunity to take 15 or 16 credits per semester for 2 years. This will amount to approximately 60 credits and qualify students to earn an Associate in Arts degree.

How does Dual Enrollment differ from IB (International Baccalaureate) or Advanced Placement classes?

This is a tricky question and some people have different opinions. The bottom line is that Dual Enrollment classes are the only guarantee of earning college credit. The other options require passing a test. Please send specific concerns to the school counselor or the principal.

How much homework is there?

We recommend about 1 - 3 hours of study time each evening to complete assigned work and review the day's notes. Students who put in this type of commitment are successful. Students who don't are not passing.

What about if I don't qualify for dual enrollment?

To take dual enrollment classes, students must have a 3.0 G.P.A. and pass the PERT test. An up-front commitment to earn A's and B's in all classes is an important indicator of success in our program.