



FAQ about enrolling in FSWC - Lee

Remember that when asking questions or seeking information, it is important to consider the source and their perspective. At FSWC - Lee, we want to provide the most accurate and relevant information to your questions and encourage you to discover the reality of being a Buccaneer. Please don't hesitate to ask anyone any questions but please consider:

- Current and former students are the best resource concerning student related issues.
- Teachers are the best resource about curriculum, course content, teaching methods, academic skill development, and grading.
- Support and administrative staff are the best source of logistical information, enrollment, and program requirements.

LOTTERY REGISTRATION

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 statute.

How does the lottery work?

Registering for the lottery simply involves submitting your contact information via the provided web link on the school's home page during the late fall and winter. Completed applications will return a lottery registration number via email to the address that applicants provide during the lottery registration process. This number will be used in a random number generator to create the rank ordered admission list for next year. There is no advantage to completing early or disadvantage to completing late. All numbers registered during the lottery process will be given equal consideration for enrollment. There is a process that runs in the background to ensure that only one lottery registration number can be issued for one individual student.

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

All applications will be rank ordered at a public lottery on to establish a waiting list. When a seat opens, the potential enrolling family will be contacted and have 48 hours to accept the seat before the opportunity is then offered to another student. This process continues until each grade level is full. To promote academic continuity for students, we do not enroll students off the waiting list after the first 3 weeks of school. Interested parties can and should re-enter the lottery each year.

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, so that students have the opportunity to select the most appropriate choice after the FSWC - Lee lottery.

Who qualifies for employee preference?

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

Who qualifies for sibling preference?

Incoming students who share a common legal guardian or parent **with** a current student who will be enrolled in August of the following year may claim sibling preference. Siblings of graduating senior students are not eligible. Please call the office for acceptable forms of documentation: tax return, birth certificate, court papers, etc.

What if I register for a lottery number and then 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 list. 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.

What if I lose my Lottery Registration Number?

Simply call the office at (239) 432-6767, and we can re-provide the information.

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 (239) 432-6767 if you have other extenuating circumstances.

BUSSING INFORMATION

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 students' addresses are finalized.

Will we add more busses next year?

FSWC - Lee will continue to run depot style routes just like this year. Please see the existing bus routes for some indication of how things worked during the previous school year.

Will college students enrolled in FSWC-Lee have access to bus transportation?

Yes, but students at the college would need to make sure that their schedules are around the same times as the high school. We will not have extra busses for students at the college who will need to leave later than 2:30 P.M.

SPORTS, EXTRACURRICULAR, AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

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 students have after school clubs?

Yes, every year there will be after school clubs based on students' choices. These clubs do not go into full function until the end of the first month of school.

Does FSWC - Lee have a particular academic focus?

Yes, FSWC - Lee is one of only a few STEM Accredited schools in Florida. By emphasizing STEM skills along with critical thinking, communication, and collaboration, FSWC - Lee offers an honors level curriculum for both STEM and humanities based course work.

What does it mean to be a Collegiate High School?

FSWC - Lee operates as a charter school in cooperation with the LCSD and FSW State College. Enrolled students take a rigorous course of study as 9th and 10th graders to prepare them for full time dual enrollment as 11th and 12th graders.

What type of courses do 9th and 10th grade students take?

Enrolled 9th and 10th graders take core courses in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, Engineering, along with a very limited set of electives in a dedicated building using a 7 period daily bell schedule.

What type of courses do 11th and 12th grade students take?

Enrolled 11th and 12th graders attend FSW State College as full time college students. All core and elective courses in 11th and 12th grade are selected toward earning an Associate's Degree and to satisfy high school graduation requirements.