

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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WHAT IS FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Fulton County Schools (FCS) Middle College is an alternate path to high school graduation where students graduate with a high school diploma and two technical college certificates which can lead to a technical college diploma or associate degree. Students must complete nine core academic courses. The remaining coursework is training in a high wage, in-demand, high skill career field (Option B).

WHAT IS OPTION B?

Georgia State Law Code Section 20-2-149.2 has established a non-traditional graduation path allowing high school students the ability to earn a high school diploma with a reduced amount of required high school classes. Whereas students have been required to earn 23 credits to graduate with an "Option A" or traditional diploma, Option B requires students earn a total of nine specific credits in high school AND two technical certificates, one technical diploma or an associate degree through the Dual Enrollment program.

WHO IS THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA PARTNER FOR FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

FCS Middle College is a partnership between Fulton County Schools and Atlanta Technical College (ATC) to provide relevant and career ready curriculum for students.

WHO CAN ENROLL IN FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

FCS Middle College will be open to students in grades 9-12. It is recommended students enter FCS Middle College in the 10th or 11th grade, to provide sufficient time to complete the postsecondary credits needed for graduation.

WHAT IS THE FINAL OUTCOME OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION?

Students who attend and graduate from FCS Middle College will have earned a high school diploma and two technical college certificates in one of the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Computer Networking, Cybersecurity, Digital and Media Production, Logistics, Welding, Automotive Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology, and Avionics Technology. Students who graduate from FCS Middle College will be job and career ready in these pathways and/or can continue working towards a college diploma or associate degree at any Technical College System of Georgia School.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GRADUATE?

A four-year course plan has been developed for FCS Middle College students. However, students who progress through their coursework at an accelerated pace may be able to graduate earlier.

HOW MUCH WILL FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE COST?

Students enrolling in high school graduation Option B are limited to 30 hours of Dual Enrollment funding, just like traditional Dual Enrollment students. High school graduation Option B students who max out their 30 hours of Dual Enrollment funding may use the HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant to finish their diploma program, if eligible. Students who use the HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant must meet HOPE residency requirements. Any HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant hours used will count against HOPE caps. All students who max out their 30 hours can choose to self-pay for additional courses.

WHERE WILL I ATTEND FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Students taking their nine core credit classes will take these courses at FCS Middle College (former McClarin High School site). Students taking courses in the areas of Early Childhood Education, Computer Networking, Cybersecurity, Digital and Media Production, Logistics, and Welding will also take their courses at FCS Middle College (former McClarin High School site). Students taking courses in the areas of Automotive Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology, and Avionics Technology will receive transportation to Atlanta Technical College.

HOW WILL I GET TO FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Students will receive transportation to and from their zoned high school to FCS Middle College.

WHAT CLASSES ARE OFFERED AT FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Students enrolled at FCS Middle College will need to take nine core academic courses including one English credit, Biology, Algebra I, U.S. History (recommended), American Literature, one Science credit, one Math credit, one Social Studies credit and one Health/Personal Fitness credit. After completion of these courses, students will take their technical certificate courses. Find programs of study and courses here.

WHAT AM I GRADUATING WITH?

Students who enroll in FCS Middle College will graduate with a high school diploma and two technical college certificates.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ATC?

Students will follow the regular dual enrollment process listed on the Atlanta Technical College website. It will be important for students to work closely with their assigned school counselors on the application process. All students must also complete the FCS Dual Enrollment Contract.

WHAT ARE THE PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENTS FOR FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

While there are no pre-requisite requirements for FCS Middle College, failure to pass the nine specific high school courses and earn two Technical Certificates of Credit (TCC) in a specific career pathway or earn a diploma or associate degree from the technical college will prevent a student from meeting high school graduation requirements, and thus ineligible to graduate high school.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION WINDOW?

August 2023-November 2023

CAN I DO AN INTERNSHIP WHILE AT FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Work-Based Learning, which includes internships and apprenticeships, will be an integral part of FCS Middle College, especially during senior year.

WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED TO ATTEND?

Equipment needs will be supplied by FCS Middle College. There may be some out-of-pocket supply costs depending on the program area.

CAN I TAKE MULTIPLE PROGRAMS AT FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Completing programs beyond the required certificates may incur additional out-of-pocket costs. Students should work closely with their school counselors regarding academic advisement.