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RE: Accel Eligibility and Early College Programs

Dear Colleague:

The purpose of this *Dear Colleague Letter* is to address questions we have received regarding Accel eligibility for 9th and 10th grade students participating in Early College Programs.

The Accel Program Regulations require all 9th or 10th graders, who wish to participate in the Accel Program, to have:

1. Demonstrated academic excellence by having earned at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average;
2. Been approved by his or her school and an Eligible Postsecondary Institution for participation in Dual Credit Enrollment; and
3. Exhausted all coursework available within a specific core curriculum subject area from his or her high school for which the student will be participating in Dual Credit Enrollment as shown by a certification from the student's high school.

These three requirements must be met by all 9th and 10th graders seeking to receive Accel funds, including those students participating in Early College Programs. A student that has taken all of the available coursework at an Early College or other satellite high school location must submit a certification from his high school that he has exhausted all of the coursework available from his high school, not just at his "location", within a specific core curriculum subject area.

High school 11th and 12th graders, including Early College Program 11th and 12th graders, are not required to meet these three requirements in order to participate in Accel.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Ireland, Vice President of Financial Aid Operations at (770) 724-9066 or tracyi@gafc.org.

Sincerely,



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