

Florida Atlantic University Academy for Community Inclusion
Parent/Guardian Memorandum of Understanding

The FAU Academy for Community Inclusion provides the following opportunities to students:

- Person-Centered Planning
- Academic Advising
- Peer & Faculty/Staff Mentoring
- Career Awareness and Development
- Financial Literacy Training
- Campus Inclusion and Membership
- Self-Determination and Independent Living Skills Enhancement
- Optional Summer Residential Experience

It is the goal to provide students with an authentic college experience. Therefore, the ACI **does not** provide the following:

- 24/7 supervision
- A one-on-one companion/helper while on campus
- Daily/Weekly reports regarding student progress
- Individualized, therapeutic behavioral supports
- Individualized, therapeutic mental health counseling

In addition, ACI is **not** responsible for the following:

- Students' personal belongings
- Personal finances and monies
- Diet on campus
- Student conduct
- Guaranteeing paid employment during or upon exiting the program

The program will expect a high level of family support regarding the mission, philosophy, and goals of the Academy. As parent/guardian, you need to clearly understand the expectations and agree to the limitations of the program to provide direct teacher contact/supervision of the students enrolled. Some opportunities provided by the program may occur beyond the hours of a traditional college day/week and may occur off the FAU campus.

The program requirements of students include, but are not limited to:

- Students must be independently mobile around campus
- Student must arrange **ALL transportation** to and from school/work/FAU and Academy activities
- Student must be able to manage and adhere to all of his or her schedule
- Family/Student must provide own cell phone for use when on campus (must be activated, charged, and on)
- Student must be motivated and willing to participate in campus activities
- Family/Student responsible for **ALL fees** (e.g. tuition, books, supplies, meals, etc.).

FAU ACI offers a unique opportunity for selected students to grow, learn, and move into adult life in the most natural setting—a college campus. An individualized *Flight Plan* is used to design the course of study, life skills, recreation, personal wellness, and career development opportunities for each student. However, be aware that supports and services will only be available that sustain the program's stated objective, which is to prepare students to transition into adult life as independently as possible. It must be recognized that the FAU ACI is a *non-degree* program. However, students will earn credits toward certificates recognized by the University as accomplishments **in their own rights**.

- I (we) understand that if _____ is accepted into the program that we will provide the necessary parental support and we are aware that s/he will not be in the presence of the Academy staff most of the time during the school days.
- I (we) understand that as with any program provided in the community, there are risks associated, and I (we) are willing to accept those risks and do not hold FAU or their employees liable.
- I (we) understand that the first semester in the Academy, is a probationary semester, and continuing in the program will depend on individual work and effort throughout the semester.

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Name:	Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Signature:	Date Signed: