

PRINCIPAL RAPID ORIENTATION AND PREPARATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (PROPEL) PROGRAM



Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Partnership (revised August 2024)

MISSION & VISION

The Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) work together to develop, implement, and improve the professional learning of aspiring leaders to provide the best public education for students, families, and the community.

FAU and BCPS strive to be the premier provider of school leadership professional learning programs in Florida developing effective instructional leaders and teams to support and transform schools into model learning organizations.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The PROPEL memo is placed on PIVOT for all interested principals in the fall regarding the information session to be eligible to nominate. Principals who attend the session will receive a link to the FAU LTS system to submit their aspiring leader nominations online. Upon principal nomination, nominees will be invited to an overview session in which attendance is required to be eligible to apply. Nominees who attend the information session receive an email with a link to complete the next steps in the application process (see below).

What is PROPEL?

PROPEL is a state-approved master's program in Educational Leadership. In addition to completing your master's, you will also earn the Florida Professional Educators Certificate upon successfully passing the Florida Educational Leadership Exam (FELE).

PROPEL is an accelerated program that folds in the BCPS Leaders Experiences and Administrative Development (LEAD) program for aspiring school leaders all in one. Additionally, students progress through required FAU courses sequentially over 22 months.

Once you complete PROPEL and receive your LEAD memo as well as your Florida State Certification in Educational Leadership, you are eligible to apply for BCPS Assistant Principal positions. Assistant Principal application requirements can be viewed on the BCPS website.

Coursework includes Foundational Leadership Theory, Professional Knowledge & Experiential Learning Courses

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the online application
Prepare the following documents to upload to the FAU LTS:

- Unofficial undergraduate transcripts and graduate transcripts if applicable
- Application Essay
- Professional Resume
- Proof of Florida Professional Certificate
- Principal recommendation letter
- Teacher Evaluations for the past 3 years
- Signed Sponsor Commitment Letter (Principal must agree to serve as your mentor for the entirety of the program).

ADMISSION PROCESS

Accepted students will attend a mandatory student orientation session. At the orientation, students will read, acknowledge, and sign the following documents:

- Student Conduct, Attendance, and Academic Integrity Policy
- Photo Release Form
- Research Consent Form
- Mentor Commitment Form
- Submission of Assignment Policy

Students accepted into the program will also complete the university application process found on Fau.edu

CORE VALUES & BELIEFS (FAU-5)

Leader of Leaders and Learning

Reflective Practitioners

Transformative Decision-Makers

Relationship Builders

Visionaries with High Expectations

PROPEL REQUIREMENTS

Attend all classes on:

Thursdays (4:45 pm-6:45 pm)
Saturdays (8:30 am-4:30 pm)

Participate in all Professional Development occurring on various evenings and Saturdays.

Participate in an assigned summer internship.

Principal mentors participate in a Coaching Learning System to develop specific skills and strategies to support their mentees.