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

Florida Atlantic University and the School Board of Broward County, Florida Partnership

MISSION & VISION

The Florida Atlantic University and Broward Public School District work together to develop, implement, and improve the professional learning of school leaders to provide the best public education for students, families, and the community. The Florida Atlantic University and Broward Public School District will be the premier provider of school leadership professional learning programs in Florida and the nation, developing the strongest leaders and leadership teams to lead and transform schools into model learning organizations.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Principals will receive a memo about the PROPEL program in PIVOT in early fall, and interested principals will attend a mandatory principal information session to be eligible to nominate. Principals who attended the information session will receive a link to the LTS system to submit nominations online. Upon principal nomination, nominees will be invited to an information session; attendance is required in order to apply. Nominees who attended the information session will receive an email with a link to apply.

What is PROPEL?

PROPEL is a state approved masters program in Educational Leadership. In addition to completing masters, 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 program. Additionally, students will progress through courses sequentially over 22 months. Once you complete PROPEL you are automatically placed in the Assistant Principal talent pool that allows you to apply for a position. 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

Upload the following to the 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 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-7pm) Saturdays (8:30 am-4:30 pm)

Participate in all Professional Development scheduled at the beginning of each semester and occurring on various evenings and Saturdays.

Participate in an assigned summer internship.

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