

The **College Reach-Out Program (CROP)** was created in 1983 (FS 1007.34) to increase the number of low-income educationally disadvantaged students in grades 6 –12, and are eligible for free or reduced lunch, who upon high school graduation seek postsecondary education. CROP is administered through the Florida Department of Education. CROP students receive college counseling, as well as information about admissions requirements, scholarships, and various student financial aid programs. Certified high school and middle school teachers provide instruction to CROP students in CORE Areas (Math, Science, Language Arts, and History).

The Hillsborough Community College (HCC) - Brandon Campus, College Reach-Out Program has two major components: the Summer Academic Enrichment Program and the Saturday Academic Enrichment Program.

Who should apply?

- Students attending a school in Hillsborough County.
- Students that are in grades 6-12.
- Students that meet the economic and academic eligibility criteria as defined by the Florida Department of Education.

The Saturday Academic Enrichment Program

The Saturday Program is hosted during the Fall and Spring Semesters. Saturday sessions will be held from 9:00AM to 12:30PM. Teachers and Tutoring will be provided to students who bring work from the academic areas they are experiencing the most challenges.

We also offer virtual **Weekday Tutorials**. Middle school and high school students can also receive tutoring in Mathematics on Mondays and Wednesdays virtually from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

The Summer Academic Enrichment Program

The Summer Program is hosted from Monday through Thursdays from 9am to 2pm. These sessions consist of academic preparedness for the following grade level of all our students, academic assistance in areas the students need support in, and an Enrichment session that may range in multiple areas within the Arts.

Community Service Hours (75 for High School students)

High School students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 will have the opportunity to earn Community Service Hours through the CROP program. Community Service Hours need to be approved by the school's counselor or by Profferfish.

"Sharing is Caring" ... Our goal is to enhance students' basic learning skills and performance as well as strengthen students and parents understanding of the benefits of post-secondary education. If any comments, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact **Brenda Johnson (CROP Grant Coordinator) at 813.253.7950 or Crystal J. Tanco López (Staff Assistant II) at 813.253.7984.**



Hello Parent,

Welcome to the CROP Academic Enrichment Program. We are excited to have your child(ren) with us. We are so thrilled about all the activities, field trips, and learning that will be going on this semester. We are implementing some new procedures to insure that all students have an enjoyable, safe, and productive semester here at CROP. We have a **CROP Remind**, so that we can stay in constant contact with you. Below you will find the link to the Remind. Download the app or receive text messages directly to your phone.

<https://www.remind.com/join/bgf96h>

If you do not have the app follow the steps below

1. Text to this number 81010
2. Enter the message @bgf96h

If you already have the app follow the steps below

1. Open the Remind app
2. Go to join a class
3. The code is @bgf96h

We look forward to seeing you in the Spring for our first Parent meeting. Thank you for supporting us as we try to support you.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ **Completed Application**
- ☐ **Signed Application by both parties** (Parent/Guardian & Student)
- ☐ **Proof of Citizenship, Includes Birth Certificate**
- ☐ **Student Summary Worksheet**
- ☐ **Copy of the most recent Report Card** (MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS)
- ☐ **Cumulative Summary Report** (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)
- ☐ **CROP Essay** – Middle School (100 words) / High School (200 words)
 - Stating academic and career goals
- ☐ **Proof of Service** (approved letter for free/reduced lunch, Public Assistance, etc.)
- ☐ **Signed CROP Obligations**
- ☐ **Signed Photography/Video Consent Form**
- ☐ **Medical Consent Form**



APPLICATION

All Information must be completed.



Demographic Information

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street (P.O. Box) City State ZIP Code

Student's School ID #: _____ Student's E-mail: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Ethnicity: ☐ White, Non-Hispanic origin ☐ Black, Non-Hispanic origin ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ Hispanic ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Other

School Information

School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Do you plan to go to college? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student is an orphan or ward of the court with no taxable income: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the student ever been retained (not promoted to the next grade)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the student been suspended or expelled from a school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Was the student absent for more than 25 school days last year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the student participated in a Dropout Prevention program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate which program: _____

Family/Household Information

Did the applicant receive free or reduced lunch last school year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did the applicant's family receive any public assistance last year (housing, Medicaid, food stamps, TANF, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate which type: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street (P.O. Box) City State ZIP Code

Cell #: _____ Home #: _____ Work #: _____

☐ Lives with student ☐ Guardian's E-mail: _____

First Time in College (FTIC) Information

Mother's highest level of education completed: ☐ No H.S. Diploma ☐ H.S. Diploma or GED ☐ A.A. or A.S. ☐ Bachelor's ☐ Master's
☐ Doc. / Prof. ☐ Other: _____

Father's highest level of education completed: ☐ No H.S. Diploma ☐ H.S. Diploma or GED ☐ A.A. or A.S. ☐ Bachelor's ☐ Master's
☐ Doc. / Prof. ☐ Other: _____

CROP Office Use Only Testing Achievement Level

FSA Math: _____	Year Taken: _____	Grade Taken: _____
ELA: _____	Year Taken: _____	Grade Taken: _____
EOC Algebra I: _____	Year Taken: _____	Grade Taken: _____

I attest that all the information provided on this form is true. I will support CROP and participate in CROP activities.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

The Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College affirms its equal opportunity policy in accordance with the provisions of the Florida Educational Equity Act and all other relevant state and federal laws, rules and regulations. The college will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or against any qualified individual with disabilities in its employment practices or in the admission and treatment of students. Recognizing that sexual harassment constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex and violates this Rule, the college will not tolerate such conduct. Should you experience such behavior, please contact Brenda Johnson, Grant Coordinator; by mail at 10451 Nancy Watkins Dr, Tampa, FL 33619; or by email at bjohnson2@hccfl.edu



CROP Obligations



EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

CROP wants your student to be successful and get into a college/university upon high school graduation. To ensure this endeavor; parents must support a determination to build on this foundation.

- Parents are required to attend the first parent meeting at the beginning of the fall.
- Parent meetings are mandatory throughout the year. Two absences are tolerated the whole Semester.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

The purpose of CROP is to assist students in preparing for college/university upon high school graduation. Students must do their part to ensure that we are meeting this mission.

- Students are expected to participate and attend all activities on time
- To be prepared to work with their required materials
- Students are expected to work to his/her fullest potential and participate in class
- Be courteous and respectful
- Complete all work given
- Follow instructions

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is critical to your success in the program. Attendance is also a requirement for all trips, activities, and retention in the program. ALL absences must be notified and excused by a PARENT. There are excused absences. The reason, proof of, quantity, and manner communicated will be taken into consideration.

- An abundance of three or more unexcused absences will result in the student not allowed to attend Field Trips
- Tardies: every two late arrivals and/or early departures will count as one unexcused absence.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

CROP students who are found to have engaged in the following acts of misconduct will be subject to disciplinary actions. Depending on the offense, the *disciplinary actions will vary*.

- Abusive or obscene language & exhibiting disorderly, lewd, or indecent conduct at all CROP activities/events.
- Causing disruption or obstruction during tutorial sessions/classes and all CROP activities/presentations.
- Possessing firearms, knives, or other weapons.
- **Students are prohibited (not allowed) to be in places on the Brandon campus without CROP staff.**
- No student should leave any CROP event, on or off HCC campus, without informing CROP staff (even if directed by a parent/family member to do so).
- If a student is sick he/she must inform a staff/teacher of his/her illness for the appropriate arrangements to be made.
- Cell phones are not to be used in class during instruction without the teacher's permission. Teachers are allowed to confiscate cell phones if student uses anytime during instruction without permission.

DRESS CODE

CROP Students are expected to follow Dress Code to promote a positive, respectful, healthy, and safe atmosphere. Failure to come in proper dress code will result in disciplinary procedures to take place.

Males:

- No muscle shirts (**unless required for specific activities**).
- Pants must be secured at the waist (**belt is highly recommended to avoid incident**).
- Hair must be neatly and completely groomed/combed.
- No wave caps or night caps on heads in public places and at any CROP event.
- No hats inside buildings, unless necessary for a specific indoor event.

Females:

- No short shorts, short skirts, or mini dresses (**students body should be covered up in a respectable manner**).
- Blouses must cover stomach and belly button completely (**regardless of the in style fashion**).
- Hair must be neatly and completely groomed/combed.
- No house slippers worn to any CROP event/s (**never acceptable**).
- No scarves or combs worn in public at any time unless traveling late at night and only while in transported vehicle.
- No halters, spaghetti straps, or tube tops (**use of cover-up clothing required, i.e. jacket/sweater**).
- No hats inside buildings, unless necessary for a specific indoor event.

MATERIALS

Remember the purpose of CROP is to enrich, improve students' academic outcomes for the purpose of gaining entry into a post-secondary institution. It is not a social club; therefore, the most important aspect of the program will always be the academic courses offered to students. Students are expected to ALWAYS come prepared and ready to learn. All materials required for every class should accompany the student with no exception. **NOTEBOOKS, PENS/PENCILS, STUDY MATERIALS, READING ASSIGNMENTS**, and all other necessary equipment for learning to take place, including a **POSITIVE AND WILLING ATTITUDE**, is expected to be with every student participating in the program at all times. Failure to come with the proper materials will result in discipline procedures to take place.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

CROP students are expected to show respect for their fellow students, teachers, staff members, and college personnel. Disrespectful conduct will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances and is reason for dismissal from the program. Profanity will not be tolerated. (**NOTE: depending on the degree of disrespect – a student may be dismissed on his/her 1st offense**).

- First Offense of disrespect/inappropriate behavior from any student to staff/teachers, peers, or any HCC personnel, will result in a verbal warning and lunch detention.
- Second offense will lead to a written warning, parent will be notified, and lunch detention.
- Third offense will result in suspension with parent pick up and loss of trip.
- Fourth offense will result in dismissal from the program.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are off campus learning experiences that are supervised by CROP staff. Informed consent and proper medical forms must be SIGNED AND TURNED IN prior to departure. Students without signed consent will not be allowed to attend. Field trips are a privilege extended to students with good academic, behavior, and attendance standing in the program.

Eligibility and Qualifications for ANY and ALL Field Trips

- At least 2.3 district GPA for the most current grading period
- Attend a minimum of 75% of Summer and Saturday tutorials
- Turn in all paperwork prior to departure (by designated due date)
- Behave appropriately with no major conduct or materials violations.

CROP Obligations Acknowledgment Form

Please, fill out the following statements, and hand out this page to Ms. Johnson or Ms. Tanco.

I _____ acknowledge that I have read, and do hereby accept the terms and conditions
Parent's Name
contained in this CROP Obligations document.

I _____ acknowledge that I have read, and do hereby accept the terms and conditions
Student's Name
contained in this CROP Obligations document.

STUDENT'S Signature: _____

PARENT'S Signature: _____

DATE DOCUMENT SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES: _____



Medical Consent Form

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Please provide the requested information below for your child which will be used in case of a medical emergency.

Student's Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

DOB: _____ Gender: _____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address: _____
Street Name & Number City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Last Name First Name

Emergency Contact's Phone Number: _____

HEALTH RECORDS (Please attach a copy of student's insurance card)

List physical limitations: _____

List all allergies: _____

List all medication(s) currently taken with the amount required: _____

Insurance Provider: _____ Insurance #: _____

Name of physician: _____ Phone #: _____

PERSONAL CONTRACT INFORMATION

In the event that I, _____, cannot be contacted during a medical emergency involving my child, _____, I hereby authorize the College Reach-Out Program to take the appropriate action in securing professional medical attention, of which I, the Parent/Guardian named above, will assume all financial responsibility. I expressly warrant that this child named above is capable of withstanding both the physical and mental demands of the activities held by the program. I hereby consent on behalf of the child, and shall be binding upon me and my estate.

I recognize that there may be occasions where the child named above may be in need of first aid or emergency medical treatment as a result of an accident, illness, or other health condition or injury. I do hereby give permission for agents of **College Reach-Out Program** to seek and secure any needed medical attention or treatment for the child named above including hospitalization, if in the agent's opinion such need arises. In doing so, I agree to pay all fees and costs arising from this action to obtain medical treatment. I give permission for attending physician(s) and other medical personnel to administer any needed medical treatment, including surgery and, again, I agree to pay for the medical treatment.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the **Hillsborough Community College - College Reach-Out Program** and its directors, employees, volunteers, staff or agents from any and all claims arising from my participation in its activities and programs, or as a result of injury or illness of my child during such activities.



**PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO CONSENT, RELEASE AND
COVENANT NOT TO SUE FORM**
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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficient of which is hereby acknowledge, I, on behalf of my heirs and myself, hereby agree that the College Reach Out Program and its agents shall have the right:

- a. To record my dependent's participation, appearance, image, likeness, silhouette, and voice video, audio, film, photographic, digital, electronic or any other medium existing or hereafter invented, and at its option to use of my dependent's name in connection with such recordings or by descriptive text or commentary; and
- b. To use, reproduce, edit, crop, retouch, exhibit, distribute or publish these recordings in whole, or in part in perpetuity in any and all media throughout the universe, including but not limited to print, electronic, video, CD-ROM, advertisements, Internet, or any other medium existing or hereafter invented.

I hereby unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the Program's authority use of such recording for any legal purpose the Program deems appropriate, including commercial and advertising purposes. I understand that by agreeing and consenting, I have forever waived (i) any right to require payment from the Program for use of these materials by it or those acting pursuant to its authority, and (ii) the right to object to the use of such materials for any purpose permitted by this Consent and Release form. Including, the Program's publishing, printing, displaying, exhibiting, distributing or any other public distribution services using any other such materials for any legal purposes. Furthermore, I understand and agree that any intellectual property of the Program as well as any other rights, title and interest in all results and proceeds associated with such use. However, the Program is not obligated to make any use of or exercise any of the rights granted herein.

I have read and understood the terms of this photography/video consent, Release and Covenant not to sue form. Parent/Guardian and Student/Dependent must sign below.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student/Dependent Signature: _____

Date: _____