



Promise Program 2026 Student Requirements

Indian River State College's Promise Program provides eligible students with up to two years of tuition-free education. Promise funding is available for six consecutive semesters, covering tuition from Fall 2026 through Summer 2028, or until the AA, AS, or AAS degree is completed—whichever comes first.

Eligibility Requirements To qualify for Promise 2026:

- Graduate in 2026 from an Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, or St. Lucie County public or charter high school, an approved private school, or an in-district homeschool.
- Complete the IRSC Application, Promise Commitment, Florida Residency, and FAFSA and submit official high school transcripts to IRSC by July 13, 2026.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen qualifying for in-state tuition.

What Promise Funding Covers

- Covers in-state tuition only (\$103.83 per credit).
- Does not cover fees (e.g., lab fees, online fees) or textbooks. These must be paid out of pocket.

Enrollment Requirements

- Full-time enrollment (at least 12 credits) is required for Fall 2026.
- Promise funding is available for six consecutive semesters (Fall 2026–Summer 2028).
- Continuous enrollment is required. Skipping a semester results in loss of Promise funding.
- To stay on track for graduation, it is strongly recommended that students complete:
 - 12 credits in Fall 2026
 - 12 credits in Spring 2027
 - 6 credits in Summer 2027
 - 12 credits in Fall 2027
 - 12 credits in Spring 2028
 - 6 credits in Summer 2028

Students must meet with their assigned academic advisor once per term to create and update their academic plan.

- Private school and in-district homeschool students will need to provide official Common Placement Test scores listed in SBE Rule 6A-10.0315 (P.E.R.T., Next-Generation Accuplacer, Digital SAT, ACT, Classic Learning Test).

Academic & Renewal Requirements

- Maintain continuous enrollment in Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.

- Complete the FAFSA for both the 2026-27 and 2027-28 academic years.
- Meet Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) GPA and completion rate requirements
- Promise does not cover third attempts of any course.

Former Dual Enrollment (DE) Students

- Students needing fewer than 12 credits in Fall 2026 to complete their degree must meet with an advisor to submit a Less than Full-time Exception Form.
- DE students failing SAP may receive funding for Fall 2026 (full-time only) but must meet with Financial Aid to assess future eligibility.

Program Participation Requirements

- Attend both days of New Student Orientation and the Promise Meet & Greet.
- Complete the SLS1501 Orientation Course in the first semester.
- Meet with your assigned Academic Advisor at least once per term to update your academic plan.
- Participate in the First-Year Experience Program.
- Maintain regular class attendance and submit assignments on time.

Resources & Responsibilities

- Transportation: Arrange reliable transportation to attend classes and activities.
- Technology: A laptop and internet access are required. On-campus resources are available if needed.
- Continuing Education: If your program extends beyond two years or you plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, apply for Foundation Scholarships and meet with Financial Aid to discuss additional funding options.
- Program Changes: If you change your program of study after your first semester, Promise funding will still end Summer 2028. You should continue completing the FAFSA and apply for Foundation Scholarships.

Warning, Suspension & Appeals

- Warning: Students not meeting SAP standards will be placed on warning status.
- Suspension: Failure to improve SAP status results in loss of Promise funding.
- Appeals: Students suspended due to extenuating circumstances may appeal through the Financial Aid Office with supporting documentation.

*Promise is "last dollar" funding, meaning it is applied after all eligible federal and state financial aid.

*Promise funding may be forfeited if enrollment, academic, and/or program participation requirements are not met.