CERTIFICATED STAFF / FCTA

Eligibility	All teachers .5 or greater are eligible
Amount of benefit	A maximum of 9 credits per fiscal year (July 1-June 30) 36 credits maximum reimbursed during career at FCPS *Personnel holding Advance Professional certificate are eligible for a maximum of 3 semester hours per year (6 credits total per 5 year certificate renewal period) to maintain certification. Tuition costs only – reimbursed at a maximum rate of \$469.25/credit hour (2019-2020)
Direct Pay Program	Participating colleges: Hood College, McDaniel College, Mount Saint Mary's University, University of Phoenix, Walden University, Frostburg State University at Hagerstown, Trinity Washington University, and University of Maryland Global Campus You must sign up for Direct Pay before the class starts.Registration is cutoff BEFORE the semester starts. Deadlines can be found on the FCPS website under For Staff > Benefits > Tuition & Education.
Course Approval Requirements for Reimbursement	Course approval submitted PRIOR to enrollment in course(s). A grade of C or better in the course. Supporting documentation submitted by deadline. Original transcript Proof of payment (credit card receipts not accepted)
Deadlines	Course approval 30 days prior to enrolling. Tuition Reimbursement – must submit all documentation by Oct 15 for <u>summer courses</u> ending by August 31 Mar 1 for <u>fall courses</u> ending by December 31 June 30 for <u>spring courses</u> ending by June 1 Deadlines can be found on the FCPS website under For Staff > Benefits > Tuition & Education.
Repayment obligations	With the exception of extenuating circumstances, employees who leave employment within two (2) years of receiving tuition reimbursement shall be required to repay the monies received.

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