



GUIDANCE & COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

EXPLANATION OF AUTOMATIC COLLEGE ADMISSION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Automatic Admission Requirements

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC) §51.803, a student is eligible for automatic admission to a college or university as an undergraduate student if the applicant earned a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class or in the percentage of qualified applicants that are anticipated to be offered admission to the University of Texas at Austin, and the applicant:

1. earned the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School program, or
2. satisfied required ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment or earned the required SAT assessment score.

High school rank for students seeking automatic admission to a general academic teaching institution is determined and reported as follows:

1. Class rank shall be based on the end of the 11th grade, middle of the 12th grade, or at high school graduation, whichever is most recent at the application deadline.
2. Class rank shall be determined by the school or school district from which the student graduated or is expected to graduate. (TAC §5.5(e))

To qualify for automatic admission an applicant must:

1. submit an application before the deadline established by the college or university to which the student seeks admission; and
2. provide a high school transcript or diploma that indicates whether the student has satisfied or is on schedule to satisfy the requirements of the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program or the portion of the requirements that was available to the student.