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) successfully completed the requirements for the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) or the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP);
(2) earned the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program; or
(3) satisfied ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment or earned on the SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent.

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) The top 10 percent of a high school class shall not contain more than 10 percent of the total class size.
(3) The student's rank shall be reported by the applicant's high school or school district as a specific number out of a specific number total class size.
(4) 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))

A student is considered to have satisfied the course requirements if the student completed the portion of the RHSP, DAP, or the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program that was available to the student but was unable to complete the remainder of the coursework because courses were unavailable as a result of circumstances not within the student's control.

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 RHSP, DAP, or the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program or the portion of the requirements that was available to the student.

Colleges and universities are required to admit an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student if the applicant is the child of a public servant who was killed or sustained a fatal injury in the line of duty and meets the minimum requirements, if any, established by the governing board of the college or university for high school or prior college-level grade point average and performance on standardized tests.

* The University of Texas at Austin (UT) is not required to automatically admit applicants in excess of 75% of its enrollment capacity for first-time resident undergraduate students. Should the number of applicants who qualify for automatic admission exceed 75% of enrollment capacity, UT shall provide notice of the percentage of qualified applicants that are anticipated to be offered admission.