

Top 10% Rule

Texas Education Code Section 51.803

Amended August 26, 2009

If you are in the top 10% of your high school graduating class, you are eligible for automatic admission to any public university in Texas *except the University of Texas at Austin* (see below.) To meet the requirements for automatic admission, a student must:

- Earn a grade point average in the **Top 10%** of his/her high school graduating class,
- Graduate from a Texas public or private high school (or, if the student is a Texas resident from a high school operated by the U.S. Department of Defense),
- Successfully complete the requirements for the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) or the Distinguished Achievement Program (DA) (or the equivalent if enrolled in private school), **or** satisfy ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT college entrance exam or earn a score of at least 1500 out of 2400 on the SAT college entrance exam, **and**
- Apply for admission to a state college or university within the first two school years after graduation from high school.

Students who meet the criteria for automatic admission must submit an application before the deadline set by the college or university to which they are applying. Students must also provide a high school transcript or diploma that indicates whether they have satisfied or are on schedule to satisfy the requirements of the RHSP or DAP.

If you are admitted to college through the **Top 10% Rule**, you may still be required to provide SAT or ACT scores, but these scores are not used for admissions purposes. You must also take the TSI test, unless you're exempt from the test requirement. Be sure to check with the school's admissions office regarding TSI, SAT and ACT requirements.

After you are admitted, the university may review your high school records to determine if you are ready for college-level work. If you need additional preparation, you may be required to take a developmental, enrichment or orientation course prior to your first semester of college. Please keep in mind that admission to a university does not guarantee acceptance into a particular program of study or academic department.

Information for Admission to the University of Texas at Austin Entering Freshman Class of Summer/Fall 2018

In accordance with Senate Bill 175

For the period from the 2011-2012 academic year through the 2018-19 academic year, the University of Texas at Austin is not required to admit applicants in excess of the number needed to fill 75% of first-time resident undergraduate students.

The University of Texas at Austin has determined that it will automatically admit all eligible 2019 summer/fall freshman applicants who rank within the Top 6% of their high school graduating classes, with remaining spaces to be filled through holistic review.

<https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/decisions>

- **Summer/Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 applicants: Top 6%** (current high school seniors)
- **Summer/Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 applicants: TBD** (current high school juniors)