

# TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CLASS RANKING

EIC

### AUTOMATIC ADMISSION TO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Each general academic teaching institution [see Education Code 61.003(3)] shall admit an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student if the applicant:

1. Graduated:
  - a. With a grade point average in the top ten percent of the student's high school graduating class in one of the two school years preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying for admission and submitted a complete application defined by the institution before the expiration of the institution's established deadline; or
  - b. In the top 25 percent of the student's high school class, to the extent the governing board of a general academic teaching institution has adopted such an admission policy;

[See CLASS RANK, below];

### EXCEPTION

2. Graduated from a public high school in Texas accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization;
3. Successfully completed the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program, the Recommended High School or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement High School Program, or satisfied ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant or earned on the SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent; and
4. Submitted an official high school transcript or diploma that, no later than the end of the student's junior year, indicates whether the student has satisfied the requirements outlined above regarding successful completion of the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program, the Recommended High School Program, or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement High School Program.

*Education Code 51.803(a); 19 TAC 5.5(b)*

### EXCEPTION

Beginning with admissions for the 2011–12 academic year, the University of Texas at Austin (UT) is not required to offer admission to applicants who qualify for automatic admission in excess of the number required to fill 75 percent of the university's enrollment capacity designated for first-time resident undergraduate students in an academic year.

If the number of applicants who apply to UT for admission in the next academic year and who qualify for automatic admission exceeds 75 percent of UT's enrollment capacity, UT shall, not later than September 15, provide to the School, for dissemination to high school juniors and their parents, notice of which percentile ranks of high school seniors who qualify for automatic admission are anticipated to be offered admission during the next school year.  
*Education Code 51.803(a-1)–(a-2)*

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#### CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

An applicant who does not satisfy the curriculum requirements for the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program, the Recommended High School Program, or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement High School Program is considered to have satisfied those requirements if the student completed the portion of the applicable curriculum that was available to the student but was unable to complete the remainder solely because the necessary courses were unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the student's high school career as a result of course scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity, or another cause not within the student's control. A student's transcript or diploma must, not later than the student's junior year, indicate the student's progress toward satisfying the curriculum requirements [see EI]. *Education Code 51.803(b), (c)*

#### SIGNS TO BE POSTED

The Superintendent shall ensure that appropriate signs are posted in each high school counselor's office, and in the high school and career and technical principal/supervisor's and administrative offices, indicating the substance of the automatic admission provisions above. *Education Code 28.026*

#### DISSEMINATION

To assist in dissemination of information regarding the automatic admissions program, the School shall:

1. Require that each high school career counselor and principal be provided a detailed explanation of the substance of the program;
2. Provide each student, at the time the student first registers for one or more classes required for high school graduation, with a written notification, using the appropriate form adopted by the Commissioner, of the substance of the program;
3. Require that each high school career counselor and principal explain to eligible students the substance of the program;
4. Require that, at the beginning of grades 10 and 11, a career counselor explain the requirements of automatic admission to a general academic teaching institution to each student who has a grade point average in the top 25 percent of the student's high school class [See EJ]; and
5. Not later than the 14th day after the last day of classes for the fall semester or an equivalent date in the case of a school operated on a year-round system, provide each eligible senior student and each junior student who has a grade point average in the top ten percent of the student's high school class, and the student's parent or guardian, with a written notification, using the appropriate form adopted by the Commissioner, of the student's eligibility with a detailed explanation in plain language of the substance of the program.

*Education Code 28.026, 33.007(c)*

**Note:** The Notification of Eligibility for Automatic College Admission, intended to satisfy the requirement at item 5 above, is available at.

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1. Class rank shall be based on the end of the eleventh grade, middle of the twelfth grade, or at high school graduation, whichever is most recent at the application deadline.
2. The top ten percent of a high school class shall not contain more than ten percent of the total class size.
3. The student's rank shall be reported by the School as a specific number out of a specific number total class size.
4. Class rank shall be determined by the School from which the student graduated or is expected to graduate.

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*19 TAC 5.5(d)*

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END-OF-COURSE  
ASSESSMENTS

*19 TAC 5.9(d)*

A student's performance on an end-of-course assessment instrument may not be used in determining the student's class ranking for any purpose, including entitlement to automatic college admission. *Education Code 39.0232(b)(1)*