

Your Question:

Which states have any form of guaranteed or automatic admission policy for high school students who meet certain criteria?

Our Response:

ECS conducted a scan of state admission policies and found that 10 states have some version of guaranteed admission to four-year public institutions. These policies are set in legislation, board or system policy. The majority of these states have statewide minimum admission requirements for their public institutions. The chart below provides the state, link to the policy and a brief description. Please contact ECS with any questions or further assistance on this topic.

State	Policy	Description
Arizona	Board Policy 2-121	Each university will admit all resident undergraduate applicants who meet certain aptitude and basic competency requirements. Criteria include top 25 percent of graduation class, completion of Arizona General Education Curriculum and GPA of 2.5 or higher.
California	Enrollment Management Policy	This policy only applies to the CSU system. Students must meet system admissions requirements. The policy requires CSU to accept all first-time freshmen in the upper one-third of the state's high school graduates.
Colorado	C.R.S. 22-7-1009 & 22-7-1017	Required the Colorado State Board of Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to adopt criteria to create a Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Endorsed Diploma. Guarantees admission to all open-access and moderately selective institutions to students who earn this diploma.
Florida	Board Policy 6.002	The Talented Twenty program guarantees admission to one of the 11 state universities. Eligible students are not assured admission to the institution of their choice. Eligibility includes completion of the 18 required high school unites, ranking in the top 20 percent of the graduating class and submitting SAT or ACT scores.
Iowa	Regent Admission Index	Guarantees admission to any student who scores above 245 on the index. Index components include ACT/SAT scores, high school rank, GPA and number of completed core courses.
Kansas	Kansas Regents Policy 88-29b-5 (U of Kansas) Kansas Regents Policy 88-29a-5	Qualified admissions rule requires each state educational institution and the University of Kansas to admit Kansas resident students who meet certain GPA/standardized test requirements. U of Kansas requires a higher GPA. The state educational institutions require at least a 2.0 and completion of a qualified admission precollege curriculum, the Kansas scholars curriculum or the qualified precollege curriculum functional equivalent. The U of Kansas requires a 3.0 GPA.
Mississippi	MIHL Admission Policy	Guarantees admission to public institutions to high school graduates who met the College Preparatory Curriculum with a minimum GPA of 3.2. Students not meeting the minimum GPA can supplement class rank and ACT/SAT scores.
Missouri	MDHE Admission Policy	Missouri offers guaranteed admission by selective categories using an index score. The index score combines their high school percentile rank and the percentile rank attained on the ACT or SAT. The selectivity levels include highly selective (>140 pts), selective (>120 pts) moderately selective (>100pts) and open enrollment.

State	Policy	Description
Montana	Board Policy 301-1	Students will be fully admitted to a four-year university if they meet certain requirements including completion of the Regents' College Preparatory Program, content proficiency, GPA (2.5 or higher), class rank (upper half of graduating class) and standardized test scores (20-22 on ACT and 1440-1540 on SAT depending on the institution).
Texas	Texas Administrative Code 19-1-5	<p>All Texas public institutions (except UT-Austin) are required to automatically admit a student who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class. UT-Austin automatically admits students in the top 8 percent of their graduating class. The student must also meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation, Recommended or Advanced High School Program • Successfully completed a curriculum from a non-public Texas high school • Satisfied ACT's benchmarks • Earned at least a 1500 on the SAT