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Superintendent Update: Graduation Requirements and My Texas Futures Portal

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The State Board of Education (SBOE) recently adopted amendments to the graduation requirements in 19 Texas Administrative Code §74.11 to align with legislation from the 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session.

SB 2314



Adds a graduation requirement for each student to elect whether to participate in the direct admissions program established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Applies to all students enrolled during the 2026–27 school year.

The SBOE added the new direct admissions program requirement to 19 TAC §74.11.

Beginning with students enrolled during the 2026–27 school year, a student must participate in the direct admissions program through the My Texas Future portal or otherwise opt-out.

A student satisfies this graduation requirement if **one of the following occurs**:

- The student provides documentation that the student has established a profile on the [My Texas Future website](#) and elects to participate in the direct admissions program.
- The student's parent or guardian submits a signed form authorizing the student to decline to complete and submit the information necessary to participate in the program.
- The student is 18 years of age or older, or has had the disabilities of minority removed, and signs and submits a form declining to complete and submit the information necessary to participate in the program.
- A school counselor authorizes the student in writing to decline to complete and submit the information necessary to participate in the program.

Applies to all students enrolled in high school in 2026–27, including the class of 2027.

School systems must **annually notify parents or guardians about the direct admissions graduation requirement as part of the high school registration process and for students who have earned at least three high school course credits**. The notice must include information about the My Texas Future student profile, the student and/or parent decision to participate and allow the THECB to share the student's self-reported academic information, and the opt out option.

My Texas Future helps Texas students plan, prepare, and apply to college.

Students benefit from interacting with tools and action plans as early as Grade 7.

Using a single platform, students can:

Explore Careers

- Discover careers aligned to their interests.
- View wages, demand, and education requirements.

Explore Education Options

- Compare colleges, universities, certificates, and workforce programs.
- Review data including cost, loan amounts, and program information.

Apply for College

- Access the **Direct Admissions** tool within the platform to see how their current academic performance would translate to automatic admissions when applying to institutions of higher education in Texas.
- Connect directly to **ApplyTexas**, reducing the information students need to enter manually when applying.

Steps to Participate in the Direct Admissions Program

Direct Admissions is a tool available within My Texas Future.

1

Student Opt-In

Create a My Texas Future profile to opt in to Direct Admissions.

2

Enter Information

Students self-report their academic information into your portal. Students must indicate their graduation plan type and at least one of the following:

- Class Rank
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- SAT total score
- ACT composite score

3

See Results

Direct Admissions lets you see which of 30+ Texas colleges and universities are ready to admit you based on your academic information – without filling out an application. This represents an admissions opportunity, not a submitted application, guaranteed admission to specific major, nor enrollment.

4

Submit Application

Make it official by submitting an ApplyTexas application to selected school(s), choosing intended major(s), and completing financial aid requirements.

My Texas Future provides students, counselors, and families with tools and resources to track college readiness, application progress, and important admissions-related documentation.

Counselors have a dashboard allowing them to view **student progress**, including:

- Direct admissions status (opt-in, opt-out, incomplete)
- Financial aid status
- Current application status for each Institution of Higher Education (IHE) application submission

Students have a dashboard allowing them to view **application status**, including:

- Direct admissions status (qualification and application submission deadline)
- Financial aid status
- Current application status for each Institution of Higher Education(IHE) application submission

Additional Documentation

- The Opt-Out Form required by SB 2314 can be found on the [Foundation High School Program website](#).
- Pending SBOE approval of a related rule, TEA will update the Texas Records Exchange (TREx) system, by December 1, 2026, to enable districts to report the new requirement on the high school transcripts.

Consider the following next steps to prepare for **implementation and documentation** of the **direct admissions graduation requirement**:

- 1** Share the upcoming TAA communication regarding the new direct admissions graduation requirement with campus administrators, counselors, graduation coordinators, PEIMS/student records staff, and other staff supporting high school registration.
- 2** Provide the required notification to students and their parents regarding the direct admissions graduation requirement.
- 3** Consider reviewing and updating local graduation, counseling, and student record policies and procedures this fall to verify and ensure that students complete the direct admissions requirements.