

REGULAR ADMISSION

The Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803-51.809 requires that all students meet one of the following college readiness standards in order to be eligible to be considered for admission to a Texas Four-Year Public Institution.

1. Successfully complete the recommended or advanced high school program or complete the portion of the program that was available to them; or
2. Successfully complete a curriculum that is equivalent in content and rigor to the recommended or advanced high school program at a high school that is exempt from offering such programs; or
3. Satisfy the College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT or SAT assessment.

Requirements

1. Students graduating in the **top 10%** of their high school class and completing a college preparatory high school program meet regular admission requirements. Top 10% students must also submit ACT or SAT scores to complete their admission file.
2. Students completing the State of Texas **Distinguished Level of Achievement Program**, the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program**, the **Texas Recommended High School Program**, the **Texas Foundation High School Program with Endorsement(s)** or a high school program of equivalent rigor meet the following criteria. (For information about transfer credit granted for IB Diploma holders, see the Transfer Credit section of this catalog.)

Class Rank and Required Test Scores

Class Rank	SAT Total	ACT Composite Score
Top 10%	No minimum required but must submit test scores	No minimum required but must submit test scores
11-25% - 1st Quarter	830	15
26-50% - 2nd Quarter	910	17
51-75% - 3rd Quarter	1030	20
76-100% - 4th Quarter	1140	23

Note: To be admitted as a first-year student to the Frank H. Dotterweich **College of Engineering** at Texas A&M University-Kingsville applicants are required to have a minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT (with a minimum mathematics score of 22) or a 1050 on the SAT (with a minimum math score of 560). Applicants whose test scores fall below the minimum scores for full admission to the College of Engineering but have an 18 or above on the ACT (with a mathematics score of 19 or above) or an 890 on the SAT (with a minimum math score of 530) will be admitted to the Pre-Engineering (PPEN) program in order to complete preparatory coursework. Students who do not meet either of these requirements may be admitted to the Alternate Pre-Engineering (APEN) program.

3. Students who do not complete a college preparatory high school program may also gain regular admission if they satisfy the ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment or satisfy the College Readiness Benchmark on the SAT assessment.

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

Subject	Score
English	18
Math	22
Reading	22
Science	22

New SAT College Readiness Benchmarks

Subject	Score
ERW ¹	480
Math	480

¹ Evidence-based Reading and Writing