Austin Community College
Procedures for Granting Exceptions
To Pre-Junior Year Admissions Requirement

A student who has not completed his/her sophomore year of high school may not be permitted to enroll at ACC. However, under special circumstances that indicate a student who has not completed his/her sophomore year has exceptional academic abilities and is capable of college-level work, the Deans of Student Services may grant exceptions to the Early College Start sophomore year completion requirement and allow an earlier admission to such students.

The course load of a student admitted prior to the completion of his/her sophomore year of high school may not exceed a total of two classes in any semester (Fall, Spring, and Summer). Students admitted under an exception to the Early College Start requirement are not eligible for a tuition waiver or tuition reduction and must pay tuition and fees in full.

Austin Community College will consider exceptions for students possessing:

1. Letter of recommendation with parent/guardian signature and high school principal's signature, and
2. 3.9 on a 4.0 scale or 97.5 on a 100-point scale or higher cumulative GPA, and
3. SAT score of at least 760 verbal and 760 math, or
4. ACT Composite Score of 34 or higher.
5. Students who wish to submit TAKS or T-COM scores must have the following scores: TAKS scores of 2400 in ELA (with 3 or higher on composition) and 2400 on math. T-COMPASS (ACC state-approved TSI alternative test) scores of 95 reading, 95 writing, and 95 math.

A student who meets the above criteria and wishes to apply for an exception must do the following no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the ACC semester for which the exception is requested:

1. Make an appointment to visit the ACC Dean of Student Services at the attending campus.
2. Bring with you the following documents (even if already submitted to ACC, these documents are in the student’s permanent record files and copies may not be available for evaluation at the time of your appointment):
   • Principal’s letter of recommendation
   • Current high school transcript showing all credits completed and those the student is currently taking
   • Copies of test scores if the scores are not printed on the student’s high school transcript.
3. The decision of the Dean of Student Services is final.

Note: Students granted this exception who are subsequently enrolling at ACC through Early College Start (ECS) must notify the Director of ECS to change student “type” to dual credit.

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