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# Homeschool Admission Policy

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## I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

Each year, students who have completed, or been enrolled in homeschool coursework apply for admission to The University of South Dakota. This policy, in accordance with the guidelines provided by The South Dakota Board of Regents, governs the admission process for homeschool students applying for admission to The University of South Dakota.

## II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

In the event that a homeschool student applies for admission to The University of South Dakota, the student must satisfy all Homeschool Standards for Admission, as well as all Freshman Standards for Admission.

## III. DEFINITIONS

### **Homeschools Standards for Admission:**

1. Homeschool students applying for admission:
  - A. Must be at least 18 years of age at the time the application is submitted, OR
2. The high school class which the student was a member must have graduated from high school.

3. All homeschool students under the age of 21, whether receiving a diploma or GED, must have taken the ACT.
4. Homeschool students that elected to take the GED must have received:
  - A. Cumulative score of 2000 or above, AND
  - B. A score of 400 or above in all five sections
5. Homeschool students must submit all transcripts from high school coursework with the student's application for admission.
6. Homeschool students submitting high school transcripts must also demonstrate that an exemption for each year of homeschool coursework was approved by the school district. The necessary paperwork to demonstrate the approved exemption varies from state to state.

**Freshman Standards for Admission:**

1. General Requirements
  - A. Rank in the top 50% of graduating high school class, OR
  - B. Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.6 (4.0 scale) or higher in all high school coursework, OR
  - C. Achieve an ACT composite score of 21 or above (SAT 990)
2. High School Coursework Requirements
  - A. 4 years of English, OR ACT English sub-test score of 21 or above, OR AP English score of 3 or above
  - B. 3 years of Advanced Mathematics, OR ACT Math sub-test score of 23 or above, OR AP Calculus score of 3 or above
  - C. 3 years of Laboratory Science, OR ACT Science Reasoning sub-test score of 20 or above, OR AP Science score of 3 or above
  - D. 3 years of Social Science, OR ACT Social Studies/Reading sub-test score of 20 or above, OR AP Social Studies score of 3 or above,
  - E. 1 year Fine Arts, OR AP Fine Arts score of 3 or above

## IV. PROCEDURES

When a student who enrolled in homeschool coursework applies for admission to The University of South Dakota, the student must submit all required information listed above with their application. Upon receiving a complete application for admission, The University of South Dakota Office

of Admissions will then evaluate the application. The application for admission will be evaluated under both the Freshman Standards for Admission, and the Homeschool Standards for Admission.

## V. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

[Application for Admission](#)