



San Antonio Independent School District

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RE:SB232 Required Notification Regarding Algebra II

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

San Antonio ISD would like to remind you of the importance of successfully completing a rigorous mathematics course sequence, specifically including Algebra II. Although a student is not required by state law ([Texas Education Code, Section 28.025](#)) to successfully complete Algebra II as a requirement for high school graduation, we would like for you to be aware of potential consequences when a student does not successfully complete this important mathematics course.

1. A student may not earn the distinguished level of achievement or be eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university as an undergraduate student if the student does not successfully complete high school Algebra II.
2. A student is eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university as an undergraduate student if the student earned a grade point average in the **top 10 percent** of the student's high school graduating class, or in the percentage of qualified applicants that are anticipated to be offered admission to The University of Texas at Austin, and the applicant—
 - successfully completed the requirements for the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program at a public high school; or
 - satisfied ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment or earned on the SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent.

There are several state financial aid programs available for certain Texas public high school students. Certain state financial aid programs include curriculum requirements that should be considered when planning a student's high school career to ensure eligibility for financial aid under one of these programs. Please note that this is not a complete list of requirements and additional eligibility requirements apply. A full list of requirements is available through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's (THECB) financial aid webpage at: <http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=GS>

For initial eligibility for a TEXAS grant, a student enrolling in an eligible institution must be a graduate of a public or accredited private high school in this state who completed the Foundation High School Program or its equivalent and have accomplished any **two or more** of the following:

- Successful completion of the course requirements of the International Baccalaureate diploma program or earning of the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school through courses described in Texas Education Code (TEC), Sections 28.009(a)(1), (2), and (3)

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- Satisfaction of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the THECB under TEC, Section 51.334 on any assessment instrument designated by the THECB or qualification for an exemption as described by TEC, Section 51.338(b), (c), or (d)
- Graduation in the top one-third of the person's high school graduating class or graduation from high school with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale or the equivalent
- Completion for high school credit of at least one advanced mathematics course following the successful completion of an **Algebra II** course or at least one advanced career and technical or technology applications course.

For more information and guidance, please contact your High School Campus Counselor.

Sincerely,

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