
Certification of Exemption from the Recommended High School Program
for students who entered Grade 9 in 2007-2008 or later

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Texas Legislature established new requirements for student eligibility for admission to any Texas public university under the Uniform Admission Policy (Texas Education Code §§51.803-51.809). House Bill 3826 (80th Legislature) requires that all students complete at least the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) in order to be eligible for consideration for admission to a public university. However, applicants to Prairie View A&M University may qualify for admission consideration by completing a portion of the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program, by completing high school coursework that is equivalent in content or rigor, or by meeting other qualifications. These changes became effective on September 1, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO ANY TEXAS PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

A student may be considered for admission to Prairie View A&M University if the student completes the Recommended High School Program, or its equivalent, the Distinguished Achievement Program (also known as the Advanced High School Program), or its equivalent, or has achieved college readiness scores on the ACT or SAT entrance exams. Students who attend schools that do not offer the Recommended or Distinguished Program or who are able to complete only a portion of the Recommended or Distinguished Program because the courses are not available to the student (for example, private Texas schools and out-of-state schools) may still be eligible for admission to Prairie View A&M University.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Complete the following steps for each student at your high school who is applying for admission to Prairie View A&M University and was not able to complete the Recommended High School Program (or the Distinguished Achievement Program):

1. If the student's exemption is based on coursework taken, complete the right-hand column of the program and course table (page 2 of this form) indicating the courses that the student will or has completed.
2. Complete the certification statement (page 3 of this form).
3. Submit page(s) 2 (if needed to indicate coursework taken) and page 3 of this form to Prairie View A&M University by fax (936.261.1079) or by mail (Prairie View A&M University, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, PO Box 519; MS 1009, Prairie View, TX 77446).

Important Notice: This form is required to complete the freshman admissions application of any student whose high school transcript does not indicate that he or she is on track to complete the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program. All items needed to complete an admissions application, including this form, must arrive in the Office of Admissions by the deadline. To see a complete list of the items you need to complete your Freshman Admissions Application, visit www.pvamu.edu.

Student Name _____ SSN or ID # _____

Program of Study	Courses	Did the student take the equivalent of these courses?
English, Language Arts, & Reading 4 credits	English I, II, III and IV English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages (SOL) may be substituted for English I and II only for immigrant students with limited English proficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Mathematics 4 credits	Required: Algebra I,II, & Geometry The 4 th credit may be selected from the following: Mathematical Models with Applications *, Pre-calculus, Independent Study in Mathematics, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, IB Mathematical Studies, IB Mathematics Standard Level, IB Mathematics Higher Level, IB Adv. Mathematical Standard Level, AP Computer Science, concurrent enrollment in college courses	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Science 4 credits	One course must be Biology, AP Biology, or IB Biology Two courses from two of the following areas. Not more than one course may be chosen from each area to satisfy this requirement: (a) IPC** (Integrated Physics and Chemistry) (Must be taken before the senior year of high school; cannot be taken as the final year of science) (b) Chemistry, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry (c) Physics, AP Physics, IB Physics, or Principles of Technology I The fourth year of science may be selected from the laboratory-based courses listed in Chapter 112 of the Texas Administrative Code. These include Astronomy, Aquatic Science, Earth and Space Science, Environmental Systems, AP Environmental Systems, IB Environmental Systems, Scientific Research and Design, Anatomy and Physiology of Human Systems, Medical Microbiology and Pathophysiology, Principles of Technology II, Engineering, concurrent enrollment in college courses	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Social Studies 3 ½ credits	World History Studies (one credit) World Geography Studies (one credit) History Studies Since Reconstruction (one credit) Government (one-half credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Economics ½ credit	Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Physical Education 1 credit	The following may be substituted for the 5 physical education courses available: drill team, marching band, cheerleading, ROTC, athletics, Dance I-IV, approved private programs, or certain career and technical education courses. Currently, there is no limit on number of credits or substitutions allowed.***	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Fine Arts 1 credit	Courses may be found in Chapter 117 of the Texas Administrative Code	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Language Other Than English 2 credits	Must consist of Level I and Level II in the same language	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Speech ½ credit	Communication Applications required (may also count as an elective)****	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Electives 6 credits	Communication Applications may be counted towards the six elective credits. Select courses from the list approved by SBOE for grades 9-12 (relating to Essential Knowledge and Skills), state approved innovative courses, JROTC (one to four credits), or Driver Education (one-half credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Total: 26 credits		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Important notes:

Courses marked as "AP" are Advanced Placement courses; those marked "IB" are International Baccalaureate courses.

*For students who select Mathematical Models with Applications, Algebra II is their fourth or final course. The student may not take Mathematical models with Applications after taking Algebra II. The intent of the rule is for all students to have a rigorous math course in their senior year; however, students may continue to take mathematics courses at the middle school and receive high school credit.

**Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) may be taken until SY 2012-2013. When IPC is phased out, all students will select:

- one credit from Biology, AP Biology, or IB Biology;
- one credit from Chemistry, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry;
- one credit from Physics, AP Physics, or IB Physics, or Principles of Technology I; and
- a fourth credit from the courses listed in Chapter 112 of the Texas Administrative Code as approved for science credit.

***Foundation of Physical Fitness is no longer required under the Recommended High School Program; however, it is still a requirement under the Distinguished Achievement Program.

****Communication Applications is still required; however, it may be counted toward the 6 required elective credits as well in order to prevent the student from having to complete more than 26 credits.

Student Name _____ SSN or ID # _____

Certification for Admission to the Prairie View A&M University

I hereby certify that the statement I checked below is true for the student named above:

IF YOU MARKED 'YES' TO EACH OF THE COURSE EQUIVALENCIES ON PAGE 2, PLEASE CHECK BOX 1 AND SIGN BELOW.

1. Option One

- The courses taken by the student are equivalent in content and rigor to courses in the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program outlined in Texas Education Code, §28.025, and 19 Texas Administrative Code, §§74.63 and 74.64.

IF YOU MARKED 'NO' TO ANY OF THE COURSE EQUIVALENCIES ON PAGE 2, PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW.

2. Option Two

- The student completed only a portion of the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program and those courses are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses indicated in the table on page 2. The student completed only a portion of the program solely because courses necessary to complete the remainder of the program were unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the student's high school career as a result of
 - Course scheduling,
 - Lack of enrollment capacity, or
 - Another cause not within the student's control as specified below:

3. Option Three

- The student satisfies the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment. (Official scores must be submitted to the Office of Admissions at PVAMU; to be official scores must come directly from ACT.)

4. Option Four

- The student earned a score of at least a 1500 out of 2400 on the SAT assessment. (Official scores must be submitted to the Office of Admissions at PVAMU; to be official scores must come directly from the College Board.)

5. Option Five

- The student does not qualify for any of the exemptions listed above.

Signature of Certifying Official

Date

Printed Name

Title

Institution

Telephone Number

Email Address

Failure to complete this certification will prevent timely processing of the application.