

Proactive Admissions Initiative

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What is it?

The proactive admissions initiative offers students who meet certain criteria guaranteed admittance to any of the state's six public universities and four technical institutes.

Who is it for?

The initiative is for South Dakota public school seniors who meet the eligibility criteria.

What are the eligibility criteria?

Students have two ways they can demonstrate eligibility for guaranteed admittance:

- Achieve a Level 3 or 4 on the 11th grade Smarter Balanced assessment (English *and* Math) OR
- Achieve an ACT composite score of 18 or higher
 - NOTE: SD School of Mines requires an ACT score of 18 in English and 20 in Math

What are the participating institutions?

The participating institutions include all of the state's public universities and technical institutes:

- Black Hills State University
- Dakota State University
- Lake Area Technical Institute
- Mitchell Technical Institute
- Northern State University
- South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- South Dakota State University
- Southeast Tech
- University of South Dakota
- Western Dakota Tech

Why is this initiative important?

The purpose of the initiative is to provide more graduating seniors with access to a postsecondary certificate or degree. Connecting students with an in-state institution may help to keep them in South Dakota for postsecondary education and training, and ultimately, as contributing members of the workforce and their local communities.

What else do students need to know?

The initiative offers a guaranteed **general admission** into the state's public universities and technical institutes. Certain programs of study may have additional requirements. Students should contact the school(s) of your choice to find out more about programs of interest. Students eligible for guaranteed admittance must still complete an application for admission, pay the admission fee and submit their official high school transcript to the school(s) of their choice by Dec. 1 of their senior year.

Where to get more information?

Visit www.sdmylife.com/accepted for more information and links to participating institutions.

